

Gargunnock Community Council (GCC)
Village shop sub-group

Mon 17th Jan 7.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 859 7626 6102

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Invitees:

- Gargunnock Community Council (GCC)-Julie Cole (JC), Douglas Barr (DB), Mike Buckley (MB) and Christine Phillips (CP)
- Gargunnock Community Trust (GCT)-Douglas Johnstone (DJ)
- Wind Farm Panel (WFP)-Alison Younger (AY)
- Gargunnock residents- Carol MacGregor (CM) and Maitland Clark (MC) + open invitation to any residents

Apologies: Carol MacGregor

Minutes of Village shop working group 26th October: approved, proposed by Douglas Johnstone and seconded by Douglas Barr

Items:

1. **Survey results** presented and Q&A opened to all in attendance in meeting
No further contact or information has been received from the present owners of the shop; this is despite repeated efforts by GCC and others to engage with them to understand their plans
ACTION: The survey results will be made available to all Village residents via GCC Facebook page or by request to GCC email address gargunnockcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
ACTION: The survey results will also be made available to the Business consultant (see Outcomes section below)
2. **Support & Funding options** identified to date was given by JC
ACTION: JC to provide a list of known funders (to incorporate information from DJ and DB)

The funding list will be detailed below, this will be used as the initial information to make application to for Business consultancy, investigation and other support needed. This list will be updated as more information becomes available

1. Scottish land fund
2. Community shares Scotland
3. Plunkett Foundation
4. Gargunnock Windfarm Trust
5. Stirling Council
6. Community Ownership Fund

7. National Lottery Awards for Scotland
8. Gargunnock Estate Trust
9. Highland & Island Enterprise (or equivalent)
10. Awards for All

3. **Registering a Community Interest**-an extensive analysis and project plan was presented by DJ covering the key topics below

- a. What's involved
- b. Key actions/timelines
- c. Critical steps for GCC and GCT
- d. Actions and key timelines identified
- e. General discussion with all at meeting ensued

General discussion took place

Outcome: agreed that next critical step is to appoint a Business consultant, with relevant experience, to assess, review and prepare a Business plan for the Village shop. This is to inform GCC and GCT of the viability of the Village shop, so that further assessment and decisions can be made about a potential community purchase

ACTION: DJ will write a draft brief and circulate to GCC working group by Fri 21st Jan-> comments from All by Wed 26th Jan to finalize the brief

ACTION: Once the brief is finalized an application for funding will be made to appropriate sources for the Business plan-derived from list referred to in Item 2. This will be a joint effort led by DJ, with input from GCC working group (can I nominate MB, MC or CM and JC)

Date for application for funding for funding was not discussed, suggest by Mon 14th Feb

AY from WFP indicated that funds could be made available to hasten this step, approximate amount needed is not known at this time

ACTION: A short list of Business consultants will be developed DJ/CP/MB

ACTION: 2-3 potential candidate will be interviewed by DJ/CP (virtually) and an appointment made-by 21st Feb

Target for production of the business plan is 15th April

4. AOB

ACTION: DB will contact PS at Gartmore and ask for Business consultant nominations-to be shared with JC

Public meeting (face-to-face) was requested by some of the residents at the meeting

5. Summary and next steps

Given the 64% response rate from residents from the Village there is significant interest and support to retain a Village shop

There were several comments to this effect by residents who attended this meeting

Intention of GCC is to hold a face-to-face meeting in the Community Centre (Covid restrictions permitting) once the Business plan is available. This is estimated to be end-April
The Village survey results will be made available and the Business consultant (together with GCC and GCT) will present to all residents on the night. A clear plan laid out for the future of the Village shop so that residents can consider/discuss

Q&A session will be available, and the opinions of All will be considered

In the interim information will be posted on the Village noticeboard and Facebook page and in the Bugle

Everyone is asked to share this information in their own social groups, sharing the FB link where appropriate

APPENDIX – Survey Results.

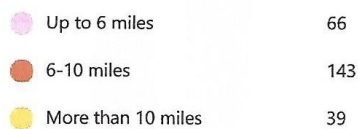
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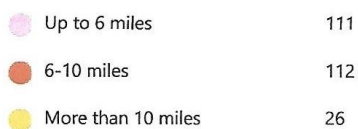
1. Is a Village shop important for Gargunnock?



