



Meeting held on 13 June 2023 at 7 pm

Attendees

Councillors: Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Ruairidh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Amy McCreath (AM), Fiona Power (FP)

Dumfries and Galloway Council: John Denerley (JD) and signer

Associate Member: Susan Miller (SM)

Police Scotland: PC Alexander Currie (AC)

In attendance:

Item 3.1 - 3.3 Denise Brownlee (DB), Fiona Stark-Cameron (FC), Alison Fowler (AF) Richard Glass (RG), Alison Veitch (AV)

Item 3.4 - 3.5 Maureen Blunt (MB), Andrew Carson (AC), Suzette Harris (SH), Chris Jamieson (CJ), Mark Laird (ML), Maureen Laird (MaL), Howard McClean (HM)

1 Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Members of the Council introduced themselves.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Nigel Scott (NS))

2 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 None

3 Public Forum

The Gralloch

- 3.1 A number of issues were raised by local residents regarding the event, principally the lack of, or poor, communication prior to the event and instances of cycling on the pavement in the High Street during the event. Positive comments were also made, in particular, about how enjoyable the event was and how quickly the clean up took place.
- 3.2 RH confirmed that there was no formal role for the Council and that responsibility for all arrangements was a matter for the organisers and DGC but that he would ensure that concerns were raised and request a post event review open to all residents.
- 3.3 JD that he would raise concerns with DGC officers to ensure lessons were learnt.

The MUGA

- 3.4 A number of concerns were raised, in particular, about how the project was being managed and the way information was being shared. RH confirmed that responsibility for the project including scope, funding, siting etc lay with the GDI and stressed the importance of all parties working together and communicating constructively.
- 3.5 SM confirmed that she would be in contact with HM on 14 June regarding the meeting arranged for 10 July.

4 Minutes of meeting on 9 May 2023

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 9 May 2023 was proposed by RD seconded HK by and agreed unanimously.

5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

5.1 Item 3.4 (MUGA) dealt with at 3.5 above

6 Gralloch Bike Race – Proposed Post Event Review

6.1 Dealt with at 3.2 above

7 Dumfries and Galloway Council Report

7.1 JD reported that DGC was making a significant investment in road improvements and maintenance and that Regional Coastal Benefit Funding had been awarded to a wide range of projects across the region.

7.2 In response to a query from HK, he undertook to advise arrangements for reporting dead animals/litter etc by the side of roads especially the A75.

8 Police Report

8.1 AC reported the following incidents

- assault in Masonic Arms, Gatehouse on 23 May 2023
- assault in Bank of Fleet, Gatehouse on 26 May 2023.
- speeding on A75 on 27 and 30 May
- email fraud involving someone purporting to be the secretary of a committee emailing the treasurer asking for money to be transferred to a named account; the email address was noted as suspicious prior to any money being transferred.
- man (late 40s/ early 50s. black T-Shirt, green khaki style shorts, grey hair, dark sunglasses, 6ft and carrying black back pack) entered house on High Street, Gatehouse on 2 June 2023 uninvited; when spoken to by the occupier he said he was looking for a neighbouring house but walked off in the wrong direction;
- speeding and possession of cannabis on the A75 on 7 June

and that Stewartry Community Drop In days would be held as follows

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Kirkcudbright 1pm-230pm and Castle Douglas 2.30pm-4pm

Friday 28th July 2023

Kirkcudbright Police Office 9am-1030am and Castle Douglas 130pm-3pm

9 Review of Planning Applications

FP reported that since the last meeting

9.1 there had been 4 decisions made since the last meeting:

- (a) permission had been granted conditionally for the erection of a replacement extension to the rear elevation, blocking up of a window opening, reglazing of the existing porch and insertion of a roof light, removal of one rooflight and replacement of six rooflights and installation of a glazed canopy at 29 Fleet Street, Gatehouse;
- (b) permission had been granted conditionally for the erection of a cycle shelter at Gatehouse Community Centre;
- (c) listed building consent had been granted unconditionally for the installation of an automated defibrillator device and cabinet on the front elevation at the Murray Arms Hotel, High Street, Gatehouse; and
- (d) permission had been granted conditionally for the formation of rock revetments to preserve the sea edge and associated planting at Carrick Shore, Carrick, Gatehouse;

9.2 there had been 3 new planning applications:

- (a) for the formation of two dormer windows on the south-west elevation of the dwellinghouse at Drumshangan Cottage, Gatehouse;

- (b) for change of use, alterations and an extension to an agricultural steading building to form a dwellinghouse, installation of a septic tank and soakaway, roof-mounted solar panels, ground-mounted air-source heat pump and formation of parking and turning area at Low Barlay, Gatehouse;
- (c) for permission (and for late listed building consent) for alterations including installation of replacement rooflights, replacement of a flat roof incorporating a lean-to porch, reslating of a roof, rebuilding of a chimney and replacement of leadwork and internal alterations at the Murray Arms Hotel, Gatehouse.
- 9.3 pre-planning-application information had been received regarding a Shared Rural Network mobile phone radio base station and 35 m lattice tower at Murrayton Farm, Gatehouse.
- 9.4 FP updated on the defibrillators as follows
- (a) Murray Arms and The Store now had both planning permission and listed building consent
- (b) The Kiosk was yet to be advertised (listed building consent not required).
and
- (c) confirmed that installation and ongoing maintenance were a matter for the GDI
- 9.5 RH confirmed a unit had been donated by Galloway Mountain Rescue Team and thanked Colin Frame for drawing up all the plans and for submitting the applications on behalf of the GDI.

10 Treasurer's Report

10.1 PC reported that the Admin Fund stood at £476, the Common Good Fund at £1090 and the Legacy Fund at £19,414.

11 Report from Gatehouse Development Initiative

11.1 FZ was not at the meeting on 7 June but updated that repair costs were awaited for the wind turbine at Rainton Farm before purchase discussions could go ahead and some final works were awaited for Cardoness Lights which would require a site visit by all interested parties;

11.2 RH confirmed that the works to upgrade facilities in Garries Park were being managed by the GDI.

<https://dumfriesgalloway.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s47237/SG%20Play%20Park>

12 Correspondence

12.1 BT Pole at Knocktinkle

It was understood that rights to object were limited to the occupier of the land or those with an interest in neighbouring land and that a request had been made to place the cabling underground.

12.2 Details of proposals for the Dumfries and Galloway Council (Various Vehicle Parking Places) Use and Waiting Restrictions) Parking Places Order 2023 together with plans showing the locations of the relevant parking places and a Statement of Reasons for the proposed Order are available for inspection until 30 June 2023 at:

- www.tellmescotland.gov.uk
- <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/car-park-order-2023>
- by arrangement (Contact Network Strategy Team on 030 33 33 3000).

13 AOB

13.1 Given holiday commitments the following changes to meeting dates were agreed

July meeting moves from 11th to **25th July**

no meeting in August

September meeting moves from 12th to **19 September**

13.2 RH reported that the Legacy Fund Launch had been postponed from 17 June. Given the limited response to the invitation, however, he would review with RD, AM and SM how best to go forward.

13.3 It was agreed that the GDI be advised that an application to the Legacy Fund could be made for a contribution to costs of £360 for repairs of Cally boundary wall

13.4 HK thanked FZ for funding costs of Community Centre hire for the coronation picnic

13.5 In response to a query from HK, RH confirmed that the Hamish MacInnes plaque would be ordered.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Next meetings 25 July, 19 September, 10 October (AGM)

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