

Gargunnoch Community Council

Minutes of Meeting on 8th January 2018

Present : Maitland Clark (MC), Julie Cole (JC) Bob Burman (BB) Charles Fitches (CF) Cllr A Berrill (Cllr) and 1 member of the public

Apologies: Edmond Mansion,

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December were adopted.

Matters Arising : No progress made on finding a minute taker. Continued.

Litter Pick – carried forward to the Spring

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand £628.16, as annual grant from Stirling Council has been received. Approval was given to MC for reimbursement of cost of fireworks for New Year £82.96.

Police Report: There were no reports of antisocial behaviour, no positive drink driving tests within the area, and no reports of theft.

Contact with the police can be made via ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

There were reminders, previously reported, on Rural Watch Scotland www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk Your view Counts consultation, Neighbourhood Alert www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk and the ongoing advice for residents on keeping their property safe.

Regarding police attendance at meetings, Councillor Maureen Bennison, Convenor, Public Safety Committee, had contacted Sgt Matheson who agreed that the current arrangements are not satisfactory. He suggests using a mobile police unit to travel around the different towns/villages to engage with the communities and the public. This has already proved successful in the Callander area, and he proposes to start this in the New Year and will be in touch with the CC to arrange an appropriate schedule.

Planning Report: Confirmed that a letter of objection had been sent re the proposed road alterations at the Beild Farm.

Stirling Council advise that consultation letters re planning issues will now be sent via email, rather than by post.

It was reported that the planning application for an estate worker's cottage on Leckie Estate had been granted. This is concerning as Cllr Lambie had placed a "marker" on all Leckie applications and, as such, should have been consulted before a decision was made. It seems that this has not happened and Cllr Berrill will contact Cllr Lambie to ascertain the position and then let the CC know. It is not known at this stage if anything can be done about it. It is

concerning that this could well be the thin edge of the wedge, with regard to other applications.

Defibrillator: Still awaiting details re the defibrillator insurance. CF going to arrange a training session when the better weather comes in.

Gargunnoch Rest Garden Fund: Stirling Council is the sole Trustee for a number of small charitable trusts, including the Gargunnoch Rest Garden Fund, which have lain dormant for some time. The Council has resolved to reorganise the funds to be used for appropriate public uses. The balance held in the Rest Garden Fund is £1336 and it is proposed that this be released to Gargunnoch Community Council “to be used for a purpose determined by it”. Suggestions on how this can be used are invited to be put before the meeting on 26th February.

AOCB: 1. Stirling Licensing Board are commencing the statutory review of their Statement of Licensing Policy and are inviting comments before 2 February.

<http://bit.ly/LicensingPolicyConsultation>

2. Stephen Kerr, MP for Stirling is inviting comments into connectivity of broadband and mobile phone coverage in the area. Deadline is 31st January.

3. Fuel Poverty Strategy – previously discussed – deadline for comments is 1st February.

4. Glasgow Airport’s Airspace Consultation 2018 – no action.

5. Member of the public raised concerns re the potentially dangerous state of the piece of ground behind the shop and to the left of McNeill Crescent. Also some of the roadside drains are not working properly as they are higher than the gutters themselves. Cllr Berrill agreed to look into these matters.

Due to CC’s being unable to attend the meeting, the following items could not be progressed –

Request for street signs at McNeill Crescent, Broompark and Mill Brae.

Report from EM re Meeting on Springkerse Road closure.

EM to write to police re 20mph speed limit in village.

Progress on request to renew give way markings at the Square/speed count on Main Street/damaged verges on back road.

A811 upgrading? – carried forward.

Beeches path – was Gargunnoch Trust approached re taking the lead on this?

Date of next meeting: 26th February 2018