

Gourock Community Council

Minutes from Have Your Say Forum 1900, Monday 15 June 2026, Gamble Halls

Present : Alison Dickie, (AD), Audrey Blincow (AB), Hamish MacLeod (HM), Giulia Canata (GC), Danny Cassidy (DC), Geraldine Harron (AH), Andrew King (AK), Margaret Moyse (MM)

Apologies: Stuart McMillan, Tony Sweeney, Cllr Ian Hellyer.

Alison welcomed all to the Forum.

What is happening with the mess at John Street/Shore Street. GCC to check with Cllrs Quinn and Reynolds for an update.

Kempock Street property update requests – the building that had some form of collapse last year, what is happening with regards to repairs? GCC to check with Cllrs Quinn and Reynolds for an update but possibly an insurance claim ongoing.

Bins along Cardwell Road overflowing probably due to pupils from Clyde View coming past over lunchtimes. Should this situation continue when schools restart then GCC shall chase cleansing dept for more regular collection of litter.

Callum McLellan from Inverclyde Council noted that there was a need for new members to get onboard with Greenock West and Cardwell Bay Community Council. Internal elections may take place after the summer. A general discussion took place with regards to GCC joining GWCB cc and Callum noted that it would be a long process and there has been no agreement regarding boundaries.

With no other business noted, the Forum closed.

Gourock Community Council Public Meeting Minutes 15 June 2026

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Welcome from the Chair AD, introductions from all Cllrs to the floor. Apologies as per the Forum.

AD reported that the GCC had agreed to welcome Christine Allen to be an Associate. Robert Kirkpatrick was also welcomed as an Associate and Scott Canning was in attendance with the intention of also becoming an Associate.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the public meeting held on 18 May 2020 proposed by HM and seconded by SF.

3. Wardens Report

The Community Wardens attended and shared their statistics. AK shall get fuller details in due course. Some questions were raised with regards to anti social behaviour in Shore Street and Cardwell Road. Wardens noted that there had been nothing untoward noted in Cardwell Road during their hours. Any issues past 1130 pm are directed to the Police. The Wardens hours are generally 12 noon til 1130 pm. The Wardens confirmed that the stats reflected actual reported incidents that were actioned against.

ACTION AK

4. Cloch Road Proposals – Minuted by AD

Community councillors and the attending community (which included Cloch Rd and Levanne Place residents) discussed at length the Council's proposals to address ferry traffic congestion on Cloch Rd.

The opportunity to do so had been promoted, with residents being invited to attend the meeting (7 or 8 households did attend) and/or email or message GCC. Importantly, all impacted residents were encouraged to write to Inverclyde Council to share their views before 26 th June. It was clear from the discussion and the communications received that there were strong objections and a feeling that the Council's proposals failed to address the key issue – the traffic congestion problems created by Western Ferries traffic during peak periods and particularly, ensuring access for emergency vehicles and the safety of all. Instead, it was considered that the proposals will create more problems than they solve. At the same time, and whilst acknowledging that the proposals were not ideal, there were also residents in support of the Cloch Road (not Levanne Place) restrictions. The very real concerns raised about the proposals included,

- ☐ The proposals were a disproportionate response to the issue raised.
- ☐ The passing place solution does not solve the gridlock by creating sufficient space for passing cars in this narrow and congested side of the road. This is particularly so when lines of cars are exiting the ferry terminal and joining the traffic heading in the Inverkip direction.
- ☐ There is a lack of robust evidence for the proposals and questions around the accuracy of the limited data provided. This included the number of parking spaces, an incorrect mapping of driveways and whether there had been consideration of garage size (no longer fit for a modern car) and house moves (eg residents without a car being replaced by those with a car).
- ☐ The removal of parking spaces would create a shortfall for residents and displace

parking issues to Levanne Place. It would also result in restrictions for visitors, carers and commuters whilst breaching accessibility guidance for elderly residents and others who, whilst not eligible for a blue badge, have mobility issues that would leave them struggling to park further away from their homes.

