



GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

04 December 2023

Date: 04th December 2023

Time: 19:30

Location: Gargunock Community Centre

In attendance: David Millar (MD), Christine Phillips (CP), Douglas Barr (DB), Lovat McGregor (LM), Richard Parkin (RP), Carolyn Johnston (CJ), Julie Cole (JC), Mike Buckley (MB)

Residents: Maitland Clerk, Anne Clerk, Tom Jamieson, Mike Kay, Andy Mayhew

Local Councillors: Gerry McGarvey (Cllr GM)

Agenda

1. Apologies (DM) NA

2. Update on previous Action Points

- Cllr Rosemary Fraser to raise the Station Road/A811 junction issue with the Head of Roads.
UPDATE: No update or response received from the Councillor
ACTION Cllr GM to follow up
- Drainage on Main Street
UPDATE: Cllr Paul Henck was to follow up. Potholes have been filled but no action on the drainage problem.
ACTION Cllr GM to follow up with Cllr Paul Henck
- Request for a zigzag marking in front of the primary school.
UPDATE: School has been following up on this issue
- Cycle Path to Stirling was due to start in 2025 but the Council decided to take over the landowner negotiations. All work has now stopped until they have completed a new transport strategy due next year. Requests made to Stirling Council not to stop our project as the funds are already there via Sustrans but they are not going to conduct any further work at this point.
UPDATE: None received
ACTION: Cllr GM to follow up with Cllr PH



Concerns raised that the recent RTCs at the Station Road/A811 junction are not being logged in the Police reports.

ACTION: Cllr GM to follow up:

3. Adoption of previous minutes (DM)

Proposed by JC, seconded by MB

4. Declarations of interest (DM)

None

5. Co-Opting new member (DM)

Tom Jamieson voted in by the GCC bringing the Community Council up to the required numbers of members.

6. Matters arising (DM)

(a) Village Shop (CP)

AGM being held on 05 December providing full update on the shop. A management committee needs to be established to oversee its operation. Both grant applications to the Community Ownership Fund application (£241k) and Scottish Land Fund (£150k) were successful. This covers the cost of procuring the premises as well as undertake the necessary renovations.

(b) Roads (LM)

A811/Station Road Junction

After two years of trying, LM was finally able to discuss the issue with Cllr PH and Stirling Council Roads Department. Stirling Council stated that if the farm wall was listed then the cost of removing it would be prohibitive. It is not known whether it is listed. The wall is owned by Gargunock Estate. **GCC and the public expressed concerns that Stirling Council is not taking the issue seriously and that it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured/killed at the junction.** There have been two serious accidents in the past two years, funding has already been ringfenced and approval given yet Stirling Council continue to avoid taking any action.

ACTION: LM to reach out to Gargunock Estate to ascertain whether the wall is listed and their interest in improving the junction. Cllr GM also recommended LM responds to Stirling Council to remind them Council has already voted in favour of the junction to be improved and that funding has already been ringfenced.



(c) Planning (JC)

Stirling Council stated that the planning application for the shop requires a new inspection for bats in May 2024 as the previous one was conducted at the wrong time of year.

ACTION: Cllr GM to chase up with Stirling Council Planning to see if the process can be expedited to ensure grant funding for the shop can be spent in the allowed timeframe

(d) Defibrillator Ownership (MB)

Ownership transferred to the Gargunock Trust

(e) Christmas Lights (DM)

The new Gargunock Christmas lights are up and shining. So far, the reviews from residents have been glowing. Thanks were expressed to DM and MB for coordinating this effort.

(f) Local Place Plan (DM)

Focus group has been established and plan to compile a question set to distribute to the community in paper and electronic form. Aim is to get this out before the end of the year. Public meetings will follow the response from these questionnaires.

(g) Website & Communications (MB/ DM)

Gargunock Community Trust are keen to work with GCC to create a village website. Next steps to pull together a straw man structure to share with the Trust and members of the community to get consensus on a structure/format.

ACTION: MB do another FB post for a web designer interested in helping with the project.

7. External report

(a) Police report (DM)

None received

8. Finance reports (DB)

RBS balance at 10 October 2023 £3,538.68

Income between October and December meetings £5,201.58 comprising of grants and donations.

Expenditure between meetings £1,125.95 mainly in relation to Christmas light installations. RBS balance at 4 December 2023. £7,614.31.



9. Residents' forum

Gregor MacCallum provided an update on Ultrafast Broadband opportunity in the village:

Gargunnoch is not in Openreach's plan to extend the fibre network. Grant funding exists from government to support this (£4,500 per household). Openreach has quoted £500k to connect the village to the network. Openreach has said they would require 150 properties to receive the grant and they will roll out fibre to the village. It needs to be confirmed that government will cover the grant for the required number of households before ascertaining whether 150 households in the village are interested in the upgrade.

Resident raised question over the lack of painted lines at the bottom of McNeil Crescent.

ACTION: LM to follow up

Resident raised concerns over children racing down the Main Street pavement on scooters, forcing pedestrians onto the road. The matter has already been raised with the Police.

General concerns raised over drivers speeding in the village. Cllr GM suggested new mobile speed cameras that are being trialled as a potential solution. Their cost can be prohibitive though it may be possible to share the equipment (and cost) with neighbouring villages if there was sufficient interest.

ACTION: Cllr GM to share details on the cameras with GCC when they become available.

General frustration is felt by GCC and local residents over the growing number of issues that are being held up by inaction and obstruction at Stirling Council.

ACTION: DM to raise a formal complaint with Stirling Council over poor engagement and issues of inaction/obstruction

10. AOB

(a) 2024 Meeting Dates

Next meeting: 1930 on Monday 5th February 2024