



GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AUGUST MEETING 2023

MINUTES

Date: 06/08/2023

Time: 19.30

Location: Gargunnoch Community Centre

In Attendance: David Millar (DM), Christine Phillips (CP), Richard Parkin (RP), Julie Cole (JC), Carolyn Johnston (CJ), Mike Buckley (MB)

Minute Taker: Mark Dickson (MD)

Elected Councillors: Rosemary Fraser (RF)

Members of the public: Douglas Coupethwaite, Jonathan MacLaren

Agenda

1. Apologies

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2. Action Points

- DM to provide Police Scotland representative to LM. **Done**
- LM to make one final effort to reach Caroline Fraser notifying her that there was a RTC at the site and provide Police incident report. **TBC**
- JC to provide contact details of Stirling Council representative to LM. **Done**
- LM to compile and send all correspondence to Cllr RF who will chase with Stirling Council. **TBC**
- CP to share previous correspondence between C Fraser and Environment & Housing committee about improving visibility at the Station Rd exit from the village Lovatt McGregor. **Done**

3. Adoption of previous minutes (DM)

Proposed by CP, seconded by MB

4. Declarations of interest (DM)

None to declare

5. Matters arising:

- (a) UCI Cycling Event (DM)



Complaints have been received from residents with regards to lack of communications and conflicting information from Stirling Council

Rosemary Fraser addressed concerns raised by residents concerning care provision during the race. Staff will be stationed at the Community Centre who will be able to assist and individual packages have already been given to all those on the official care register. With regards to residents who are not on the official register the staff stationed at the Community Centre will be on hand to assist in case of emergency.

Concerns over loss of earnings: Stirling Council has no funds to provide for any loss of earnings as a consequence of the race.

Stirling Council believes that all pothole issues have been addressed ahead of the race. It was pointed out that this was not the case and Leckie Road remained in poor condition.

RF felt that Stirling Council had been working hard to address all issues and concerns and that more issues stemmed from UCI's management of the event.

Douglas Coupethwaite raised issues over the access times being contradictory and the disruption this has caused to the everyday lives of residents. Douglas pointed out that the phone number provided for any concerns was the general Council switchboard and not a dedicated line.

The GCC stressed that the community were supportive of the event but frustrated at the lack of engagement, the poor communications and contradictory information provided.

RF understood the frustration from residents and was reassured from Council officers that these issues were addressed and were working hard to enable the event.

ACTION:

RF to check whether the UCI is going to use the Community Centre car Park and whether there is availability for residents to use it.

(b) Village Shop (CP)

Community Ownership Fund application has been submitted and the application to the Scottish Land Fund is going in this week. A private investor is on board who is going to make an offer for the shop on behalf of the community. The Gargunock Estate Trust is also interested in providing funds and the Chair of the Windfarm Fund is also looking at their ability to fill any gaps in funding.



(c) Roads (DM)

Concerning the improvements to the Station Road junction - a reply was received from Steven Bly who told the Community Council not to get in contact with Council head of services directly. It was pointed out that the GCC had little choice when no reply had been forthcoming for months on this issue.

A reply was received shortly after stating that the Council did not have the resources to pursue the issue at this time. GCC expressed frustration given it has been over two years since the Council conducted the survey recommending the road improvement, that funds were committed to the improvements and yet no progress has been made.

ACTION: RF to raise the issue with the Head of Roads

(d) Defibrillator Ownership (MB)

GCC currently owns the units and the intent is to move the ownership of these assets to the Community Trust. The Trust is meeting on 24th August to confirm the transfer. Douglas Coupethwaite assured the GCC that no deeds existed for the Phone Box and that the transfer was done over a series of emails with BT in line with all communities who adopted the units at the time.

(e) Christmas Lights (DM)

As part of efforts to improve our Christmas light display, GCC has identified nine lampposts that can be used for new lights. Eight of the nine got approval from the Council. Cost received (£2,900) and submitted by GCC to the Gargunnoch Trust for the new power supply from Bridge End Cottage and the new sockets on the eight lampposts..

Costings need to be conducted for their annual erection, removal and storage. More funds (£3,500) will need to be raised to cover all the capital costs. Suggested that GCC runs a pub quiz and run a crowdfunding page for residents to support. Costs for routine instalment, removal and storage will be covered by Stirling Council.

ACTION: DM to initiate Crowdfunder for new Christmas light units. **DONE**

(f) Local Place Plan (DM)

Meeting held with Doune and Deanston to look at how they are working on their Local Place Plan. The Plan will involve a number of workshops, community engagement events and drawing up all the initiatives into a cohesive plan for the Community's interests over the next 10 year period.

(g) Website & Communications (MB/ DM)

Gargunnoch is falling behind relative to neighbouring villages concerning our online platform. No engagement has been made with residents as yet but it is



recognised there is an opportunity to make improvements. Doune was highlighted as a village which have a good website that is useful for both visitors and residents.

ACTION: DM to engage with the Community Trust to gauge their interest in collaborating on this

6. External reports

(i) Police report (DM)

ACTION: LM to follow up with the Police as the recent RTC at the Station Road junction was not logged in their report.

(b) Planning report (JC)

No decision made on the new Windfarm though Historic Scotland has objected to it given its proximity to the Bronze Age Cairns at the summit and visibility from Stirling Council.

7. Finance reports (RP)

Started the year with just over £1,000 in the bank. Currently have £656. Printing of fliers took up most of this expenditure. Still pending response from Stirling Council on the Admin grant. These applications need to be made retrospectively which requires the GCC to maintain a float to cover ongoing costs.

8. Residents' forum

The Paths Group is meeting later this month at which point an update will be sought from SUSTRANS concerning the proposed Cycle Path.

ACTION: JC to circulate update following the meeting

9. AOB

Resident requested a bollard put in place at the junction of Charlie's Loan and Main Street to prevent cars from using their drive as a turning point.

ACTION: RF to raise the issue with Stirling Council

Next meeting: Monday 2nd October 2023 1930 hrs