



GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APR 2023

Date: 05/04/2023

Time: 19.30

Location: Gargunock Community Centre

In Attendance: Christine Phillips (CP), Mark Dickson (MD), Mike Buckley (MB), David Millar (DM), Richard Parkin (RP), Julie Cole (JC), Rosemary Fraser (RF)

Members of the public: Harry Burt, Gay Burt, Maitland Clark, Carolyn Johnston, Robert Johnston (RJ)

Agenda

1. Apologies

NA

2. Adoption of previous minutes

Proposed by RP, seconded by JC

1. Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting

ACTION: CP to look into the history/ownership of the southern verge to Leckie Road

Update: *New fence erected – matter closed.*

ACTION: RF to share the names of the Councillors on the Planning Panel

Update: *Done*

ACTION: DM to get an update from LM and look into getting rough costs to determine whether it is likely to exceed £500

Update: *Provided in minutes below*

ACTION: CP to send copies of the Shop Survey to RF and AM

Update: *Done*

ACTION: JC to email RF specifying which Council owned footpaths need maintenance. RF offered to raise the issue at Stirling Council.

Update: *Done*

3. Declarations of interest:

NA

4. Matters arising:



- **Christmas lights (LM, DM, CP)**
Options still being explored. An electrician has conducted an assessment on both a permanent and temporary supply solution. A Solar option was suggested and is being investigated. Option of using the supply from a nearby lamppost was also suggested but faces issues getting support from SC. DM gathering all options to present back to Gargunock Community Council.
- **Roads:**
 - i. **Speeding signs at entrance (LM)**
Pending update
 - ii. **Works to improve exit to village (LM)**
Pending update

- **Village shop (CP and MB)**
Two funding applications have been submitted to the Scottish Land Fund and Community Ownership Fund. The Scottish Land Fund have invited us to move forward to stage 2 and provided an initial grant of £10k to conduct further surveys and assessments. Paperwork for the establishment of a new bank account to support the Working Group has been submitted. A prospective tenant for the shop has also been in touch with the Working Group.

Working group met with the architect and designer and conducted a site visit on 04APR. The collapse of the suspended ceiling has pulled the supporting bolts out of the rafters. The owners have no plans of fixing it and plan to sell the shop in its current condition.

DM Hall suggested there have been other interested parties (both as a retail premises and for residential conversion).

- **Defibrillator Ownership (MB)**
The units are owned by GCC having been procured using funding from the Community Trust. The Trust have also kindly offered to take over responsibility for maintenance of the defibrillators. MB also confirmed that the GCC owns the old BT phonebox (which houses one of the defibrillators).

GCC is in favour of transferring ownership of these assets to the Community Trust, assuming they are happy to receive them.

MB has also followed up with Trossachs Search and Rescue to offer a donation in lieu of the recent training session conducted.

ACTION: MB to write to the Trust to offer ownership of these assets.

- **Local Place Plan – Update (DM)**



This is an opportunity to put forward a local plan over the next 10 years that we are interested in pursuing as a community. The last plan submitted was in 2000. This will ultimately feed into the Local Development Plan.

DM contacting key people from various interest groups in the village to establish a steering group. GCC encourages people interested to get in touch.

5. External reports

- **Police report:** Not received. Future police reports are going to be amalgamated into a wider area report. Unconfirmed reports that there was another attempted break in at the Gargunnoch Inn though no further information at this point.

Concerns raised over caravan parked on Leckie Road that is causing access issues for residents and possible obstruction issues for traffic and pedestrians.

ACTION: CP to raise with the local police

- **Planning report:**
The GCC objection to the Earlsburne Windfarm extension submitted on 21MAR. Emphasised that GCC is supportive of local wind farms in principle, the technical positioning of this latest extension being a primary issue for this latest expansion. Copies have been sent to MSP and local Councillors.

Drumarnock Wind Farm application has been submitted for 4 turbines on the far (southern) side of the Gargunnoch hills.

6. Internal reports

Finance reports: Account stands at £1,017.78. Handover being finalised as RP pending the bank to complete the signatory transfer from DB.

7. Residents' forum

RJ enquired as to ownership of a wall requiring repointing that is connected to the bridge. RJ is going to check title deeds before engaging with the Council.

ACTION: DM to email previous owner to see if they are able to confirm ownership.

8. AOB:

- **Community Council Elections**



Full details of the process are published on the notice board and will be (re)published on Facebook. A summary follows:

- At midnight on 14APR the current Community Council is dissolved
- Any resident can apply to be a member of the Community Council. The deadline for submission is 1600 on 18APR
- A minimum of seven applications is required to constitute a Community Council
- If more than nine applications then elections conducted through ballot (29MAY) with results published on 29JUN

CP thanks the outgoing Councillors for all their work over the past few years.

GCC is actively seeking new Community Councillors and encourages any interested members of our community to apply.

Next meeting: TBC