

Gourock Community Council

Minutes from Have Your Say Forum 1900, Monday 16 March 2026, Gamble Halls

Present : Alison Dickie, (AD), Audrey Blincow (AB), Geraldine Harron (GH) Hamish MacLeod (HM), Giulia Canata (GC), Danny Cassidy (DC), Al Harron (AH)

Apologies: Cllr Lynne Quinn, GCC Councillors Susan Francis, Andrew King, Margaret Moyse

Also in attendance Local Councillors, Sandra Reynolds (SR), Liz Robertson from Stuart McMillan's office and representatives from Inverclyde Council, Janice Boyd and Calum McLellan.

Alex Fox, Heritage coordinator for Inverclyde Council shared his duties and advised the floor of a two week project surrounding the history of swimming. It is a project sharing the local history of Gourock Swimming pool with narratives, displays, and events hosted in the first 2 weeks of August. It will be hosted at Gourock Swimming pool.

ACTION AB noted that a local resident had been in touch regarding trophies and historical papers associated with the now defunct Gourock Amateur Swimming Club and she will be in touch with Alex to hopefully share the trophies etc with him to use during the project.

Local resident complained about the grass area at the bottom of John Street having become a local dog pooping area. Requests that a dog poo bin be located there.

DC also noted the poo issue on Cove Road. Issues also at the cemetery at Eastern View and we need to ask the Wardens if it is their issue to handle. Calum from IC offered to check reports of dog poo complaints and to find out who is the best person to contact.

ACTION GC offered to follow up with council about installing a poo bin in the location concerned.

GH mentioned an event hosted by St Johns Church regarding health and fitness. AB will email Teri about whether it was a one off or a regular meeting and if so, we can share on our socials.

ACTION AB

DC asked about the intentions of the Council regarding the introduction of the 20mph speed limit, when is it happening etc? Questions were also raised regarding the possibility of speed bumps being placed on Kirn Drive which we have not been informed about.

ACTION AB who will email roads department directly

The Forum closed at 730 pm

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1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Apologies as per the Forum. AB thanked AK, AD, and the many others who took over the Secretaries role whilst she was on extended leave. Introductions were made round the table.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the public meeting held on 16th of Feb 2026 proposed by GC and seconded by HM.

3. Wardens Report

No Wardens were available to attend the meeting.

ACTION AB to contact AK for updating asap.

4. Gourock Community Council Co Opt

AD shared what the Community Council actually do and how they are legislated to be the voice of the community liaising with council, residents etc. Our opinions have to represent the community and not our personal ones. We engage via social media, surveys, forums and other meetings. We are for 2026 prioritising a Caring, Accessible and Safer Gourock as has emerged out of ongoing community engagement.

Every 4 years the Community Council is voted in as the full council but in between we can invite volunteers to join us either as co-opted members or associates, as well as holding interim elections. Co-opted volunteers have voting rights and at this time we are inviting interested parties to become co-opted.

AD invited all the members to share a little bit about what their roles are on the community council. It was noted that we all wished to make a difference, that we are active campaigners and feel strongly in supporting our community and make Gourock the best it can be.

AD rounded up the conversation noting that we should never underestimate people power, all are welcome to join as a co-opted member however long they have been a resident and to get in touch via email or social media.

Calum from the Council explained his role in supporting the CC and that training is available. SR also shared that there was a column in the Greenock Telegraph sharing her thoughts on what Gourock Community Council do. Geraldine noted that associates do not need to reside within the Gourock community.

Requests for interest in becoming a co-opted member to be shared on social media. **ACTION AD**

5. Community Issues Tracker and Matters Arising

AD led us through some of the issues noted on the Tracker. Helping River Clyde Homes residents. GCC have had a result from our emails noting an invite to RCH offices to discuss the situation with regards to the increase in heating charges. They have also showed a willingness to come to our May meeting and have suggested an additional separate meeting with community councillors. Action AB: To confirm attendance and set up meeting.

Ensuring Cost of Living Safety Support – This is our May topic and groups have been invited to join us. Action AB/AD: To invite key groups.

Tackling local eyesores – updates offers on both Shore Street and Queens Hotel. Shore Street in discussion with planning dept re parking and Queens Hotel expected to be on site in next few weeks.

Cloch Road Petition and Western Ferries – A joint letter from GCC and Stuart McMillans office is being forwarded to WF with regards to the ongoing issues re traffic. Council also preparing a proposal for an emergency traffic regulation order to install passing places with resident permits and for resident and community council consultation.

Albert Road safety concerns – ongoing emails requesting updates with regards to speed surveys discussed. Council have now involved an independent consultant in Cloch Court visibility issue and CC awaiting the outcome of that report.

Supporting Transport for All – McGills have agreed to meet with GCC and dates being confirmed. CC will also be included in the meeting between Millport buses and Stuart McMillan MSP. **Action AB:** To set up meeting with McGills.

Embedding Children's Rights int Community Decisions – schools have been invited to offer their opinions and thoughts and several schools have come back to us with their ideas and concerns. **Action AD:** To be followed up.

Matters Arising – Local residents noted they had cut back overhanging branches on Kirn Drive.

GH noted too many trees at the development at St Ninians old ground. Agreed to ask LQ about the plans. **ACTION AB**

HM asked about RCH response to our queries regarding the consultation process undertaken. The meeting in the near futures will give us the opportunity to discuss this in more detail.

Calum from the Council updated us on the Changing Places facilities and confirmed that 3 locations have had the go ahead which is great news. GCC have not received any response from emails sent so have been advised to contact Oor Club, **ACTION AD: To initiate discussions with groups.**

GC offered an update regarding bin bags etc. Also box markings at Larkfield Road, excess signage and issues with the shelters on the front. GC to update at a later stage.

6. Garden Party

AB updated the room regarding the Gourock Garden Party and it was agreed to go ahead with a discussion in the near future regarding funding options.

Volunteer help was also asked from members of the community and a social media post will be arranged asap. Council officer also suggested funding paths.

ACTION AB

7. Have Your Say Forum decisions

All agreed from the earlier meeting.

8. Financial Report

MM unfortunately was not available but AB noted that she was rounding up all the accounts to mark the end of our year for the 31 March 2026.

9. Community Engagement

Nothing noted

10. AOB

AB to check status of Highland Games. **ACTION AB**

HM noted that the obelisk in the cemetery looked unstable. SR to check with Council. **ACTION SR**

GH noted there is concern over a manhole cover on Church St and she has contacted the Council, she will chase up. **ACTION GH**

GC updated us on the Big Clyde Cleanup.

11. Next meeting

There will be no meeting in April given the Easter break and therefore the next meeting shall be May 18th at the usual place.

Meeting closed at 2033.