

# GARELOCHHEAD



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY  
FOR THE COMMUNITY*

**MINUTES** for the *Garelochhead Community Council meeting*  
held in *Church Hall, Garelochhead* on *Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016*

*Members Present:*

Alan Pinder	Secretary CC
Colin Smith	Member CC
David Norton	Member CC
Hazel Mackinnon	Member CC
Margaret Stratton	Treasurer CC
Watson Robinson	Convenor CC

*Attending:*

Cllr George Freeman	A&B Councillor
Ian Mustarde	MOD Police
James Munn	Member of the Public
Cllr Robert G. MacIntyre	A&B Councillor

*Apologies:*

Insp. Coleen Wylie	Police Scotland
Colin Taylor	Member CC
Denise Donald	Garelochhead Primary School
James Dalgleish	Clyde Marine Unit
PC Keith Forsyth	Police Scotland
Martin Croft	Vice Chair CC
Cllr. Maurice Corry	A&B Councillor

## 1. Introductions and welcome

- **Welcome to members of the public and Convenor's opening remarks**
- **Apologies for absence** (as above)
- **Declarations of Interest** – none noted.

## 2. Minutes of previous meeting

- **Review of actions from last minutes**

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Status</i>
<b>Alan</b>	Follow up with John Reid re Community Champion to support co-pay fibre broadband connections	Done – on agenda
<b>Watson</b>	Invite new GP(s) to GCC meeting in Q1 2017	C/F
	Follow up on November Beach Clean / removal of boat / arranging skip	Done – on agenda
	Follow up with Scottish Water re emptying cycle for the septic tank, and completion of remaining slipway repairs.	Done – on agenda
<b>Martin</b>	Fill in the collapsed area in the path on Shore Walk, with David Norton	Will be done after beach clean
<b>George</b>	Progress demolition of old Medical Centre with NHS via Building Control	Done – being progressed for turn of year.
	Update on School Holidays scheduling (not expected before December 2016)	C/F
	Contact John Urquhart regarding DIO providing a path agreement	Done – on agenda
	Confirm re the locks pending fitting on bins at Feuins Road, Portincaple.	C/F

- **Approval of previous minutes**  
Proposed and seconded – David and Margaret
- **Election of new members**  
Alan Pinder as Secretary – proposed Margaret, seconded Colin Smith  
Welcome to new members David Norton and Hazel Mackinnon.

## 3. Committee updates

- **Planning**  
As noted last month: Two wind turbines Ref 16/02662/PP (48m tall, above Faslane) - the proposal includes provision for the community benefits (around £5000 p.a.) from this to go to Route / Centre 81. Community Council agreed in principle to show support to the proposal and would formally do so. *<Update post meeting – GCC's support has been logged on the planning website>*
- **Treasurer**  
Current balance £1,878.99
- **Secretary**


Letter from Hermitage Academy re website (see agenda item below)

Request from Living It Up for any local events to publish.

Email from Norman Muir (Chair of Helensburgh CC) re Community Empowerment Act meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 4. Councillors' updates

- **School Bus contract** – current contract extended till end of year, tenders have been received. Contract should have notice to award by end of November.
- **Home Insulation (HEEPSABS Programme)** – posters now available (reproduced below), encourage those in Garelochhead to apply (Home owners in Council Tax bands A to C and those in D with an income of under £20,000 can be considered for inclusion on the programme).





Argyll, Lomond & the Islands Energy Agency



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**Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland:  
Area Based Scheme (HEEPS:ABS)**



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**Or contact Home Energy Scotland:**  
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**Email: [heepsabs@alienergy.org.uk](mailto:heepsabs@alienergy.org.uk)**  
**Website: [www.alienergy.org.uk](http://www.alienergy.org.uk)**

ALIenergy, based in Oban, are delivering the HEEPSABS programme in your area on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council. Scottish Government funding has been awarded to improve the energy efficiency of properties that are deemed to be in fuel poverty.

In 2016/17, home insulation measures will be offered to private owners and tenants in properties in Council Tax Bands A, B, C and living in parts of Oban, Helensburgh and Lomond and some islands. Those in Council Tax Band D with an income of or below £20,000 and an EPC rating of E, F or G may also be included. Please check the ALIenergy website for a full list of eligible postcodes or call us to find out if your property is eligible. Funding is limited and we advise that you register for the scheme as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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- **Drains / Gullies** - drain outside Café will be cleared. Water outside the garage is also being re-reviewed.
- **Street lighting** - street lights out in Garelochhead. Cllr Freeman stated that the standard of service was now unacceptable and he had now taken this matter up at Executive Director level. Initial response stated that the delays in repairing faulty lights was partly due to the budget cuts agreed by the Council in February. Cllr Freeman continuing to pursue.

