

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 5th October 2010

Present; Elaine Allan, Eileen Connell, Val Kennedy, Stephen Johnston, Dennis Gower, Malcolm Bartley, Jimmy Gordon.

Apologies; Bill Williamson, Teresa Forsyth.

Others; Rob Reilly, Jessie Crowe. Bruce Marshall, Inspector Armstrong, David McDowall, Vicky Fairley, Anna Williamson, Graham Williamson.

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Val opened the meeting and asked if there was any Declaration of Interest of any of the agenda items. None

Minutes: Val asked if the committee felt that the minutes were an accurate account of the proceedings. Several amendments were requested.

- At the April meeting a Working Group had been formed to take forward the possibility of the community buying the Walled Garden. Some of the committee members felt that it had been agreed at that time that the Community Council had agreed to pay for the valuation and this should have been recorded in the minutes.
- A vote was taken from the floor on two matters. Whether this was procedure was questioned. Val stated that, at that time, gaining the opinion of the people present was taken into account as well as the opinion of the committee.
- Postponing the walk to Carrick Castle until the spring. Agreement was not recorded.
- David McKenzie agreed to contact Forestry Commission regarding Riverside Road. Agreement was not recorded.
- Discussion regarding the Walled Garden should have been ruled Out of Order.
- That several comments had been missed out and that the minutes were not a true reflection of the meeting.

Rob Reilly suggested that the minutes are revised and presented at the next meeting. All agreed to this.

Police Report

Inspector Armstrong reported that in July there had been a report of teenagers damaging a boat at the picnic area. No arrests were made. On 15th August several campers were spoken to about their boisterous behaviour. At Cowal weekend a tractor was broken into and a CD stereo was stolen. On 22nd Sept there were reports of people in the hills with

torches. This turned out to be Commando training. Regular patrols continue to be carried out in the area.

Treasurer's Report

Expenditure	Rights of way Society	20.00
	Vicky Fairley	32.80
	Walled garden Survey	364.25
Income		Nil
Balance		1899.54

Matters Arising

Roads Argyll & Bute Council are continuing with Japanese Knotweed control. As agreed at the last meeting, David McKenzie is consulting with the Forestry Commission regarding the Riverside Road. Jessie Crowe asked that, if there are any difficulties which need reported, could the first contact be herself. She can then pass the enquiry to the proper person.

Midge Lane Argyll & Bute Council Area Committee may agree to a small area of land being sold to allow a portion of the road in Midge Lane being opened for access. No decision has been taken and the next meeting is December.

Wild Camping No major issues over past few weeks.

Lochs & Glens Copy has been put in for the next edition on behalf of the Community Council.

Carrick Castle No further update at present.

Horse Sign A & B roads Department have no recollection of a horse sign being put up. Elaine agreed to contact A & B to ask for a new one to be erected. Bruce gave the contact details for complaints. 01546-605516

Walled Garden The Forestry Commission consultation period has now expired. The next part of the process is the Evaluation Panel and it is hoped a decision will be made by the end of October. The ongoing process of investigating funding continues.

Village Hall This issue will be dealt with by Hall Committee

Secretary's Report

A & B Licensing Forum is looking for volunteers to sit on the forum.

The National Park weekly planning schedule is still being delivered to previous secretary. As Val is the Planning representative for the committee she agreed to contact the National Park to have the address amended.

A Planning application has been put in to build 11 chalets at the Whistlefield Inn.

Rob Reilly submitted a letter to the CC with 4 areas of concern in regard the Caravan Park. His concerns were, the sewage system cannot cope as there are in excess of 90 vans on the site. The licence has been breached by having more than 64 caravans on site, there are permanent residents, and the water system still has ongoing problems. He informed that Lady Dorrian, in her summing up had stated that the licence should be investigated through A & B. It was felt that A & B council are not doing enough to ensure that the caravan park is run properly and legally. Rob commended the representative from the National Park (Sue Leverage) who he felt was working hard with all authorities to get some resolve in this situation. It was suggested that contact with Sue Leverage to find out about the present situation would be beneficial, Elaine agreed to do this.

During a heated exchange Bruce suggested that there was collusion between Rob and Stephen to try to discredit Bruce. Both denied this. Stephen asked that this comment was recorded in the minutes.

Val summarised the situation by stating that the CC can support Rob if his opinion concurs with the wishes of the village but CC will also support our councillor in his effort to support us.

Malcolm suggested that we get in touch direct with A & B Licensing Board to raise our concerns. Val agreed to do this. He also suggested that finding out about the law regarding Council Tax would be helpful. Val agreed to do this.

Wind farm Lynne O'Keefe wished to pass on her thanks to the CC for supporting the objection to siting a windfarm on Strone Saul.

Changeworks. Val gave an outline of the project run by Changeworks in several local areas recently. This project looks at ways of heating homes more efficiently and effectively. Electricity usage monitors are available to use over short periods. There may be a further round of surveys in the near future when visits will be made to individual homes to review needs. Ardentenny may be considered in the next round.

Councillor's Report The council will have to make a lots of cuts over the next few years. There needs to be a saving of £40 million over the next 3 years. A budget meeting is to be held as well as an education review.

A large part of the council revenue is spent on pot hole filling. As yet the new patcher machines have not arrived yet.

There is a power point presentation available for more information on budgets. Eileen will print this.

AOCB Val informed Jessie Crowe (Forestry Commission) that there is an overhanging tree near the middle road on the right hand side of the road. Jessie agreed to investigate this.

Bruce asked if there had been any consideration into the use of hydro electricity. Dennis informed that he had been in touch with Alienergy. Jessie informed that there is a group set up within the Forestry Commission who deals with this. Jessie will contact Dennis with the information.

Malcolm suggested that the Ardentenny Hall Association is asked to contribute toward the valuation fee for the Walled Garden. This will be put on the agenda for the December meeting.

He also would like some consideration given to the privatisation of the Post Office. This too to be included in the December agenda.

Dennis asked that the political party Argyll 1st is discussed at the December meeting.

Stephen requested that the Forestry Commission put a seat at the Drynain (Glenfinart bus terminus). Jessie Crowe will look into the availability of one.

Although not in the Ardentenny area, Stephen stressed that the toilets at the Co-op are never open. Bruce will write a letter to the Co-op.

Jessie asked if there had been any decision on what name was to be on the new hall signs. Advised that she should contact the hall committee. She also wished to know who owned the abandoned boat at the picnic area. Advised to get in touch with MOD.

Date of next meeting 7th December 7.30