

Gartmore Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present: Janet Billet (Chair), Wayne Glasse-Davies, Ian Dinwoodie, Katie Goldie

Apologies: Gerry McGarvey, Colin Scrimgeour, Michelle Flynn (Stirling Council)

In attendance: Willie Nisbet (LLTNP)

Press: No members of the press were present at meeting

Residents: Joy Henderson

- 1. Declarations of Interest-** No declarations
- 2. Adoption of previous meeting minutes-** Minutes agreed by the members
Proposer – Wayne Glasse-Davies
Secunder – Katie Goldie

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising

4. Reports- External

Police Scotland

Report provided from

- **Antisocial Behaviour** – Police have been contacted regarding the dirt bikes within the Loch Ard Forest. Checks have been carried out throughout the forest between Aberfoyle and Gartmore and they did not find any trace of bikes.
- **Road Safety** – An incident occurred on 05/09/2021 a driver was involved in a collision when their vehicle came off the road into a field on A81 near Trossachs Holiday Park.

During the reported period local officers and road policing officers have been carrying out patrols in relation to antisocial behaviour involving cars and motorbikes.

- **Theft** – Nothing to report.
- **Lone Officer Verification Checks** – Information was provided on this which Janet will share with Community Council and will share on GCC social media pages.

If there are any issues to discuss, please contact Callander Police Office on 101 or email TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

In the previous meeting the issue of the noise and speed of motorbikes in the area was raised. It seems that there is nothing that can be done about this without a speed limit in the area of the Gartmore House bends. It was noted that there are particular requirements and specifications for areas of road to be granted a specific speed limit.

Janet will speak to Police Scotland

Planning:

Nothing new to report.

Erection of Dwelling at Gilbert Park - Appeal – Local Review Body will be held on 25 October to decide the outcome of this appeal. It is open to the public but there is no opportunity for anyone to make representation or presentations.

5. Reports- Internal Sub Groups

Community Trust:

Brian Patterson has offered to reduce the hedge between the Village Hall and the pub and this has been agreed. A quote will also be provided for additional fencing that may be required.

Grant funding has been received for pruning the Monkey Puzzle Tree, work should be carried out in due course.

A local resident had raised concerns regarding the playpark. These concerns have been addressed and maintenance has been carried out including BT raising their wire to give better clearance of the zip-line.

Hall usage is continuing to increase.

National Park signposting – liaising between John Pitts (former Community Trust member) and National Park to upgrade the triangular information posts is still ongoing.

6. Community Council Business – Treasurer's Report

Notification has been received that 2021/22 Community Council Administration Grant and Minute Taker Funding will be £465.64. This should be paid into the account by Stirling Council by 8 October.

The current balance of Gartmore Community Council account is £568.24, down from the previous balance of £608.24 reported in June. Community Council

expenditure comprised a payment of £40.00 to the Minute Taker, Claire Harvey, for August 2021 minutes.

There are no outstanding invoices.

AOB

Item 1 – **Community Council Remembrance Wreath** – It was decided in 2020 that, in an effort to reduce plastic waste, GCC would no longer provide their own wreath for Remembrance Day. Instead, GCC would present a wreath with Stirling Council councillors and make a donation to Lady Haig's Poppy Factory for amount that wreath would cost. There are some issues getting the wreath from Stirling Council to allow time for Ian to change the branding of the wreath to include GCC and Councillors. Ian also suggested that another GCC member to lay the wreath this year.

Action – Ian will contact Cllr Martin Earl to assist with getting the wreath for amendment. Janet will lay wreath on behalf of GCC.

Item 2 - **Gartmore Cemetery** – Joy Henderson's family members attended the cemetery recently to lay flowers at parents' graves and raised some concerns regarding the deterioration of the cemetery in comparison to two years ago. The grass was not well cut and there was a proliferation of weeds. Having visited another Stirling Council cemetery recently which was well looked after and the grass was well manicured it was felt that there was a big discrepancy between the two despite them being within the same local authority. It was recognised that there may be community involvement in looking after some cemeteries throughout the area as well as Stirling Council maintenance.

Action – Janet will speak to Cllr Martin Earl and ask him to contact Joy regarding this.

Item 3 – **Archway Wood** – Katie is still trying to arrange a suitable date and time to meet with Mike Strachan of Forestry Commission. So far, finding a date that is suitable for both of them has proved difficult.

Item 4 –**Collapsed Bridge** – Willie wanted to highlight that this is a big job and may take some quite time to repair. Willie also wanted to highlight that there is an issue on the 811 to the west of Drymen heading towards Gartocharn where the road is collapsing into Endrick Water, currently down to single lane traffic, this may effect Gartmore.

Item 5 – **LLTNP Meeting** – Face to face get together between board members took place in the atrium of LLTNP headquarters.

7. Next meeting - Wednesday, 1 December 2021 – 7.30pm Location TBC