

GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Gargunnock Community Council Meeting

Monday 9th March 2020

Garden Room Gargunnock Community Centre

Members Present: - Jeremy Wilkinson (Chairman), Jon Sutherland (Secretary); Julie Cole; Charlie Fitches; Lovat MacGregor; Helen Rowell, Christine Philips and David King

In attendance: Two residents, Police Scotland and Fraser Sinclair (Minute Taker)

Apologies: Douglas Barr, Pam Campbell (Stirling Council)

1. Apologies

Jeremy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noted apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

The minutes of January's meeting were proposed by Helen Rowell and seconded by Charlie Fitches.

4. Matters Arising

Gargunnock CC Noticeboard

Ongoing. Jeremy advised of the ongoing dialogue with Stirling Council Planning Dept. concerning the proposed CC Noticeboard. Originally SC had stated that Advertising Consent was required but can now confirm that no form of planning permission is required. The use of the grant from Stirling Council's Community Pride Fund can be extended and the Community Trust will top up the shortfall of £325 to allow the noticeboard to be purchased.

Action: Jeremy will progress with ordering the noticeboard.

Gate at Sawmill Cottage

Julie and Helen have drafted a letter to be sent to the landowner. Jeremy has spoken with the Manager of the Estate and the Manager advised he will speak with the landowner to seek cooperation and await feedback. If no feedback/discussion is not successful, then to proceed with the letter being issued.

Leckie Estate Woodland Creation.

Following a resident's request, Jeremy took the action to investigate requirements for an archaeological survey of the area. Jeremy spoke with Murray Cook (Stirling

Council's Archaeologist) who has advised that an archaeological walk-over survey was prudent, but it is up to the Forestry Commission to request it.

Car Chargers

Lovat reported that the Gargunnock Inn welcomes the installation of electric chargers on Main Street opposite the pub. He confirmed that the grant for installation of the chargers stipulates that the installation must be on Council ground/public land.

Action: Lovat to speak with Stirling Council and inform them that Gargunnock Community Council supports the installation of these chargers on Main Street..

Road Safety at Junction of Station Road and A811.

Site visit took place with Elected Members and Stirling Council Officers. The Community Council is still waiting for feedback and proposals from SC.

Action: Update from Councillor Lambie on the site visit and proposals to the community council.

Advertising

Jeremy spoke about advertising and promoting the Community Council meetings. Jon confirmed that meetings are now being publicised in the Stirling Observer. David suggested putting a note in The Bugle. There was also discussion about putting the meeting minutes and additional community council items in The Bugle.

Action: Jeremy to create an article for the next issue of The Bugle.

Litter at McNeil Crescent

This is being followed up by Councillor Berrill, who took the action at January's Community Council meeting, and no update has been provided as yet.

Action: Councillor Berrill to update the Community Council.

Clearing of Gargunnock Burn at the School

Lovat provided an overview of the ongoing communications with Stirling Council and advised that despite all these discussions, nothing has progressed. Stirling Council has stated that Stirling Council do not own the land. However, Lovat has confirmed via Land Registry that it is, in fact, owned by Stirling Council. The land has hogweed and vegetation causing potential health hazards and a risk of flooding. The community council are concerned about the lack of support from Stirling Council. Lovat strongly feels this needs escalated to the Chief Executive of Stirling Council.

Action: Lovat to contact Carol Beattie, Chief Executive.

5a. Police Report

PC Gary Martin attended and spoke to his report. He advised that there has been one case of ASB which involved cannabis.

He updated on Road Safety and advised that two camera vans have been put on A811 for monitoring speed.

He also advised of the recent fatality from a road traffic incident on the A811 in Buchlyvie.

There was also a Debit/Credit Card scam at the village shop, which is being investigated.

5b. Stirling Council

No update.

5c. Elected Member's Report

No update.

6. Reports

6a Chair's Report

Jeremy attended the recent Rural South West Forum meeting with other community councils. The group discussed Core Paths and there is a plan to review the Core Path network in the near future. The Access Officer in Stirling Council has moved roles and a new appointment has been made.

6b Secretary's Report

Jon advised that there is a lot of spam mail that is coming into the Gargunnoch Community Council inbox.

A resident emailed the CC about the "No Cold Calling" signs in Gargunnoch, asking about the purpose of the signs. These signs were supplied by Trading Standards at Stirling Council, who also provided self-adhesive stickers that residents can display on their property.

Action: Jeremy confirmed that he will respond to the resident's email.

Jon read various invitations which have been received regarding National Planning Framework and Social Enterprise events if any of the community council wish to attend.

It has been well publicised that the Bank of Scotland branch in Balfron is closing. Balfron residents have started a petition against this closure, and Gargunnoch Community Council has agreed to support the petition.

Action: Jeremy will make contact with Balfron Community Council to advise of Gargunnoch Community Council's support. Helen will also circulate details of the petition and share on social media.

Provost Awards nominations have opened and the deadline to submit nominations is 27 May 2020. Forms and guidance are available on Stirling Council website.

6c Treasurer's Report

No update.

6d Planning Report

Julie advised that the Planning Application for the Solar Farm which is being proposed for Patrickston Farm on the Carse is available online to review. Discussion was had about whether there was any community benefit fund available as part of this development.

6e Roads and Transport Report

Lovat has had no response from Stirling Council on any of the communication emails he has submitted regarding the potholes

Members of the community have been raising issue regarding the potholes along the Eastern entrance road into the village (particularly around the entrance to Hillhead Farm). The Community Council discussed about populating a priority list of potholes and submitting to Councillor Lambie.

Action: Lovat to pull list together highlighting high use roads for Councillor Lambie.

6f Defibrillator Report

The new defibrillator has been installed at the Community Centre. Heart Start training by Trossachs Search & Rescue will take place a week on Sunday (22 March). Nine people are signed up so far but there are spaces for 22 people. If anyone wishes to take part then contact Charlie Fitches.

Action: Helen to circulate on social media.

Jeremy and the Community Council extend warm thanks to Gargunock Community Trust for allowing the defibrillator to be installed at the Community Centre.

7. Community Council Business

8. Waste Recycling

Helen discussed her proposal for a visit to Polmaise Waste Recycling site, but due to regulations and Health and Safety the Waste Services Manager has advised this would not be possible and has offered to come out to the community one evening and discuss recycling.

Helen has got dates of when the CEO of Zero Waste Scotland would be able to attend also and will liaise with Kevin McCormick (Stirling Council) to agree on a date. Once confirmed, it will be circulated and shared for those wishing to attend.

Action: Helen to set up the meeting.

9. AOB

Jeremy confirmed that the Fire Risk Assessment has just been revised for the Community Centre and a copy will be available on the village website.

Jeremy also advised that a lot of rubbish is continually being dumped on the Eastern entrance road into the village towards Hillhead Farm and Gargunnock House. Jeremy wondered if anyone had any knowledge about the source of the rubbish.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th May (AGM) 2020 at 7.30pm, Garden Room, Gargunnock Community Centre.

Future Meetings:

11th May 2020 (AGM followed by ordinary meeting)

13th July 2020

14th September 2020

9th November 2020