

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held 6th April 2010

Present: Val Kennedy (Chair), Bill Williamson, Teresa Forsyth, Elaine Allan, Dennis Gower, Jimmy Gordon.

Bruce Marshall, Pete Marshall, Babs Marshall, Vicky Fairley, David McDowall, Margaret Emmett, Chris Emmett, Ron Simon, Dougie Menzies, Mary Menzies, Brenda Cormack.

Apologies; Malcolm Bartley, Stephen Johnstone.

Declaration of Interest. None

Val informed the meeting that the evenings meeting would deal with immediate issues as there was to be a presentation by Stuart Chalmers from the Forestry Commission.

Adoption of minutes

Val asked if all had read the minutes of the last meeting and if they were a true and accurate record. Dennis requested a couple of minor changes. It was agreed that these would be accepted with amendments made.

Proposed Dennis Gower

Seconded Elaine Allan

Matters Arising from Minutes.

Roads Bruce informed the meeting that many roads in the area had suffered with the bad weather and heavy frosts. Argyll & Bute Council had brought forward £1,000,000 from the budget to deal with this. This money has

already been used up. . A figure of £40,000,000 is needed to bring all roads up to standard. The

George Craig (Roads Manager) has already had to put a stop to timber lorries using roads at Lochgoil and there may be further restrictions Portavadie, patching will be carried out. Two new machines have been bought to carry this work out but as yet they are not delivered yet.

Walled Garden Elaine informed the meeting that the Community Council had received notification that the Walled Garden has now been offered for sale with the community again having the opportunity to buy it. As the time scales for the purchase is quite tight, the Community Council members agreed that a Letter of Interest would be put in to the Forestry Commission on behalf of the village. It was suggested that a working party be formed to take forward the proposal as the time frame is very short. It was suggested that those who wish to be part of the working group make themselves known. Chris Emmett, Margaret Emmett, Dennis Gower, Eileen Connell, Teresa Forsyth, Vicky Fairley all agreed that they would be willing to form the working party. Bruce suggested that an open meeting be held to get the village opinion. It was suggested by Vicky Fairley that a survey would be more beneficial.

Housing Development Dennis reported on behalf of the working party that the consultation period ended on 6th April. As The Board of the National Park meet in June the working group will petition the board members prior to the meeting to put over the views of the village. It is also the intention that members of the Working Group and CC will again visit National park headquarters to inspect the responses. It was reported that the Working Group is now down to 4 members and, should anyone wish to volunteer to join they would be most welcome. Dennis thanked Vicky and Davis for all the work they have done to support the Working Group.

Caravan Park It was reported that there was no particular changes at the site and the Enforcement Order is still in place. Iona Hyde has reported that a T.P.O is being prepared to protect some of the trees on the site. Concerns were raised in regard to the safety aspect within the site as There appear to be no hazard signs

in the areas which are dug up. There also appears to have been a small landslip at the area known as Cuddy's Walk. A suggestion was made that the National Park be contacted to request that a moratorium be placed on the site and whether there could be deadlines of completion put on the work which is being carried out at present. Bruce informed that it may be beneficial to contact Jim Rennie the Public Protection Officer. (707125)

Forestry Road Dennis informed that the group "Friends Of A880" was formed to communicate feelings regarding the proposal of a road leading into Midge Lane being built for the use of timber lorries. Argyll & Bute Council and the Forestry Commission have agreed on using this road rather than using forestry roads which lead onto the A815. Bruce stressed that the harvesting of trees from Kilmun Hill may not be extensive in comparison with other areas. The high cost of (£600,000) along with the geographical difficulties would not be cost effective. Bruce gave the meeting the figures of the level of lorries which will be used in harvesting of timber. Margaret Emmett voiced concerns that the road between St Munn's church and the Cot House and is already subsiding and that additional lorries could cause this to worsen. Ron suggested that the planning application may be a vehicle to use to have this part of the road improved and a path put in.

Treasurer's Report The financial report was dealt with at the A.G.M. Tom Pearson has stated that he will continue to audit the accounts.

Forestry Presentation The non-arrival of Stuart Chalmers meant that the presentation would not take place. In his absence Dennis gave an overview of what the presentation may have consisted of.

Consultations Val reiterated that any consultations which come to the Community Council which may have an effect on the village are responded to.

Wild Camping A paper from National Park to explain bye laws on Wild Camping had been received. Dennis agreed to respond to this. Bruce outlined the situation at Loch Lomond in comparison with Ardentinny. It was acknowledged that the village does not want any deterioration of the quality of the picnic area where there is already wild camping most weekends.

Forestry Road There still has been no work to repair the road past the village hall to the beach. The delay has previously been due to bad weather but it is hoped that work can be carried out soon.

As there was no other business Val informed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 1st June to which everyone was welcome.