

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held 2nd February 2010

Present; Dennis Gower, Eileen Connell, Malcolm Bartley, Elaine Allen, Val Kennedy, Teresa Forsyth, Vicky Fairley, Bruce Marshall, Tina Villiers, Janette Reilly, Martin Goldie, Inspector David Armstrong.

Apologies: Bill Williamson, Stephen Johnston, Jim Gordon.

Declaration of Interest None

Opening remarks

Val opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. She informed all present that Teresa Forsyth and Jim Gordon had put themselves forward for election on to the committee. Val welcomed them to the committee which now brings the number of committee members to nine.

Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting

Val asked if all had read the minutes of the last meeting and if they were a true and accurate record.

Proposed Val Kennedy

Seconded Malcolm Bartley

Matters Arising from Minutes

Baron McInturners Cairn Malcolm reported that the estimates from Craig McPherson and Ross McArthur have still not been received.

Roads As yet repairs on the road past the village hall have not been carried out. It was acknowledged that the recent bad weather has made any work impossible. It was agreed that the situation will be discussed at next meeting. The general condition of the roads were discussed and it was recognized that it would be likely that the freezing conditions would cause more potholes and deterioration of the roads. The present subsidence situation in Strone was

discussed and the question of how long it would take was asked. Bruce stated that he would look into this and try to get it moved on a bit.

Local Plan The public meeting held in the village hall to meet with the Planners from National Park highlighted the feelings of the majority of the people in the village. Feedback results from the meeting showed a majority vote of having no housing development and that the majority would like the Community council and Working Group to continue to represent the village in regard to the proposed housing development.

Police Report Val proposed that the police report would be taken next to allow PC Goldie and Inspector Armstrong to leave as they had business to attend to. This was agreed to. PC Martin Goldie reported that a 44 year old female had been reported for drink driving, also that a wheelie bin had been stolen from Ardentenny Hotel and if anyone had any information he would appreciate help with this. Inspector David Armstrong introduced himself as the new Inspector in the area and asked if there were any situations which were of concern. Dennis related that he had found a quantity of spent cartridges close to the picnic area. This had been discussed at a previous meeting after which Bruce had been in touch with MOD Police who were not aware of any reason for this. PC Goldie and Inspector Armstrong then left the meeting.

Caravan Park Sue Leverage_ (National Park) had informed that the caravan park owner Mr. Cartledge, had lost his appeal to have additional caravans sited in the park. A stop notice has been served in regard to unauthorised earthworks being carried out. Also that two sites of banking in the caravan park where earthworks have been carried out have to be re-instated as well as removal of the extra caravans which contravene his licence. Mr Cartledge has put in an appeal against this order.

As there has been extensive work carried out in the caravan park which has perhaps changed the original shape and form of the area , it was suggested that it may be beneficial to obtain photographs or evidence to identify the original land etc.

Malcolm reported that he had been told that the electricity cable which supplies the caravan park is not adequate for this use which could cause risk of

fire etc. It was suggested that Jim Rennie of the Council for Public Protection be contacted to ask that the situation is investigated. Elaine will do this.

Local Plan Thirty feedback forms were received the Public Meeting. The results were that the majority feel that there was sufficient information given before the meeting, the meeting was carried out fairly, the National Park's input was inadequate and that they wish the Community Council and the Working Group to continue to represent the village.

Three people felt there was not enough information

One person was undecided if there was enough information,

Five thought that the National Park statements were satisfactory.

The consultation process will begin on 19th February and will last for 6 weeks. A discussion took place as to what for this would take. Teresa informed that the Working Group will be meeting to discuss the next step. The working group will monitor the form and time scale Val stressed that each householder be furnished with information and that the proper information.

Bruce felt that, as there is a cut in grants for housing, this may have a knock on effect on the amount of houses actually built across the board. Dennis asked Bruce to clarify the process of planning. Bruce did this and stated that there will be a board meeting in June when the proposed development will be discussed, Bruce suggested that the Community Council and Working groups both put forward objections two or three days prior to this. Dennis and Val agreed to do this. Dennis asked if it would be beneficial to have the email addresses of the planning board and if they could be obtained. Bruce will get these for Dennis.

Eileen asked that all information regarding the proposed housing development could be shared among all members of Community Council and Working Group to keep everyone informed with what is going on.

Bruce commended Val on the way she held the public meeting. This was supported by all.

Malcolm reported that he had had an email from Peter Clark (Land Agent for Forestry Commission) stating that he knew of no negotiation has been entered into in regard to the sale of the paddock.

Treasurers Report No change since last meeting. £2192.59

Secretaries Report

Community Partnership:-Financial Management training held at Whistlefield Hotel. Networking Buffet held prior to training.

Inaugural meeting of Cowal Transport Forum:- To be held in Craft room in Edward Street Community Centre Friday 10.30am. Val will contact Stephen to ask if he can manage to go Eileen will also attend.

Report on N.H.S.:- Report on public consultation of Mental Health Services. Agreed that this will put on notice board.

Scottish Natural Heritage:- Report on Nature of Scotland.

Forestry Commission:- Provided copy of Draft Strategy Cowal and Trossachs forests for People also an offer to give a presentation on the proposals. It was felt that this may be interesting for the village and it was agreed that contact would be made to arrange a date. Suggestion that the next meeting which is on 6th April and is also the AGM would be an ideal time. Dennis will contact Stuart Chalmers to arrange this.

Grab Trust:- Master composting information. This will be put on website as well as notice board.

Councillor's Report

A & B Budgets:- Argyll and Bute council are in the process of constructing budgets for the coming year. Very large budget cuts are likely. Possibility of amalgamation of Dunoon primary schools, cuts in respite for older people and those with Learning Disabilities.

Bruce informed that a planning application has been made to build 4 blocks of 4 flats at the Finnartmore site in Kilmun.

AOCB:- Teresa asked why the road signs and bags of sand were still at the site of the bridge at the church, These had been there for a considerable time after repairs had been carried out on the bridge. Bruce will look into this.

Minutes:- Vicky asked if minutes of the meetings could be put on the website prior to the following meetings so that the people of the village can remain up to date rather than have to wait to have them agreed, proposed and seconded. She asked if they could be electronically proposed and seconded. A suggestion was made that perhaps they could go on the website as “draft minutes” before they are officially formalised. Bruce will check with Shirley McLeod for clarification.

Vicky suggested that the committee consider appointing a committee liason officer to be available to go round the village and make the Community Council more approachable. It was felt that this did not seem necessary as the meetings are advertised and the majority of people know what the Community Council are about.

Val will send thanks to National Park Planners who attended public meeting.

Next meeting 6th April 2010 at 7.00pm this will be the A.G.M