

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Gartmore Community Council Meeting

January 25th 2012

8p.m. Village Hall

Present: Mrs. J. Fleming (Chair), Mr. I. Dinwoodie (Vice-Chair), Mr. W. Glasse-Davies (Secretary), Mr. C. Sheldon (Treasurer), Ms. J. Billett (Planning Representative), Ms. A. Jackson, Mr. G. McGarvey.

Apologies: Ms. R. Clements, Councillor P. Owens

Non-voting: Councillor A. Ffinch, Mr. W. Nesbit (National Park), PC Liam Ward, Mr. I. Roe, Mr. L. Fleming, Ms. F. MacDonald, Mr. B. Rix, Mr. J. Poulter

- 1. Minutes of the November 30th 2011 meeting. These were accepted (proposer JB, seconder CS).**
- 2. Matters arising.**
 - 1. Broadband provision. CS reported that he had written to the MSP Bruce Crawford, who had had some success helping Balquhiddy, and made contact with Colin Brooks of Open Outreach. We are advised to lobby Stirling Council to make sure that Gartmore is included in the areas to be upgraded.**
 - 2. Gartmore Station to Buchlyvie cycle path. W G-D reported that the Community Council have been told that there is an ongoing dispute between a local farmer and SusTrans, and when this is resolved a gate arrangement suitable to both the farmer and cyclists and walkers will be put in place. CS reported that notices have recently been put up warning ramblers of the pig problem but promising its eventual resolution.**
 - 3. Winter Plan. Two shovels and visibility gilets for volunteers have been received. It was decided to store them in the Village Hall. Access will be by obtaining the Hall key from the Village Shop. A list of those in need of help in the event of a heavy snowfall needs to be established. A start will be made on this via an appeal in the Gartmore News. CS reported that the grit bin at the top of Cayzer Court had disappeared. Councillor Ffinch recommended checking with Stirling Council.**
 - 4. The car parking initiative at the top of the village has not been a success, with cars continuing to park on the south side of the road. There is no case for yellow lines, and it was decided to maintain the call for sensible parking away from the corner.**
- 2. Police report. PC Ward reported that there were no crimes in Gartmore in December 2011, but four in January: drunk and disorderly; suspected metal thieves; attempted financial fraud; theft**

of expensive camera equipment near Cobleland. There was no drug problem in the village and the Black Bull was being run well.

3. Planning matters.

- 1. National Park: there is an application for a horse shelter as Wester Shannochhill.**
- 2. Stirling Council: there is an application for a livery stable at Hill Cottage.**

The Community Council saw no reason to object to either of these developments.

4. Village notice board. There have been problems with siting a new noticeboard, and the old noticeboards - one of which is for the Community Council - are now to be moved from the Village Club wall to the wall of the Village Hall. It was therefore decided to start using the old notice board once it has been moved, and not to progress the purchase of a new noticeboard at this time.

5. Public transport changes. These have now been decided. Stirling Council has awarded the C11 Gartmore to Stirling contract to Aberfoyle Coaches but have withdrawn the subsidised C11 service between Gartmore and Balfron. This will result in an improved service of 6 buses per day to Stirling but fewer buses to Glasgow. These changes will take place from the beginning of April.

6. NTS Cunninghame Graham memorial signage. There was general support for this. G McG will advise NTS to contact the chair of the Community Trust concerning the football pitch sign, and AJ will check with the National Park access team.

7. Community Trust report. CS reported that the Community Trust committee had discussed the potential Landfill tax grant, which had originally been brought to the attention of the Community Council by Banks Renewables. This grant could amount to about £50,000, to be spent on a village project, and must be spent by the end of the year. Some Trust committee members felt that it was inappropriate to access the money via the company that was planning to build a wind farm locally. Although no vote was taken, it was decided to explore whether some or all of the funds could be obtained via some agency other than Banks.

8. Treasurer's report. The balance of the Community Council bank account stands at £777.33.

9. A.O.B

- 1. JF noted that there will be Stirling Council elections on May 3rd.**

2. **CS noted disappointment at the proposal by Banks at their last presentation to allocate only 30% of any community fund to Gartmore in the event of the wind farm being built. Whatever the outcome, it was incumbent on the Community Council to achieve the best financial deal for the village, particularly since the visual impact of the planned wind farm is clearly most severe for Gartmore of all local villages. It was decided that a subcommittee of the Community Council (JF, CS and ID) would pursue this issue with Banks forthwith.**
3. **JB noted the poor state of the white lines at the junction at the bottom of Main Street. Stirling Council Roads Department will be contacted.**

10. Date of next meeting: March 28th 2012 (Village Hall, 8 p.m.)