

Gourock Community Council Minutes 20 October 2025

Minutes of the Forum and monthly meeting of Gourock Community Council Monday 20 October 2025 in Gamble Halls, Gourock.

Present

Alison Dickie (AD) Chair, Andrew King (AK) Vice Chair, Audrey Blincow (AB) Secretary, Margaret Moyse (MM) Treasurer, Al Harron (AH), Geraldine Harron (GH), Hamish MacLeod (HM), Danny Cassidy (DC), Susan Francis (SF), Giulia Canata (GC)

Councillor Sandra Reynolds (SR), Councillor Lynne Quinn (LQ), Council rep Janice Boyd (JB), Calum McLellan (CM) and members of the community.

Apologies

Stuart McMillan MSP

The Forum: Welcome from Chair, AD, and opened the floor.

- Resident enquired about the development of the old St Ninians site where work started but has since stopped. Cllr Lynn Quinn to be asked when she arrives at the meeting.
- "Local resident raised the fact that the yellow junction box at Larkfield Road/Broomberry Drive lines are unclear and often congested. Andrew offered to ask traffic warden re management of the area. He will also enquire about repainting of lines through Inverclyde Council (Gordon Leitch) to check repainting scheduled."

AB and AK ACTION

- Local resident pointed out that recent scaffolding on John St is a danger to pedestrians as it sticks out into the pavement where public walk. AB offered to visit and get details of contractor and make contact.

AB ACTION

- Resident enquired why no general waste allowed at Craigmuschat recycling centre. GCC to contact environmental dept at IC and request why general waste is not accepted here, what are future plans for recycling locally etc.

AB ACTION

- The new one way system at Kirn Drive was discussed with residents noting that signage was poor, dump trucks were travelling on both directions, other drivers, including delivery drivers, also ignoring signage, bottom of Moorfoot drive an issue turning left due to parked cars, Cllr Reynolds offered to take this forward with roads dept.

SR ACTION

- Reports re the round table meeting held about the ongoing issues at Cloch Road near McNroys point indicated that the released Minutes did not fully reflect the fuller discussions. GCC to invite Council Officer to November meeting to answer questions re Cloch Road, Cloch Court, other road issues. GCC to discuss with residents in advance of the November meeting

AD ACTION

The Forum closed at 1930

Gourock Community Council Public Meeting October 20 2025 1930

Due to the AGM, the Agenda for this months meeting is limited.

1. Welcome, Introductions an Apologies

Chair, AD, welcomed all to the public meeting of the Gourock Community Council for October 2025

2. Minutes

Minutes from September were presented and after one error noted, were proposed by AK and seconded by GH.

3. Wardens Report

AK advised that there were no wardens present and no report had been forwarded to date due to staff absences. The report will be forwarded to us as soon as possible.

4. Tracker

Station Land – The area of land by the pierhead has been under discussion for many years. GCC are concerned that plans are not transparent. The regeneration committee will be meeting on 14 November when more information may be forthcoming.

Open Spaces for younger community – a discussion took place on how a community space could be funded and supported by the GCC. CM from IC advised the various options open to us but at this point clarification needs to be made with what exactly the community wants. Agreed to further consult with schools to confirm level of need for a community owned pitch or whether it is just green space to play that is required. Also agreed to consult on what is specifically needed in relation to more children's sports/play spaces for children. **ACTION AD/AH/AB**

CM also advised that the GCC could meet at a school to allow a different venue for a meeting. We would have to go through booking office CM shall send an application form for us to use. Agreed to meet in a school and other venues. **ACTION AB**

CM discussed the opportunities for us to join the CVS community. GCC will revert on this.

Bus Issues – Cllr SR advised that herself and SM MSP had delivered hundreds of flyers reminding residents of options open to them regarding transport specifically the My Bus scheme. SR pushing for SPT to reconsider various routes. The present subsidised route is underused, and she is keen for the subsidies to support other routes that would benefit more people in the community. She is supporting a change to one route to allow access to the town centre and to IRH. There appears to be unreliable data for the town centre – McInroy's point service and McGill's are not being cooperative with regards to the needs of the community. CC agreed to action a campaign, including refreshed data, to ensure McGills expand the subsidised routes and deliver access to Gourock's town centre, particularly for Midton residents. AH and AD to progress with Cllr Reynolds.

Cloch Court/Cloch Road - Recent Minutes issued by the Council after the round table meeting re Cloch Road are not reflecting the fuller discussion. GCC to liaise with residents and IC to clarify accuracy of discussions and discuss next steps. Cloch Court -GCC to continue to highlight the priority of safety over one size fits all guidance. Pressing for wider access agreement and repainting. Request IC transparent sight of the prioritised list for the repainting of all lines. GCC to invite Council Officer to November meeting to answer questions re Cloch Road, Cloch Court, other road issues.

5. AOB

GC noted that she has spent money on the 'finish the jobby' campaign. Primary schools are working on stickers and various ways to publish the campaign.

CL noted there were internal elections recently resulting in 10 community councillors for Greenock Central, 7 for Greenock East and 2 for Holefarm. This is very positive news and indicates that 90% of Inverclyde is covered by Community Councils.

GH would like to action support of local men and she will take this forward (need to get more information to edit) Whilst noting November's busy agenda, CC agreed to GH's request of a November agenda item to mark International Men's Day. **ACTION GH**

Local resident enquired about what is happening at the old St Ninians ground as work seem to have stopped. Cllr LQ to report back. **LQ ACTION**

Cllr SR advised there would be a meeting of the Creative Regeneration group and they would be discussing the 200 year anniversary of the Comet II. She will report back with more details in due course. **SR ACTION**

6. Date of next meeting

Agreed to be Monday 17th November 2025.