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Meeting on Thursday 19 November 2015 Gannochy Community Hall @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Barrett, Dave Beattie(Chair), Jack Rivett (Vice-Chairman), Terry Myers (Secretary), Colin Styles (Treasurer), Ralph Anderson, Moira Bartrop, Maurice Gray, Peter Macdougall, David Nicoll, Brian Raine, Colin Goodrum, Eric Scott, Susan Morrison, PC Laurie Preston (to present the Police Report), and nine members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 20 August 2015:

Approval of the minutes: proposed by Colin Styles; seconded by Maurice Gray and signed by Dave Beattie.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Flood Risk at Bridgend Following PKC Environment & Infrastructure Committee's rejection of the £250,000 proposal for the installation of high capacity drainage to the River Tay, the Community Council asked PKC to review what can be done for a more affordable cost. Cllr Parrott will report on this at the Meeting with Ward 12 Councillors on 1st December, 2015.

Traffic Speed Monitoring in Gannochy. The violation of speed limits was taken up along with other questions from the floor during the presentation of the police report.

3. Tayside Police Report November 2015

The meeting welcomed PC Laurie Preston of Tayside Police, whose report is summarised below;

Youth calls Youth calls since the last meeting causing general nuisance at the old hospital at Murray Royal – left prior to police arrival. Drinking at QuarryMill coffee shop – group traced and alcohol seized. Youths on roof of Murray Royal Hospital – no trace. Youths smashing bottles at the park at Strathmore Street – no trace. Skateboarders at Murray Royal Hospital – left prior to police arrival.

Incidents of Vandalism Vandalism – to a parked vehicle in Potterhill Gardens between 1300 and 1530 hours on 21 August – door panels scratched - undetected. Vandalism – to a parked vehicle in Rodney Fitness Centre between 1000 and 1100 hours on 21 Sept – tyre slashed – undetected. Vandalism – to a parked vehicle in Potterhill Gardens overnight 20/21 Sept – offside and bonnet scratched – undetected Vandalism – to a parked vehicle in Potterhill Gardens overnight 25/26 October – rear of the vehicle scratched – undetected Theft – of lead from Murray Royal Hospital on 5 and 12 Nov – under enquiry. Vandalism – to ornamental trees in pots outside commercial premises in Main Street overnight 7/8 Nov - undetected.

Good work Two males arrested for theft of lead from the roof of the old Murray Royal Hospital at the end of Sept.

Community concerns As the officer completed her presentation, there came many questions from the floor, mostly on traffic problems, speeding in particular. Privacy restrictions require that the Community Council does not disclose the names of members of the public attending its meetings other than the elected PKC Councillors and Community Councillors, and cannot therefore, cite individual cases. But the strength of public concern was very evident, especially where it involved children having to cross busy roads, for example children approaching and leaving Kinnoull Primary School.

Problem of speeding in Gannochy

A recent PKC Roads Services survey reported: "Two short-term traffic surveys were undertaken at locations on Gannochy Road in September using infra-red counters rather than tube counters. The monitoring sites, each over a two-day period, were at the northeast to the north of Annat Road and at the southwest near Pitcullen Terrace. Daily traffic flows were 1,899 at the northeast and 2,071 at the southeast. The mean speeds were 26.4mph and 25.9 mph respectively. The 85 percentile speeds were 33.4mph and 32.4mph respectively. This traffic flow and vehicle speed data is similar to the surveys undertaken *following the introduction of the lower speed limit.*" This confirms the perceptions of local residents that speed limits have no effect on the speed of traffic. The Community Council is aware of the two aspects to the problem of regulating traffic speed: *calming measures* and *enforcement of speed limits*. Although they should go inseparably together, they come under different Public Authorities, PKC and Tayside Police. It was felt that these two bodies need urgently to collaborate over the solution. Cllr Barrett will bring this to Meeting with the Ward 12 Councillors on 1st December 2015.

4. Millennium Park Steering Committee

The Committee is an advisory body linking Bridgend, Gannochy & Kinnoull Community Council, tenant of the park, with Perth Left Bank Community Trust, which provides its stewardship. It is currently planning to form partnerships among organizations that have similar objectives and are willing to share ideas and resources with each other to the benefit of each partner. The Committee will draw from this collaboration new ways to: (1) extend the uses of the park for both the local and the wider community, and (2) build a dependable core of volunteers to take its development projects forward.

5. Murray Royal Hospital

Absconding Statistics for August 15- end of October 2015 From the medium secure perspective there were 196 episodes of escorted leave; no unescorted leave, and no absconding or failing to return from time out-with the unit. From a low secure perspective there were 401 episodes of escorted leave and 345 episodes of unescorted leave from the unit. There were 3 episodes of returning late back from time out-with the unit which amounted to 2hrs 25mins. These figures show that the MRH is well within the security target promised in its Planning Application.

Football Pitch The new football pitch is not fit for purpose. Planning Permission for the MRH Development was conditional on the applicant fulfilling a Section 75 requirement that a new pitch be provided. The recent Meeting of the Ward 12 Councillors agreed that it was reasonable to expect it to be of the same standard as the one it was replacing. The CC is consulting with both the Planning Officer and Chief Executive in order to have this omission redressed.

6. Planning Matters

Gannochy Trust Development No formal proposal has yet been sent to the Planning Department

West Bridge Street Application withdrawn: objection to its height and proximity to the bridge

7. Web Site.

A new website has been created. Web-master will initiate the new web team into up-dating the entries, and distributing the Minutes of Public Meetings.

8. Treasurer's Report for 19 November 2015

Millennium Park £2539.98 Community Council (General) £1490.14 Total £4030.12

9. Dates of Meetings in 2016: 18 February 19 May (+AGM) 18 August 17 November

Dave Beattie

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