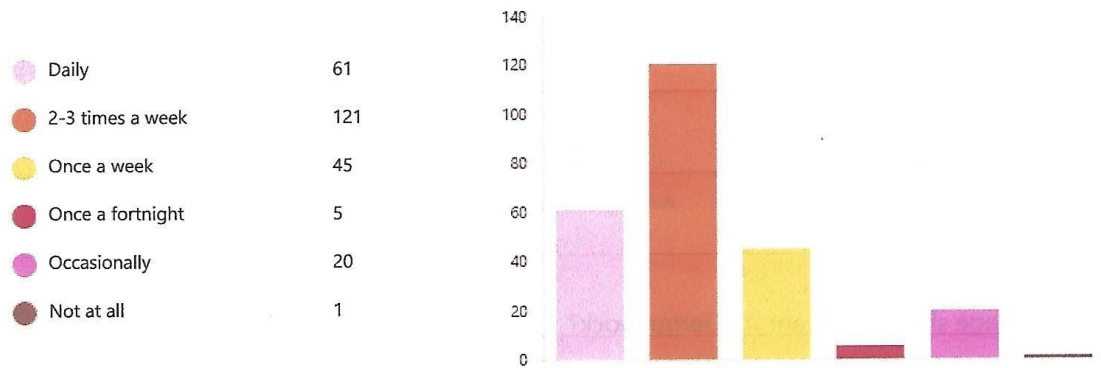
2. How many miles do you currently travel to do your **main** weekly shopping:



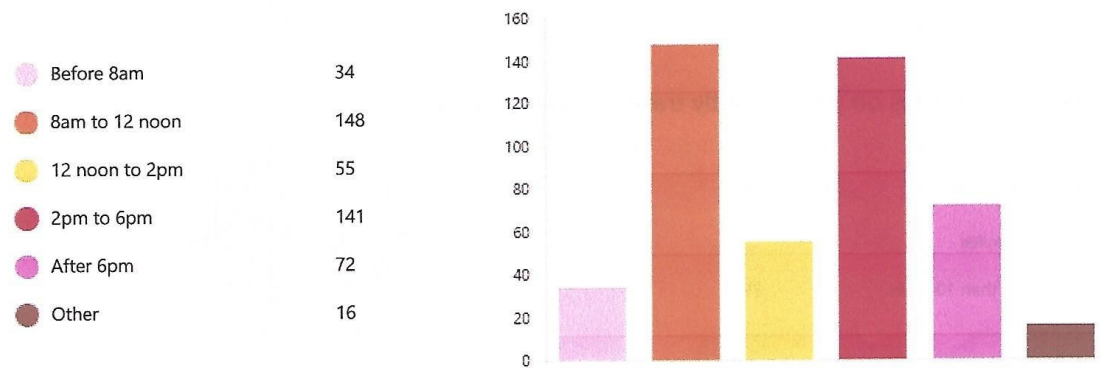
3. How many miles do you currently travel to do your **convenience/top-up shopping** weekly shopping:



