

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Mr Gordon Watson
Chief Planning Officer,
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park,
Carrochan, Carrochan Road,
Balloch G83 8EG

Dear Mr Watson,

Ardentinny House Hotel : Proposed Alterations

To determine the response of the Community Council to the submission for planning permission by Mr and Mrs W. Tierney we held a public meeting yesterday evening which was attended by over twenty residents. This was advertised locally and local people have of course been aware for some weeks of the planning application through notices placed in the village. We are grateful for the extension given by your office to the deadline for response.

The meeting gave unanimous support to the application. General opinion through the village has been that the hotel closure has had a deleterious effect on Ardentinnny and there has been a widespread desire to see revival of a bar and restaurant with appropriate accommodation. Closure of the primary school and the tea room here gave rise to clear changes in the demographic structure and the hotel's later closing has meant a diminution of the numbers of visitors and tourists to this area.

The plans drawn up by C & S, architects to the Tierneys have been available and the only questions raised at the meeting were on the possible dangers of access being very close to the road and the availability of car parking. We have asked residents to submit their own individual responses on these and any other points, but, again, general opinion was that the plans showed realistic and acceptable alterations. We are aware that, as a Listed Building, the hotel appearance should not suffer drastic alteration and this does not appear to be in evidence.

We look forward to a thriving, popular facility for residents and visitors alike.

Yours sincerely

G.D.Gower

On behalf of Ardentinnny Community Council

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