



GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGM Agenda

26 June 2023



Date: 26th June 2023
Time: 1930 hrs
Location: Gargunock Community Centre Or Google Meet

Invitees: David Millar (DM), Carolyn Johnston (CJ), Christine Phillips (CP), Lovat MacGregor (LM), Mike Buckley (MB), Julie Cole (JC), Douglas Barr (DB)

Apologies: Richard Parkin (RP)

Minute Taker: Mark Dickson (MD)

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83791199090?pwd=UEV6WDYxN3NUaU5EWDI0Zm1FSjhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 9119 9090

Passcode: 047097

Agenda

1. **Apologies (CP/ DM)**
2. **Adoption of previous minutes (DM)**
3. **Declarations of interest (DM)**
4. **New Office Bearers – Voted in Mon 5th June 2023 (DM)**

Chair:	David Millar
Vice-Chair:	Carolyn Johnston
Secretary:	Christine Phillips
Treasurer:	Richard Parkin
Planning/Licensing:	TBC (Prev Julie Cole)
Roads & Transport:	TBC (Prev Lovat MacGregor)
Communications:	TBC (Prev Mike Buckley)
Wind Farm Rep:	TBC
5. **Chair's Annual Report (CP)**
6. **Secretary Annual Report (DM)**
7. **Treasurer Annual Report (RP)**
8. **Matters arising:**
 - Village shop (CP)
 - Christmas lights (DM)
 - Roads (LM)
 - Defibrillator Ownership (MB)
 - Local Place Plan – Update (DM)
9. **External reports**
 - Police report (DM)
 - Planning report (JC)
10. **Finance reports (RP)**
11. **Residents' forum**
12. **AOB:** UCI Cycling Event, Summer Social, Ongoing Comms (WhatsApp Group), Google Meet Acc, Past Members.

Next meeting: Monday 7th August 2023 1930 hrs



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Membership of GCC in full

Position	Name	Contact Details	Membership
Chair	David Millar (DM)	07553 016754 dwjmillar@gmail.com	Full
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Treasurer	Richard Parkin (RP)	0774 086 2493 rpgparkin@outlook.com	Full
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Roads & Transport	Lovat MacGregor (LM)	07971 513 144 lovatmacgregor@gmail.com	Full
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Associate(s)			



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Chair report, year-end Mar 2023

1. Chairs Annual Report

- Earlston Wind Farm extension
- Station road junction
- Speeding in village
- Charging points
- Road Traffic Collision (RTC) on A811 any incidents to be reported to police
- Paths & Cycle ways
- Wind Farm Panel representative
- Village shop update
- Christmas lights
- Defibrillators

Gargunock Community Council (GCC) Chair's Report to the AGM on 26th June 2023

Community Councillors have continued to support the residents of Gargunock, including Zoom links, for the convenience of residents. The following is a summary of the main issues and activities of the GCC since the last AGM on 22nd May 2022.

1. Planning

GCC reviews planning applications for projects within the Community Council area, and where appropriate may meet with developers to understand the project and may provide comments to the planning authority. Planning applications that have raised community interest included:

- Shelloch Wind Farm: This proposal has been granted planning permission for five wind turbines on the Fintry Hills, to be located just West of the existing Earlsburn and Kingsburn Wind Farms. GCC recorded our support for the project.
 - There will be a Community Benefit Fund that could support projects in the village. GCC with Geoff Peart from GCT have had discussions with the Shelloch Windfarm on behalf of the village. GCC currently await a reply from Shelloch
- Earlston windfarm extension-plenty of dialogue with the developer as some of the blades of the proposed 11 turbines would be visible from the village (at many points) GCC objected to this extension of the existing windfarm and await an update from the Regulators
- Leckie Estate has constructed 4 treehouses and relevant forest Roads in the woodland between East Lodge Cottage and Watson House. MB will be the GCC lead contact for Leckie estate, working with JC on planning issues.

2. Roads & Transport

STATION ROAD/ A811 JUNCTION

We have continued to engage with Stirling Council (SC) on the subject of safety at the junction of Station Road and the A811.



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SC's Environment & Housing Committee have indicated verbally that they will support option 4 (detailed below) LM, as the Roads lead will continue to work with the committee, agree a timescale for the work to be completed.

Option 4 - Remove high masonry wall, divert BT apparatus, and remove vegetation

This option would require the consent of land, property and public utility owners and/or land acquisition.

The project would include:

1. Removing a high masonry wall to improve visibility to the west of Station Road's junction with the A811.
2. Removing vegetation to improve visibility to the west and east of Station Road's junction with the A811.
3. Diverting BT infrastructure to improve visibility to the west and east of Station Road's junction with the A811.
4. Relocation of the roadside fence line to the east of Station Road's junction with the A811, approximately 2m south of its current position.

These works would provide an improved visibility splay by increasing the x-distance to 2.4m, providing the recommended 215m-distances to the west and east of the Station Road junction and would leave the junction open to two-way traffic.

Improved visibility splays are likely to encourage the junction's use by motorists. With the junction still operating below the recommended standard, this is likely to increase the risk of slight injury accidents but could reduce the chance of a perpendicular collision at this site.

Estimated cost: £50-100k depending on costs associated with land acquisition and diverting utility infrastructure.

SPEEDING WITHIN VILLAGE

Speeding continues to be a problem in the village so the GCC have proposed a sign at each point coming into the village i.e. Manse Brae, Leckie Road and Station Road with the hope that funding can be secured from the Community Trust. At the request of GCC, following communications from residents, Police Scotland has conducted occasional speed checks on vehicles in the village.

