Gargunnock Community Trust

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Trustees Meeting
Thursday 15 May 2025 @ 7.30pm
held at Gargunnock Community Centre

1. Present:

Trustees: Nathan Anderton (Chair), Jill Patrick, Gill Bell, Steve Barnet, Crawford Gordon, Stuart Ogg, John Steele, Gavin Fleming, Mairi Jackson

Apologies: Geoff Peart, Lois Simpson

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations of potential interest were noted.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 13 March 2025

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 13 January 2025 were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising and follow up actions from previous meetings *(only those still to be actioned are noted)*

Matters arising

SO explained current position with alternative heating arrangements for community centre, including discussions with Business Energy Scotland.

SB noted that the partitions in the community centre had been serviced and it might be sensible, given the cost to consider alternative Ayrshire company in future. Agreed that they really only needed to be done every few years rather than annually. However, it was noted that users had attached sellotape to the runners which could cause issues.

CG noted that Graeme Thomson, plumber had not responded so alternative will be sought. JS to provide details of another plumber to CG.

Consent and declaration forms to be updated MJ agreed to take forward.

Action: MJ to update declaration forms.

On-going Actions:

Additional trustee required (All)
Develop new residents' welcome pack. (SO)
Follow up to the issue of the field next to the Drop-In Centre (GF)
Drain cleaning at Community Centre (GF)

5. Secretary's Report

GB noted that she had received the invoice for the Fore Protection and agreed to chase up electrician regarding phone box.

6. *Treasurers Report*

GF provide an update of the Trust's currently financial position which remains positive. Average income per month stands at around £2,000 with expenditure slightly less so there has been a modest uplift in the overall balance of resources. JP noted the additional funds generated by Bite and Blether which were contributing to the positive picture.

The proposed allocation of the additional £500 received from Nadara was discussed. There was only one minor change to that suggested by the Windfarm Panel.

Action: SO to inform Windfarm Administrator of change.

7. Community Centre Report

Further discussions regarding state of Community Centre after users had left as this was causing problems for other users. It was agreed a yard brush was required to help users clean up after use. It was noted that LS had volunteered to arrange users group meeting.

Action: LS to arrange a meeting of the Community centre users' group to discuss cleaning etc.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Garden Room and Drop In Centre required redecoration, the tenants in the offices felt that these were in satisfactory order.
The issue of drain cleaning was noted and it was suggested that Reel Clean should be contacted.

Action: CG to follow up with painters and Reel Clean.

8. Windfarm Fund and Panel

After discussion the Windfarm Panel recommendations regarding applications received between meetings were endorsed by the Trust. These were:

The following Windfarm Panel recommendations were endorsed by the Trust:

GWF 1-25 Gargunnock Apple Day(s) request for additional funds up to £800

GWF 7-25 Local Place Consultant: Community Council £4,097.50

Telephone box defibrillator box electrical supply £480

Actions:

SO to inform the Windfarm Administrator of the Trust's decisions.

Projects Update

a. Local Place Plan

GP had produced and circulated a draft submission from the trustees to the Community Council setting out views based on the original consultation exercise and updated with current views and ideas. Various changes were suggested and it was agreed that the document would be updated to incorporate these changes and submitted to the Community Council Chair so they could be reflected in the update of the Local Place Plan after the second consultation process had been concluded.

b. Cycle project

JS provided an update to the cycle project and the recommendation that hiring the bikes would be subscription based. Instructions on how the system will operate and what renters will be required to do have been prepared by JS and will be available in hard copy and on the new website as well as the Facebook page. It is proposed to launch the service at the Gala.

c. Updated website

NA updated the meeting regarding progress with the new website. We are waiting for the developer's initial draft outline pages. Some content had been produced but this may require further editing. John MacLaren had kindly produced text for the home page.

c. Paths Group

Gargunnock to Stirling path

GF noted that a new transport officer had been appointed by Stirling Council and had requested access to all the previous consultants' reports which was agreed.

JS noted that the gate at Mill Thread cottage appeared to be broken. It was agreed that this was Gargunnock Estate's responsibility.

d. Glebe Park

GF noted that there had been a few issues with bee stings so the Bee Group had proposed that a form of barrier is created which would encourage the bees to fly higher over the path to help reduce the likelihood of people being stung. The barrier could be a hedge which would be allowed to grow to a height which would help resolve the issue. It was agreed this could be taken forward by the Bee Group.

e. Defibrillators

GB explained that she would chase up electrician as it was important this centrally located defibrillator should be fixed as soon as possible.

e. Telephone box

Once the electrical work has been carried out it was agreed that refurbishment could be started with removal of door.

Action: Telephone box refurbishment to be taken forward. NA, JS, GF and SO volunteered to help.

f. Pump Track

JS had been in touch with three companies to get an idea of the costs and possible designs of a pump track as a starting point. Two companies had responded with both indicating a similar size at a cost of around £100k. It was felt that this could be rolled into future discussions about the field next to the Drop-In Centre.

g. N*ewsletter (Bugle)*

Mairi agreed to check Louise's availability to continue in the role of editor.

Action: MJ to check with Louise her plans re: editing the Bugle.

9. AOB

JS explained that a relative was involved in a community trust in Dumfries and Galloway where they had built houses for local needs and wondered whether the Trust was interested in going down this route as he would find out more details.

SO mentioned the idea from the Community Council Chair to see whether the Trust would be interested in a reciprocal arrangement with the Community Council. This would mean that a trustee will attend Community Council meetings and a Community Councillor would attend Trust meetings. It was agreed that NA would discuss this further with the proposed meeting of chairs from the Trust, Windfarm Panel and Community Council.

Action: NA to discuss idea at the upcoming chairs meeting.

10. Dates of meetings in 2025

Thursday 28 August 2025 (Garden Room)
Thursday 30 October 2025 (Garden Room)
Thursday 27 November (Garden Room) - AGM

Meeting closed at 9.20pm