

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON June 12th 2012

Present: Val Kennedy, Eileen Connell. Stephen Johnstone, Dennis Gower, Bill Williamson,

Apology: Malcolm Bartley.

Others present; Roy Harrison, Vicky Fairley, P.C. Donald Mackay, Buddy Laporte, Isabella Laporte, David Robertson (F.C.) Gordon Blair (Councillor) Aidan Docherty (Actual Reality) Teresa Forsyth.

Apology; Bruce Marshall

Val welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by asking if any of the community council members had a declaration of interest in regard to the items on the agenda.

Declaration of Interest. None.

Minute of April meeting.

Dennis and Bill informed that they had both been unable to download these minutes when they had been sent to them so were given time to read through the hard copies provided.

Proposed Bill Williamson Seconded Val Kennedy

Val informed that there had been two resignations from the Community Council. Teresa Forsyth and Jimmy Gordon had both tendered their resignation,

Matters arising from Minute

As Malcolm was unable to attend, the item regarding the Shore Path will be carried over to the next meeting.

Road from village hall to picnic area will be discussed in the Forestry Report.

Ardentinny Hotel

Val gave all members a copy of the letter she sent on behalf of the community council in support of the proposed development of the Ardentinny Hotel. She will contact Gordon Watson (NP) to ask about timescales for comments.

Vicky informed that the planning application can be viewed and downloaded from the National Park website.

Val will put information on the noticeboard.

Hydro Power

Dennis informed that in an email received from Malcolm Crosby stating that a scheme in Glenfinart has been identified and a phasing plan was being devised but no work will be started in the near future.

There had been no response from the notice put on the noticeboard asking for interested parties.

Stephen outlined the present situation at Blairmore which may impact on Glenfinart.

Noticeboard.

The price for re-siting and lowering the noticeboard would be considerable. A suggestion was made that the grass and bushes near to the noticeboard could be cut down to give a better sight line. Aidan Docherty offered to cut this.

Police Report.

No reported crime since the last meeting. There has been substantial patrolling in the area and there has been an allocation of 30 hours through Operation Ironworks which will serve Glenbranter-Carrick-Ardentinny. P.C. Mackay and a NP ranger will patrol as part of this project. He reported that, during his patrols of the picnic area, most campers have been on good behaviour.

Pictures received from a resident of damage to some trees had been sent to PC Mackay and David Robertson. PC. Mackay asked that any the public report any damage to trees or property in the area.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the financial year 2011-2012 have been submitted and accepted by Shirley MacLeod (Area Governance Manager)

Bank balance on 12th June £2019.54

The Treasurer asked that a letter of thanks is sent to the Ardentinnny Hall Association in appreciation of them foregoing the annual hall rent to assist the Community Council toward the payment for the survey carried out for the Walled Garden. Val agreed to do this.

Secretary's Report

A Clydebreakers magazine was received which is available if anyone wishes to read it.

Critical Activity Recovery Plan (CARP) has been devised by Argyll & Bute Council. This is in response to the difficulties experienced in the area during the bad weather at the beginning of the year.

Councillor's Report

Bruce Marshall was unable to attend the meeting but had emailed that additional money has been identified to continue the work on the road from Stronchullin farm toward the village. It is intended that the work will begin at the end of the month-weather permitting.

Gordon Blair introduced himself as one of newly elected councillors for the area. He stated that the three councillors' will attempt to attend all community council meetings on a rota basis.

Concerns about the sightlines in the area was raised with emphasis on

- Bottom of Stronchullin farm (shore side)
- Bridge at Gairletter (both ways)
- Gairletter caravan park (Ardentinny side)
- Whistlefield (forestry road on the right)

A suggestion was made that slow signs would be beneficial at Gairletter bridge.

Stephen reported that there had been two engineering officials in the area and requested that their report is sent to the chair of the community council.

He further asked about the cuts in the bus service and if there would be any revision of the service to provide a request service to go up the glen on some of the timetable. There are no plans to change the timetable at present.

Forestry Commission Report

David Robertson acknowledged that the road from the village hall to the bridge, although the potholes had been filled in, this was not to an acceptable standard. This work will be redone properly. Stephen stated that, at a previous meeting, there had been a discussion about this road and that it had been said at that time that money could be found by both the FC and the NP to repair the road. David Robertson will investigate this.

The ponticum eradication is still on going with work being carried out at Knap

The replacement toilets are overdue but have gone through the planning process and FC are now waiting from approval from SEPA

Vicky asked who is responsible for the maintaining the path from Ardfin Avenue to the picnic area. David acknowledged that there needs to be some work done on this area.

Coronation Wood

Dennis Gower brought up the Coronation Wood and informed that this project has again been brought to the fore. Eileen explained the hall has been successful in making money from the soup and sandwich days and would like to give something back to the village for their support. This had been raised at their AGM and among some of the hall members and received approval. Dennis suggested that this project could be a joint one among the village hall, community council, and community trust. Val asked how much the match funding with the hall would be. As yet this has not been agreed.

A.O.C.B.

Val gave an outline of the 24/7 review which was held in the Ardentenny Village Hall. This was very poorly attended with only 2 people from the village turning up. The deadline for the vote for options has now passed.

Dennis gave an update on the progress of the Walled Garden. Work has started on clearing one quadrant of the area which will allow space for a shed and polytunnels. They are now looking for a horticultural advice. The security aspect of the space is also being looked at.

Aidan Docherty (Actual Reality) asked what involvement the Community Council had in having the tree used by them taken down. Teresa Forsyth explained the timescale and events which ran up to this. Once it was brought to the Community Council it passed to Argyll & Bute Council. Aidan raised concerns that, during the initial raising of the matter with the CC and the subsequent actions by other authorities, no communication was made with him to inform that the tree was in a dangerous state. It was acknowledged that this was not satisfactory and any future communication will be improved.

Aidan informed that it next October is 40 years since the first outdoor centre opened in the village and there are a series of events planned throughout the year. Ongoing negotiations are taking place with Argyll & Bute Council to enable Actual Reality to purchase buildings etc. outright.

Aidan was invited to attend future meetings.

Teresa brought up a concern by Steven Bradley regarding the Golden Cross moored off Ardentenny Hotel.

Mr Bradley had emailed Bruce Marshall about his concerns but as Bruce was unable to attend the meeting it would be held over for a future meeting. No direct approach to the community council had been received from Mr Bradley.

Date for next meeting and AGM

Tuesday 7th August.

Bill Williamson informed that an MOD representative will attend the next meeting once he has had clearance from the authorities.