



# GARGUNNOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES



**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
**Time:** 1930 hrs  
**Location:** Gargunnoch Community Centre Or Zoom

**GCC:** David Millar (DM), Christine Phillips (CP), Julie Cole (JC), Lovat MacGregor (LM), Mike Buckley (MB), Tom Jamieson (TJ)

**Residents:** Mark Trussler, Maitland Clerk, Niall Tracey, Anne Christy

**Councillors:** NA

**Minute Taker:** Mark Dickson (MD)

**Online Meeting:**

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Meeting ID: 820 0782 5049

Passcode: 113275

**AGM Agenda**

**1. Apologies (DM)**

Cllr RF

**2. Follow up on action points from previous minutes**

*Repairs to potholes and road resurfacing has been conducted on most of the problem areas highlighted around the village.*

***LAST ACTION: Cllr RF to follow up on repairs to other problem areas highlighted***

***NEW ACTION : DM to follow up with Council***

Funds received from the Gargunnoch Community Trust for the village fountain. Conservation Planning and Buildings and Estates Management at Stirling Council have been contacted twice regarding the refurbishments but have not responded. Stephen Blythe has been contacted to assist in chasing them up so that the initial repairs can go ahead before winter. Pending reply.

***LAST ACTION: Cllr RF to help chase up Stirling Council on this issue***

***NEW ACTION: DM to ask Gargunnoch Estate for funding and the new company running Leckie Estate for a tree donation***

**3. Adoption of previous minutes (DM)**

Proposed by MB, seconded by CP



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#### 4. Declarations of interest (DM)

NA

#### 5. Matters arising (DM)

##### (a) Village Shop (CP)

The new village shop formally opened on the 02<sup>nd</sup> December by Timothy Wright (Gargunnoch Estates Trust). Completion certificate received today which will allow the alcohol license to be submitted.

Other finishing touches include putting up the last of the new road signs, the awning and the garden furniture to be set out.

The Council offered congratulations to CP and the GCCS.

##### (b) Roads (LM)

Potholes on back road (Manse Brae to A811) have mostly been filled in.

The Station Road – A811 junction survey has now been completed, the budget is secured for 2025 and Council has committed for works to go ahead then.

Stirling Council said there isn't a speeding problem in the village based on their data. When challenged to provide the data they were not able to and have agreed to undertake speed monitoring

**ACTION: DM to follow up with the Council**

Caravans on Leckie Road – avenues to address this have been exhausted by the Community Council to no avail. A Stirling Council Officer visited and said there was no problem with visibility. When challenged that it was going against road regulations they denied this to be the case and said they would change the regulations.

##### (c) Planning (JC)

The total number and height of wind turbines at the Earlsburn wind farm have been reduced (200m to 150m). This means the turbines will no longer be visible from Gargunnoch. This expansion should provide additional wind farm funds for the community.

The information provided at the preliminary consultation for the Carron Valley wind farm indicates it will not be visible or have any impact on Gargunnoch. It is unlikely the village will receive any funding from this development.

##### (d) Village Fountain (DM)

Funds secured from the Gargunnoch Community Trust for restoring the village fountain. Council has provided numerous forms and requirements before works can commence

**ACTION: DM to go through the forms and requirements**



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(e) Christmas Lights (DM)

There was a good turnout for the ceremony to turn on the village Christmas lights. The Songsters were in good voice. Congratulations offered from the Community Council to DM for organising the event.

DM suggested that the village could nominate a different person from the community each year to turn on the lights. Idea was well received by the Community Council and agreed to look into this further for next year.

(f) Local Place Plan (DM)

First draft was issued with the Bugle to the village to allow for further feedback from residents. We have an extended time for submission (now October 2025).

**Residents questions/feedback:**

Mark Trussler (representing a small group of residents around Moray Place):

- Challenged the survey response as not being representative owing to insufficient responses  
*Council highlighted that every resident has been contacted and encouraged to engage*
- Requested the survey to be redone  
*Council asked how this could be redone as there is a risk of apathy from people who have already taken the time to engage*
- Concern the options for development sites highlighted in the Development Plan are an invitation to the Council to go ahead with developments. How and why were the developments were chosen?  
*They were previously listed under a Plan for the village and were again identified by residents at the Open Day event. Other green sites were not viable owing to flooding risk.*

*DM stressed that this is not an invitation for development, only identifying areas for potential development. No discussions have been held with landowners. It is recognised that the only way we can keep the village and school thriving is if we bring in new residents. The Community Council welcomes all engagement from residents to the Local Place Plan and encourages people to attend the next Open Day event. The first draft does not represent the final document and there will be plenty of time and opportunities for residents to further engage. It does not represent a green light for development to go ahead.*

*DM requested Mark to feedback to the neighbours and residents he is in touch with at Moray Place to participate in future engagement sessions for the Local Place Plan so that as many voices can be heard. Anticipated that the next event will be arranged for January 2025.*



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*Mark suggested future events could be held at/in conjunction with the new Village Shop to help residents to engage in person.*

- Do we know what kind of access would be put in place for the development sites?  
*This would be a Planning Issue. If no access is viable then the development couldn't proceed on that land.*

Mark thanked the Community Council for hearing their concerns and will feedback to the residents at Moray Place.

- (g) Website & Communications (MB/ DM)  
Funding now committed from the Gargunnoch Trust for upgrading the website. Quotes have been sought and once the scope has been approved by the Trust the money will be released.

### 6. External report (DM)

- (a) Police report (DM)  
NSTR

### 7. Finance reports (TJ)

TJ provided a comprehensive mid-year budget update and praised efforts by DM and CP in fundraising to support projects (Christmas lighting, new website, new flags and commemorative events) this year. As a result of the fundraising the finances are looking healthy though TJ highlighted the need to be careful with increasing recurring costs such as from the lights.

### 8. Residents' forum (DM)

- A resident raised concerns over a white BMW driving dangerously in the village and speeding on Manse Brae. DM highlighted that any residents can raise speeding/dangerous driving concerns to the Community Council.
- Concerns raised over the impact of snow on Manse Brae forcing residents to abandon cars and preventing access to parts of the village.

The Community Council has already raised complaints with Stirling Council. The Council has responded that as it is not a major road there are not funds to clear it.

### 9. AOB:

- New Members  
Vice Chair position currently vacant and we are one member below the statutory requirement. Community Council is actively looking for a resident of the community to get involved.
- Wind Farm Trust Meeting Update – Costs for Village Maintenance  
Stirling Council is withdrawing general village maintenance (grass cutting etc.). A meeting needs to be held with the Trust to discuss the viability of the Community taking ownership and self-funding these services.



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**ACTION: DM to review what maintenance activities the Community could realistically take ownership over**

- New Year Fire Works – Licensing Costs.  
Following tradition, MC requested the Community Council to cover the cost of the village's New Year's fireworks.  
The Community Council agreed to cover these costs (Proposed by JC, seconded by CP, passed without objection).

**Next meeting: TBC**



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