#### 5. Police reports

- **Police Scotland**  
No incidents noted. Police Scotland are conducting a survey of the public's opinions on local and national policing and encourage people to contribute at this link:  
<https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts>  
The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete.
- **MDP & Clyde Marine Unit**

Ruralwatch – Community Council members noted that MOD Police and Police Scotland continue to work well together to benefit the local area; it is understood that the local RuralWatch scheme is still a priority – further updates expected at the next meeting.

Dutch Marines have been stationed at Garelochhead Training camp, on a six-week exercise, concluding 18<sup>th</sup> November. No issues to report.

Commemorations for K13 to take place in early January at Faslane cemetery.

Joint Warrior 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – combined military exercise scheduled.

CMU – James Dalgleish advised activity on and around the ship lift, installing piles during early December. Local community should be advised there could be daytime working and noise.

Panto dates 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Tickets available for panto in the Eureka store.

## **6. Questions from members of the public**

Question raised re the new bins system – bins are not being replaced where they were picked up from. Suggested emailing Tom Murphy if there are issues. Also suggested waiting a few weeks till the new system has bedded in more. Reminder that families of 5 or more and those with medical needs can apply for a second green bin.

## **7. New items:**

- **BT Phone Box – removal or ownership**

This relates to the phone box near the medical centre (the one near the pub is safe – and due to be repaired). Some discussion as to whether an additional defib unit would be valuable at this end of the village. Agreed to discuss this further at the December committee meeting to see if we believe there is value in the community keeping the box.

- **Garelochhead and Portincaple Community Trust** – a public meeting is to be held regarding the future of the Trust and the Residents Association. Meeting expected to be in December.

## **8. Follow up items:**

- **Scottish Water**

Ruraidh Macgregor will arrange for the tank to be emptied and will advise us when the slips will be repaired.

- **Beach Clean**

Still scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> November, skip to be provided (George to request 2 skips if possible). Photos to be taken before/after. *<Update post meeting – Council no longer willing to provide skips. Mechanical beach clean has been postponed>*

- **Medical Centre (Doctors update)**

Feedback from NHS is that a further round of advertisements is being placed in the BMJ to recruit a new GP soon.

- **Garelochhead Memorials & Water Fountain**

- Water fountain – still pending. Nicol Slee Engineering have promised to restore this.
- Plaque for Mr & Mrs Watt – now installed on Shore Walk, thanks to Martin for allowing it to be installed on his wall.

- Memorial bench has now been moved to the garden at the school (thanks to Fergus and Watson). Gordon Forbes has donated slabs to mount it. Hope to have it sanded / repainted and installed in the spring.

- **Three Lochs Way access route from Garelochhead**

George discussed with John Urquhart and is pursuing if a legal agreement can be reached to allow a path / maintenance agreement to be put in place with Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO).

- **BT Openreach / Digital Champions**

Suggestion from John Reid is not applicable to most properties in Portincaple and Whistlefield as it is only to support communities that do not have 2Mb Download speeds. Community Council agreed to send a letter to BT Openreach on behalf of the community to understand when fibre and increased broadband speeds will be available in Garelochhead and if they may be extended to other local communities like Portincaple. *<Update post meeting – letter has been sent, awaiting response>*

- **Website**

Hermitage Academy has agreed to take this on as a project for senior pupils. Committee to discuss scope of project / web site proposed content and report back at next meeting.

## 9. **AOB and date of next meeting**

- **Any other business** - Café Craft's present tenant is giving up and a new tenant is expected to take over in early December, continuing this as a catering facility.
- **Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at the Church Hall.

## 10. **Actions – for review at next meeting:**

<i><b>Who</b></i>	<i><b>What</b></i>	<i><b>Status</b></i>
<b>Watson</b>	Respond to BT regarding Phone Box adoption or removal	
<b>Alan</b>	Report back on web-site / social media setup progress Send letter to BT Openreach to find out about broadband upgrade plans Send note of support to Wind Turbine planning application	
<b>George</b>	Update on School Holidays scheduling Report back on Maint. Agreement proposal with DIO for Three Lochs Way Confirm re the locks pending fitting on bins at Feuins Road, Portincaple.	

[ END OF MINUTES ]