

Gourock Community Council Public Meeting Minutes 17 November 2025

Minutes of the Forum and monthly meeting of Gourock Community Council Monday 17 November 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), Danny Cassidy (DC), Susan Francis (SF)

Councillor Sandra Reynolds (SR), Council rep Calum McLellan (CM), and members of the community.

Apologies

Stuart McMillan MSP, Hamish McLeod, Giulia Canata, Janice Boyd, Cllr Lynne Quinn

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

As above

2. Minutes

Minutes from October were presented and agreed. Proposed by SF and seconded by HM.

3. Wardens Report

AK advised that there were no wardens present and no report had been forwarded to date due to staff absences. AK advised he would get in touch with Wardens to clarify if any issues and get some updates. **DECISION – AK TO FOLLOW UP AND REPORT BACK, ACTION AK**

4. Focus Issue: The Wheels on the Bus...!

2 reps from McGills (Jack and Tony), came to the meeting which was much appreciated. There was a lot of discussion regarding the subsidies from SPT that are given to McGills that go towards a service that is not overly busy. The community need to have a regular service to allow residents from upper Gourock (Midton) to the town centre and/or to IRH. It was noted that this would unlikely be viable financially but looking at the bigger picture would McGills not consider the fact that other routes which are financially profitable and could cover any potential losses from the provision of a desperately needed service for the most vulnerable within our community. McGills noted that they have no control over which services are subsidised by SPT. After lengthy discussion the Chair thanked McGills for their attendance and input. **DECISION - MCGILLS WOULD MEET WITH US TO HELP**

SHAPE A BUSINESS CASE TO PUT TO SPT AND TO HELP UPPER GOURO RESIDENTS TO ACCESS IRH AND TOWN CENTRE. MCGILLS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE UPDATED DATA. ACTION AD/AH

5. Focus Issue: Local Place Plan

The Chair welcomed Inverclyde Council member, Katrine Dean who explained what a local place plan is and how we should consider how to move forward. Important key points are, how would something enhance, empower and aspire a community. We need to engage with the community, offer consultations, gather ideas, IC would offer support and guidance. AD asked what is the best way forward? AK noted that GCC needs to be heard within discussions. GH asked about funding, Katrine will revert back. **DECISION - GCC WILL DISCUSS FURTHER AND REVERT TO KATRINE ACTION ALL**

6. Focus Issue: International Men's Day

GH shared her interesting research into International Men's Day which focus's on men's positive contributions to society, community, family, marriage, child care, and the environment. She reflected on how men in the past and more recently at the Oscars, adorned themselves with flowers or brooches on their lapel and encouraged all men to consider wearing something themselves on International Men's day on the 19th of November.

7. Community Issues Tracker

AD updated the room with the latest information on our Tracker.

Accessible Gourock - working with Stuart McMillan with regards to supporting the ASN community. Update on embedding children's rights and ensuring safe spaces for all. **DECISION – CONTACT LOCAL ASN COMMUNITY TO ASK HOW WE CAN SUPPORT THEM. ACTION AB**

Cloch Road Petition – AD met with residents and some progress being made. **DECISION TO ARRANGE WALKABOUT WITH COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS TO CLARIFY SOME ISSUES AND ASKED COUNCIL RE TIMELINES FOR PERMITS AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS ACTION AB/AD**

Cloch Road -Ongoing issues with WF traffic being backed up every weekend. **DECISION RESPOND TO WF WHAT IS INTERIM SOLUTION AND TIME LINE WHILST WAITING FOR NEW FERRIES. NOTE COMMUNITY NEEDS EXTRA PARKING BUILT AND TOILET SITUATION DISCUSSED. SHOULD WE INVOLVE SCOTTISH TRANSPORT? ACTION AB/AD**

Cloch Court – request from resident to get updated list of road painting on a regular basis. Resident would appreciate a reason why council officers could not

attend a GCC meeting. It was noted that the 20 mph speeding restriction will be in place by March 2026.**DECISION TO DISCUSS WHAT NEXT STEPS ARE AND Cllr SR WILL WORK WITH OTHER CLLR'S AND STUART MCMILLAN TO OFFER SUPPORT. EMAIL COUNCIL TO REQUEST REGULAR UPDATES RE PAINTING AND COMMENT RE OTHER PARKING AREAS WITH LESS SPACE TAKEN. ACTION AB AND SR**

8. Forum Decisions

All agreed

9. Treasurer Report

Annual accounts audited and presented by MM. Proposed by AH and seconded by SF.

10. AOB

Need a date for dementia training and Feb was suggested. TBC

Water Damage on Albert Road, **GH to ACTION**

The Inverclyde Shed were awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Services which is a fabulous achievement and congratulations were called for.

Scaffolding on John Street was discussed and follow up requested by Cllr LQ,

ACTION AB/LQ

11. Next Meeting

December 15th 2025 TBC