

**Gourdon Community Council Meeting 7.30pm, Tuesday 07th
July 2015
Location: Gourdon Mission Hall, 7.30pm**

Minutes

(Prepared by Jerry Joynson)

Persons present at meeting:

Jerry Joynson – Chairman / Treasurer

John Gove- Vice Chair

Cllr. G. Carr

B O'Hare

S Wilkins

J Niven

E Gove

Others

I Craig

D Taylor

Molly Lownie

Margo Lownie

Charlie Lownie

No	Item	Action By
1	Welcome by Chair	
2	Apologies: R Joynson, G Ivinson, E Joynson, D McNeill, J Diamond-Shipp	
3	Police Report: As per Monthly report attached. Additional: J Gove updated re last year Brae Road incident after Party on the Pier re scratched car and stolen bike. Offenders were given 100 hrs community service. No fine was imposed. The issue of marshalls for Party on the Pier was raised and the question as to whether the offenders were banned from this year's event. S.Wilkins requested that police supply statistics for accidents and deaths on the A92 for last 5 years to see trends.	Emma
4	Approval of Minutes dated 02 June 2015 Approval: Proposed- S. Wilkins, 2 nd – E. Gove	
5	Matters Arising from Minutes 07 Oct 14: 14 Planning update - Planning Process concerning William St has raised issues which have been referred to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. July 2015: SPSO has upheld the decision that that AC acted within policy in terms of the process and will not receive any more complaints. CLOSED Additional 02 June 15: It was agreed that FOI would be raised re	

	<p>decision not to enforce and re conflict of interest (Planning investigating planning) July 2015: AC have rejected this and will not respond further on this issue - CLOSED</p> <p>Additional 07 July 15: Further FOI raised re build height and consent height with AC. Awaiting response.</p> <p>I Craig stated he was dissatisfied with AC behavior and their treatment of him. He further pointed out that none of the correspondence had been published on the website. Cllr Carr agreed that there were shortfalls in the planning system and that the Scotland Bill is lacking in a number of areas. Cllr Carr encouraged people to write to their MSP's. It was stated that councilors should write also. The Chief Executive has had the property pointed out to him whilst in the ward with reference to the issues raised re planning policy, approvals and enforcement.</p> <p>02 Dec 14: 9. Rodney's low wall, hazard, fence required, bus stop problems. July 2015: K. Smart /AC has looked at problem and agreed that a rail is needed. She is organizing proposal for the work and seeking approval for it. Awaiting further update</p> <p>Additional 05 May 15: H. Hall raised the issue of the new pavement on junction to McGill terrace (school side) causing a problem with Brae Road parking by pushing parked vehicles further out into the road and prohibiting a view of vehicles coming up the Brae Road when exiting McGill. Cllr Carr raised the issue that the new pavement there had not come before the Area Committee and that GCC should contact S MacFarlane in AC Roads Dept re the situation. July 2015: K. Smart /AC has looked at problem but no update. Possible she has consulted A. Wells on issue. Awaiting update. (note Phillip Lieper has taken over from D. Elrick at Roads Dept)</p> <p>3 Feb 15: Condition of Mission Halls steps, raised as still no repair action by AC. Cllr Carr advised to get AC commitment in writing. Suggestion was made for GCC to get quotes and perhaps engage M Fotheringham to look at the work. Ongoing.</p> <p>03 Mar 15: 8. Wind Turbines Noise -. As noise disturbance monitoring is ongoing, item closed until future update available. CLOSED</p> <p>16. AOB item 2. Harbour Signs/Info Boards have been re-secured through GCC arrangements as AC work proved inadequate. Item CLOSED.</p>	<p>Jerry</p> <p>Emma</p> <p>Emma</p> <p>Emma/ Jerry</p>
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	<p>Item 11 CAIR: This job has been re-advertised and so a presentation to GCC is unlikely short term. CLOSED</p> <p>02 June 15:</p> <p>12. School Access/Security: GCC were briefed by the Lownies (visiting) on their views as neighbours bordering the school re public access and potential security gates and fencing. Concerns were expressed about right of way and access to property. It was noted that feedback forms were available on the footpath through the school form a polypocket. Discussions highlighted that this was not the agreed survey method as previously presented. AC was to be orchestrating a survey to the community as a whole to canvass opinion. Right of way was still also to be established. Cllr Carr advised that until these things were done nothing would be decided.</p> <p>19. AOB</p> <p>Item 3. Possible subsidence on Lower Brae Road. Reported to AC but no feedback yet</p> <p>Item 5. Top covers of drains at Selbie. Now filled in. D. Taylor raised issue that similar issue at 32 Queen Street was raised at previous meeting but not minuted. To Be reported.</p>	<p>Emma</p> <p>Emma</p>
6	<p>Miss Angela Wells – Gourdon Primary School</p> <p>School Holidays – NTR. School sign will be restored by AC during holidays (Emma).</p>	
7	<p>Maggie Law (J. Niven) Visit Scotland 3 star rating retained.</p>	
8	<p>Planning Application for 12 new houses west of Brae View was highlighted. Although GCC is supportive of their build, it was noted that yet again AC Planning have not got vertical dimensions in the scale drawings of the application. People were encouraged to object on the grounds that impact could not therefore be assessed.</p>	
9	<p>Japanese Knotweed Update First spray done by council near Mission Hall. GCC is chasing Ryan Adams /Ac for reply on search results on Landownership.</p> <p>D. Taylor reported that AC has missed most of the knotweed when spraying. He has been advised by Tenancy & Housing Dept that treatment may now be by injection. Question raised as to when? Cllr Carr advised that Landscape Dept will have been contracted to do work. GCC to ask about timetable.</p>	<p>Emma</p>

10	<p>Art Project B O'Hare advised that some £2,300 remains from the Art Project (GIG) and was it possible to think of a village project to undertake working with an artist. J. Niven advised that she was meeting with Lynne Stephen (Tadpoles) reference the lower park play area development.</p>	
11	<p>Awards Update Bridget and Sally were presented with thank you cards by GCC in recognition of their long service awards.</p>	
12	<p>Summer Plants Plants received, distributed and planted. Great effort Bridget and Emma. Teams of waters required going forward. Some helpers already but more welcome!</p>	
13	<p>Summer Fundays Still no confirmation of the Climbing Wall for the 20th July. Cllr Carr advised GCC to contact Stonehaven to expedite</p>	Emma
14	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reminder to be vigilant for and report fly-tipping which appears on increase. 2. First Responders (Bervie & Gourdon) have met and forecast start date towards end 2015 as assets and training put into place. 3. I. Craig raised issue of strip of ground on Brae Road adjacent to 1 William Street and what is happening with it in terms of maintenance. Requested GCC write to AC seeking clarification 4. J Gove asked about derelict cars near Warehole at garages. Was advised that they were being used by youngsters for parts etc. Chair will visit to ask area kept tidy. 5. Gourdon Coastal Rowing Club Boat Launch Day Saturday 11th July at 11am. All Welcome. 6. Party on the Pier 1st August 	<p>Emma</p> <p>Jerry</p>
20	<p>Thank You for your attendance (Chair)</p>	
21	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 01 September 2015 at 1930 hrs Gourdon Primary School</p>	