4. If a village shop was opened in Gargunnock, would you or any member of your household use it?

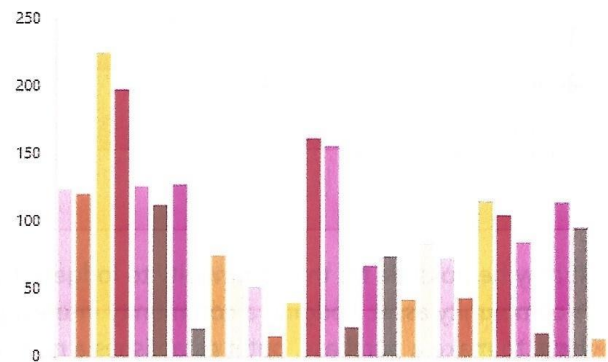


5. What time of day would you be most likely to use the shop?
(Please tick as many as you like)

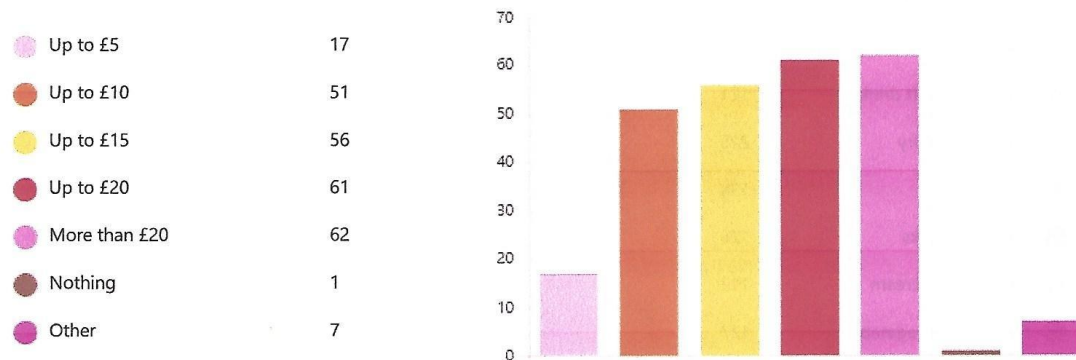


6. What types of products would you be interested in buying from a Village shop (please tick as many as you like)

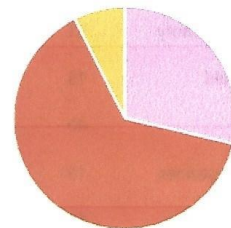
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| Food cupboard (tins, pasta etc) | 124 |
| Tea, coffee, soft drinks | 121 |
| Milk, eggs, dairy | 225 |
| Bakery | 198 |
| Crisps & Snacks | 126 |
| Sweets & Ice-cream | 112 |
| Fresh fruit & vegetables | 127 |
| Sandwiches | 21 |
| Deli, ready meals, Specialist fo... | 75 |
| Frozen foods | 58 |
| Toiletries, health & beauty | 51 |
| Baby, parent & child | 15 |
| Pet food | 40 |
| Newspapers & magazines | 161 |
| Beers, wines and spirits | 156 |
| Tobacco-cigars and cigarettes | 22 |
| Household goods/cleaning pr... | 67 |
| Logs, firelighters | 74 |
| Stationary | 42 |
| Valentine's day/Easter/ Hallow... | 83 |
| Organic and Fairtrade products | 73 |
| Takeaway hot drinks and filled... | 43 |
| Prescriptions | 115 |
| Over the counter medicines | 104 |
| Lottery | 84 |
| Bill payment | 17 |
| Collection point for parcels | 114 |
| Eco refill (use your own plastic... | 95 |
| Other | 13 |



7. How much would you be prepared to spend in the **per week** in the shop?

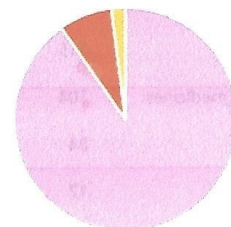


8. Would you use a delivery service if offered?

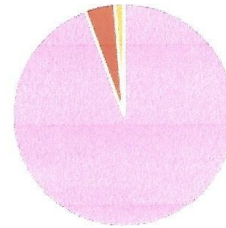


9. It may be possible for the community to lodge a 'Community Interest' and purchase the shop as a community asset. Lodging a community interest does not mean that the community would have to make a purchase, but it establishes a right to be given the option. To register a Community Interest, more than 10% of the community would need to support this.

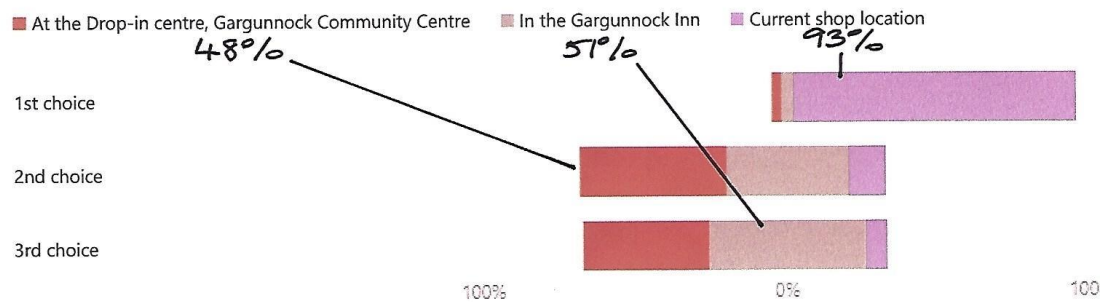
Would you support the community lodging a Community Interest in the shop should it be sold in the future?



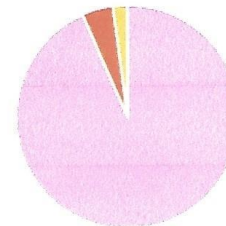
10. If you have said YES (to Question 9), to a note of interest and believe the Village should consider buying the shop-would you be prepared to sign a petition to show your support? (you must be on the electoral register to sign)



11. Where would you prefer the shop to be located-please rank in order of preference (1 -3)
You can add comments at the end of the survey too!



12. Do you agree that local Windfarm funding could be used towards costs involved with either investigating or setting up a community shop?



13. Would you or anyone in your household be interested in helping a community shop project in any way by: (please tick as many as you like)

