

## **UNADOPTED MINUTES**

**Gartmore Community Council meeting  
September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**PRESENT: Mr. I. Dinwoodie (Acting Chairperson), Mr. C. Sheldon, Mr. W. Glasse-Davies, Mrs. J. Fleming, Ms. A. Jackson, Ms. J. Billett.  
Apologies Ms R. Clements, Mr. G McGarvey, Councillor P. Owens.**

**Non-voting: Mr. W. Nesbit (National Park), Mr. J. Kerr, Mr. N. Brooks, Mr. L. Fleming, Mrs. L. Mackie, Ms. J. Hogg, Mr. R. Hunter, Mrs. M. Hunter, Dr. J. Dagg, Mr. B. Rix, Mr. J. Pitts, Mrs. N. Pitts, Mr. Tomlinson.**

**Mr. G. Thompson and Ms S. Sampson of Banks**

- 1. Composition of new Community Council. ID welcomed the new members of the Community Council, Ms. J. Billett, Ms. A. Jackson (and Mr. G. McGarvey in absentia), and there was a vote of thanks for Mr. N. Brooks and Mr. C. Garvie, the retiring Chairperson, for their many years of excellent work.**
- 2. Banks of Hamilton presentation. ID summarised the developments to date, and then handed over to Mr. G. Thompson (GT) of Banks. GT reported that the preliminary assessments were complete, and that Banks were now entering the design phase. The plan resulting from this phase will replace the current version. Banks will inform Gartmore Community Council at that time, will meet with the Community Council at the next meeting or at an earlier special meeting, and will present another exhibition to the community of Gartmore. GT estimated that the exhibition would take place towards the end of November, and that a planning application would be submitted before Christmas. When questioned, GT said that the information in the exhibition would be approximately 90% the same as that in the planning application. GT also indicated that a significant change was that a completely new road would be built straight out from the A81, which would not impact on residents of Gartmore or Dalmary at all. The power line connecting to the grid would be 3m wooden poles and would not be visible from Gartmore. GT said that Banks were aiming for the least impact, but agreed that Gartmore was one of the most affected communities. This would be taken into account in the final design. In response to questions from the floor, GT indicated that they would try to avoid peat deposits, and to minimise any effects of the concrete used.**

**Extensive discussion and contributions from the floor followed. There was some criticism of the way that the company contracted by Banks to do a telephone opinion survey were posing questions. GT provided a copy of the questionnaire that this company had been directed to use. Mr. J. Kerr, Mrs. N. Pitts, Dr. J. Dagg, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. B. Rix, Ms J. Hogg and Mrs L. Mackie all expressed opposition to the wind farm development. Among many other general reasons for opposition, specific issues of concern were visual impact, noise for houses situated close by and damage to the environment and bird life. Mr. L. Fleming noted that the community benefit, which would be paid to the**

community in the event of the development going ahead, would enable worthwhile community projects to be carried out.

ID reported that there had been six letters in response to the Community Council's request in the Gartmore News for details of the concerns of those who believe they are directly affected by the potential development. A request for letters from those in favour of the development had not been made.

ID confirmed that the Community Council will carry out a community survey to obtain a more complete sense of the opinion in the community.

3. Minutes of the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Approved (proposer JF, seconder CS)
4. Matters arising. CS noted that the phone box in the square is B listed, and if we adopted the box, BT would remove the phone service. It was agreed to take no action regarding purchasing the box at this time.
5. Police report. WG-D read the report from Constable L. Ward. There had been 3 crimes committed in Gartmore in the June to September period, including a smashed car window in Main Street and an instance of internet fraud experienced by a resident. There are no concerns about drug usage or about the management of the Black Bull.
6. Planning matters. JF reported that the outline application to build an 11-bedroom guesthouse at Gartmore Station had been approved by the National Park planning authority.
7. Village notice board. The Community Council (and others) has been without a notice board since the Village Club was sold and became a private house. It is important that a suitable notice board is purchased and erected. CS presented a preliminary report on types and costs, which are unfortunately too high for the Community Council to afford without grant support. CS will investigate further and report back.
8. Winter car parking. The Community Council resolved to advise residents at the north end of the village to park on the football pitch side of the road. The purpose of this is to ensure that snowploughs can get into the village. WG-D agreed to provide a note to this effect for the Gartmore News. There is also concern about car parking and abandonment at the south end, but no obvious solution.
9. Community Trust report. ID asked Mrs. N. Pitts (NP) to inform the Community Council on this matter. The most important was the success of the Action Plan day and the good response in terms of replies to the Action Plan update, with about 170 replies so far. NP also reported that the Leader grant money can now be used, and the Trust plans to go ahead with phase 1 of the Village Hall refurbishment. CS added that the Sustainability group was going ahead with the feasibility study for a small-scale hydro scheme at the Keltie Water.
10. Treasurer's report. CS noted that the Community Council bank account now stands at £915.00, and that this year's administration grant had been received.

## **11. A.O.B**

- 1. ID reported that there was a new Community Futures grant opportunity. NP said that the Community Trust had several ideas for this.**
- 2. WG-D reported that Stirling Council are holding a Severe Weather seminar in preparation for the winter, and requested an attendee from Gartmore, to be nominated by October 21<sup>st</sup>. JB agreed to attend on behalf of the Community Council .**
- 3. CS exhorted everyone to complete the online survey on Broadband provision.**
- 4. ID noted that it would be desirable if a representative of Stirling Council Planning attended the next meeting. WG-D will invite them to send someone.**

**12. Date of next meeting: November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

**13. Appointment of new office bearers (Community Council members only). At an EGM convened after the regular meeting, the following appointments were made:**

**Chairperson: Mrs. J. Fleming**

**Vice-Chair: Mr. I. Dinwoodie**

**Secretary: Mr. W.Glasse-Davies**

**Treasurer: Mr. C. Sheldon**

**Planning representative: Ms. J. Billett**