□ No clear alternatives have been presented by the Council. Some residents who attended meetings with the Council noted that officers did not regard the status quo as sustainable and alluded to double yellow lines and preventing parking from 68 Cloch Road to Dunvegan Avenue. The letter from officers about the proposals also seems to hint at such an extreme measure, which would create a whole new set of issues for residents, visitors and commuters. There is concern that the lack of clear alternatives does not allow residents who did not attend these meetings to make informed decisions, especially when it states, 'if we do not hear from you we will assume you are content with the changes to proceed.'

□ The plan to trial and assess the proposed solution in the winter when ferry congestion is much less of an issue.

□ The council did not include Farm Road residents in their letter drop despite the access issues experienced when ferry congestion and parked cars block the narrow road. It is a particular problem for bin lorries and larger vehicles.

There was a strong feeling about the lack of responsibility shown by Western Ferries in ensuring a viable solution. It was noted that it was the success of their ferry service which had caused the problem and yet, to date they have declined on a financial basis to consider car park extension and what is believed to be the best long term solution – despite their healthy profits.

A strong alternative suggested was to move the ferry queue further down Cloch Road, where it is wider, and to potentially install a mini roundabout. Previous responses from Western Ferries re Cloch Road have stated that they do not have the jurisdiction to direct traffic outside the terminal. They already do and it was suggested that the above solution should be considered by all agencies.

Decision: GCC agreed to communicate these thoughts to Inverclyde Council whilst continuing to encourage individual residents to also write to the Council.

ACTION AD

5. Town to Town Calmac Ferry

GCC welcomed David Clough from Dunoon CC to speak about the town to town Calmac ferry situation. The purpose of their plans are to discuss the possible options relating to improve the Gourock/Dunoon ferry route as at today; to consider the likelihood of these options and risks/mitigations; to propose engagement with the Community to establish which options would suit best. David listed the various options which included, do nothing, await Transport Scotland/Holyrood for updates, continue to lobby MSP's etc, Continue to support CGTL regarding asset transfer, replace existing CalMac service, or other options ie, a tunnel, or bridge etc. David would like us to support their surveys and encourage the community to take part.

ACTION ALL

6. Anti Social Behaviour

AD updated the room with regards to complaints from residents regarding anti social behaviour in Cardwell Road and Davidson Drive. GCC have written to various groups and have good responses. Cllr Lynne Quinn was meeting with RCH to discuss issues and would report back. The general advice offered to all residents

is to always call the Wardens should you have concerns. All calls are logged allowing date to be collected and referred to should situations escalate.

ACTION AB

7. Community Issues and Tracker

AD did a short presentation on items on the Tracker and updated the room. River Clyde Homes – Hamish to monitor that RCH reps attend quarterly meetings at Eastern View.

Cleaning Up Binnie Lan – Cllr Reynolds managing this.

Gourock Medical Practice – residents very concerned about the recent closure of the practice and GCC shall contact the Practice for an explanation.

8. Garden Party

AB updated on progress with regards to the Garden Party to be held on 20 June.

All looking good and fingers crossed for better weather. AB requested additional funding from main bank account if required. GH proposed and HM seconded.

9. Have your Say Forum Decisions

Nothing to note.

10. Financial Report

MM offered statements from the finances and all is in order.

11. AOB

GC noted there had been no progress with regards to the bins at Ashburn.

ACTION GC

AB offered thanks to the IC for helping during the past season and appreciated their work that is showing within Gourock.

Noted also that 2 local firefighters were given awards recently in recognition of their efforts within the community.

GC and AK thanked for their efforts with regards the restoration and painting of the shelters on the esplanade. They had ensured that the council repaint the structures with dementia friendly paints to ensure all users would feel safe.

Robert Kirkpatrick was welcomed officially as an Associate. Proposed by GC and seconded by SF.

Scott Canning was also welcomed officially as an Associate. Proposed by AB and seconded by GC

Meeting closed at 2110 and next meeting shall be August 17th 2026