CHARGING POINTS: 2 electric vehicle charging point have been installed in Main Street (opposite the Gargunock Inn).

3. Pathways and Cycleways

The Paths group is a subgroup of The Gargunock Community Trust, and its main purpose is to maintain and where appropriate upgrade the existing Paths network and also to take forward new projects identified by the village community. Projects completed include repairing sections of The Ladies Walk and also sections of The Leckie Loop adjacent to Watson House.

Application for funding for the Detailed Design element of the proposed pathway from the Village to Stirling has now been submitted. This is a culmination of 3 years dedicated work by the Trust involving substantial effort in directing and coordinating the works of specialized contractors and liaising with Sustrans the funding body and Stirling Council Officers. The outcome of our application not yet known.



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4. Communications

GCC has regularly submitted articles for The Bugle newsletter and posted information on Village notice board and Facebook providing information for residents and updating the community on our work. Information posters are also placed in the CC and local Gargunock Inn. The Village notice board has all GCC minutes and information posted. GCC councillors can be contacted in person, by phone or email.

5. Village shop

- Made funding applications to Wind Farm panel (awarded); Gargunock Estates Trust (awarded); Scottish Enterprise (consultant time awarded).
- Worked with the Plunkett Foundation to build a business plan, for use in attracting funding to buy and operate the Village shop.
- Held a Village shop survey in 2022.
- Held a Public meeting in 2022.
- Created a Community Benefit Society (CBS) that can receive funding awards and use them for the purchase and running of the Village shop.
- Created a brief to make a Community share issue (if required) through the CBS.
- Made funding application to Scottish Land Fund (SLF) and made it through to the 2nd stage, due later in 2023.
- Made an application to UK Community Ownership Fund (COF), we were not successful and received feedback to enable a 2nd (final) application for funding.
- Tenders created and launched for: Architect (alternations and enhancements/repairs to the shop building); Valuation survey; structural survey; Asbestos survey; Roof survey and quote for repairs; quotes for an air-source pump and solar panels.

6. Christmas Lights

It has become clear that the Christmas lights, erected every year by good hearted residents, do not meet regulatory standards. An electrician has conducted an assessment for a permanent solution. A solar supply would be unreliable in Dec/Jan of the calendar year. An application may be made for funds to replace the existing lights and cover the cost of installation.

Work will continue to ensure this is remedied before next season's festivities begin.

7. Defibrillators

We ran a very successful training session in the use of the defibrillators in September 2022. 15 residents took part. Our thanks to Trossachs Search and Rescue for their support in this. Having identified that the defibrillators are both due for some routine maintenance, Gargunock Community Trust has taken this task on board. We are presently looking at the transfer of these GCC assets to GCT.

Christine Phillips

Chair, Gargunock Community Council (until 14th April 2023)



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Appendix B: Secretary Report



Meeting updates

- Meeting continued to be held every 2 months on the First Monday (where possible).
- Council stepped down in April 2023 due to local elections.
- 7 members successfully re-elected to form new Local Council on Monday 5th June.
- First meeting of new Council is this AGM Monday 26th June 2023.
- Format continues to be hybrid – in person or online.

Communications

Exchanges via Council email account - gargunnochcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

GENERAL

- 2 complaints about speeding in the village and options for better enforcement.
- Requesting participation in Stirling Council Community Council Health Check – Completed.
- Setting up meetings regarding Gargunnoch Shop activities.
- Resident requesting reimbursement for Christmas lights power supply.
- Communication with volunteers regarding Christmas lights set up.
- Objections to Earlsburn Wind Farm expansion proposals.
- Objections to planning application for new dwelling next to Briar Cottage.
- Set up of Local Place Plan Steering Group.
- Information regarding Local Election Process.
- Request to join other local councils regarding Flood Planning/ Prevention Group.
- Communication about UCI cycling event in August 2023.
- Police Scotland – Regular Ward reports.

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- Christmas Light Supply – lessons from other villages.
- Christmas Lights Supply – Stirling Council Policy/ Guidance.
- Christmas Lights Supply – use of street lighting power supply.
- Community Council Employer's Liability Insurance Documentation.
- Graham's Dairy AD Plant Planning information.
- Local Place Plan – Funding support options.
- Local Place Plan – Invite to information/ support webinars.
- Various press Releases.
- Planning Reports.
- Roads Programme Schedules.

Promotion of meetings

- Facebook & Posted on Community Notice Board also Gargunnoch Inn.
- For exceptional meeting e.g. Public meetings, hand poster communications to all households.

Publication of approved minutes

- To communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk once minutes are approved.
- Gargunnoch website.
- Notice boards.



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Statement of Accounts – 2022/2023

1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

**Gargunnoch Community Council Account – Royal Bank of Scotland
00162462**

At the start of the Financial Year the Community Council Bank Account had a balance of £6,627.15 and at the end of the Financial Year the balance was £1,017.78 a net decrease of £5,609.37.

Income

The primary source of income is from Stirling Council amounting to £511.61 in the form of the standard subsidy. There was also a grant from the Windfarm to cover £310 of the Village Shop project outlays.

Expenses

The total expenditure of the year amounted to £6,430.98 and is broken down as follows: Refund of grant paid to GCC instead of to GCT (see last year's accounts) £4,800; Hall Hire £140.02; Minute Taker £250.00; Christmas Lights, Tree and Meter £91.16; Jubilee décor £42.47; Village Notice Board payment and erection costs £699.59; Insurance premiums £48.74; Village Shop outlays £359.00.