

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held October 2nd in Ardentinny Village Hall

Present: Val Kennedy, Bill Williamson, Eileen Connell, Roy Harrison, Dennis Gower, Malcolm Bartley.

Apology: Marian Norris.

Present: David Robertson, David McDowall, David McKenzie, Vicky Fairley, Bruce Marshall, P.C. Donald Mackay.

Apology: Aidan Docherty.

Declaration of Interest None

New community councillors were welcomed by the Chair.

Minute of August meeting.

Several amendments were requested to the minute.

It was agreed that the revised copies will be distributed.

Minute of August meeting will be held over to December meeting.

Matters Arising from Minute.

- Noticeboard. Contractor has not responded to calls.
- Community Empowerment Bill. Community Councillor has responded to this on his own behalf.
- NHS. Possibility that emergency cover may be provided by Strachur. More information should be available over next few weeks.
- Golden Cross Tug. All information has been distributed to Community councillors.
- M.O.D. The chair will be the liaison between Ardentinny Community Council and the M.O.D. and will attend the next meeting in March 2013.
- Roads. Question was raised to the local councillor to ask why the money for road repairs is no longer available. An intense discussion followed. The councillor chose to leave the meeting. It was agreed that the chair would contact Argyll & Bute Council to ask when the road will be upgraded.

Police Report.

A public consultation survey has been completed. Concerns raised through this include speeding, bogus callers, anti-social behaviour at Shepherds Point.

The mobile Police van has made unscheduled stops over the last few weeks. Suggestion made that further scheduled arrangements are made.

Drink driving campaigns are beginning soon.

Treasurer Report.

Income	Nil
Expenditure	£20.00
Bank Balance (20 th September)	£2,299.54

Secretary Report

- Strathclyde Police reviewing optimum opening hours. No change at Dunoon which will have 24 hour cover.
- Ardentiny Hotel. Email from owners of the Ardentiny for the support received from the community council.
- Renewable Energy, Meeting to be held in Uig Hall on 24th October to discuss renewable energy. Iona McDonald (Energy Scotland) will attend.
- A82. Flyer received re upgrade of A82. After discussion it was agreed that we would support the proposal. Chair will complete the tear off slip and remit.
- Affordable Housing. Consultation document proposing that future building will include 25% of affordable housing. After discussion a suggestion was made that a public meeting to be held to ask the village what they wish to respond. Although not unanimous, it was decided that the time to object would be if a building proposal was instigated.

Councillor Report.

As the councillor had left the meeting there was no report.

Forestry Commission Report.

The Forestry Commission representative outlined several areas of work being carried out.

- Additional work on Japanese Knotweed eradication has taken place at River Finnart. Lairds Grave.
- Bridge at Carrick. The accessibility for horses is still being looked into.
- Rhododendron control continuing.
- Toilets. Still to be installed. National Park have given planning permission but SEPA still to pass them.
- Village Hall road. FC and NP have been in contact to clarify the confusion about who would pay for the upgrade of the road.
- Liaison between FC and the Secretary of the Bowling Club regarding the water issues involved in placing the toilets.

Bench at the Lairds Grave. Concerns raised that the bench had been

removed without consultation with the family who had placed it there. FC representative outlined the policy of not supporting memorials within their land. It is intended that an alternative bench will be put on the site.

Training Needs Analysis. There has been no response back.

Coronation Wood. Agreement reached that community Council will match fund with Hall Association.

A.O.C.B.

Sightlines. Bus driver has asked that the vegetation at Rock Cottage could be cut back. The chair agreed to contact local councillor to get in touch with owners.

Shore Path

Correspondence received from George McQuarrie –Scottish Rights of Way. The designation is inconclusive at present.

Next meetings

Business meeting

Tuesday 27th November

Community Council meeting

Tuesday 4th December.