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Minute of Meeting of Ardentinny Community Council
held in Ardentinny Village Hall
on Tuesday 4 February 2014 at 7.30pm

Present Val Kennedy, Eileen Connell, Dennis Gower, Malcolm Bartley, Roy Harrison, Marian Norris. Bill Williamson, Stephen Johnstone

Apologies Nil

Present Councillor Bruce Marshall, David McKenzie (National Park), Aidan Docherty (Actual Reality), David Robertson (Forestry Commission) Jeff Carr, David McDowall

Apologies P.C. Donald Mackay,

Declaration of Interest: None

Minute of December Meeting

The Chair asked if the minute was a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Roy Harrison Seconded: Eileen Connell

Matters arising:

The chair discussed the issue regarding the letter sent from Ardentinny Community Trust requesting a donation to the 'Walled Garden, and the reply from the Community Council as to why it was rejected.

Dennis Gower asked for confirmation in regard to whether someone who states a Declaration of Interest should leave the room, this has been clarified by Shirley MacLeod.

Treasurers Report

Expenditure	Benmore & Kilmun trust Herbicide spraying	£522
	Mr G Carr	£29.99
Bank Balance as at 25th February 2014		£1913.95

Secretary Report Letters received as follows:

1. Douglas Hendry Executive Director Argyll & Bute Council providing permission for Val Kennedy and Malcolm Bartley to continue in the role of Convener and Treasurer respectively.
2. Shirley MacLeod Area Governance Manager signed Constitution and Minutes from the Ardentinny Community Council Inaugural meeting.

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3. Email from Melisa Stewart Area Governance Officer concerning Future of Bute & Cowal Community Council Caucus.
4. Ewan Macnaughton BEAR Scotland regarding maintenance of the A83 trunk Road.

Police Report (Report Given by Secretary)

There has been 28 incidents within the Shores/Ardentinny area, most were related to road traffic matters. Only one resulted in a crime being recorded.

Ongoing measures are being taken to prevent speeding and anti social driving, if anyone is to witness such behaviour please report to 101.

In the local paper last week, there was an article published regarding "Rural Watch" for which PC Mackay is the co-ordinator for "Cowal East". Ardentinny falls within the designated boundary of Cowal East. This is a scheme run by Police Scotland and the Ministry of Defence in collaboration with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. The scheme aims to provide better communication between agencies and the community who work and live in the area respectively. you are all ask to sign up to the "Cowal East Rural Watch" via the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland website where we can exchange information of note to keep Ardentinny free from crime. This however is not a reporting tool and as such 101 and 999 in case of emergencies should be used primarily.

The Mobile Office visits continue timings to be published in the local paper.

Forestry Commission Report David Robertson reported on the following:

The new toilets located at Ardentinny beach now been connected to mains electric. New picnic tables have been installed, the filling of pot holes on the road in to be action soonest.

Marian Norris asked about the Nature trail and its potential removal, she is positive she could gather volunteers to help maintain the path and the hide if required, David Robertson explained that due to financial cuts the trail was no longer to be maintained but the trail would still exist. However David Robertson gave a positive response to the suggestion of volunteers. Decision on what happens to the hide not yet decided. Marion Norris is to write to the Forestry Commission regarding the Nature Trail.

Councillor's Report Councillor Marshall reported on the following:

Strone School encashment area to be extended

Roadside tree cutting, cleaning of road signs. Caucus Meeting 4 March 2014, Queens Hall closure for renovations delayed due to ongoing negotiations with local restaurant.

National Park Report David McKenzie reported on the following:

Community action plan funding.

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Argyll Mausoleum Kilmun (now renamed Historic Kilmun) visitors centre to open 12 February 2014,
Blairmore Village Trust to purchase the village green
National Park Board Members up for re-election David McKenzie to reapply for selection.

Actual Reality Aidan Docherty reported on the following:

Centre reopened after Christmas break Another busy period with weekend groups. Actual Reality is to start hosting groups to take part in the John Muir trust this is:

The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. It encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment, in a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration.

Beach cleaning will commence over the next couple of months.

The chair thanked Actual Reality for its assistance within the community.

Councillor Attendance: Attendance at meetings.

The chair outlined that this is a newly elected committee and she will monitor councillor attendance. members should ensure that apologies are tendered when they are unable to attend.

Knotweed Spraying: Jeff Carr introduced himself to the meeting and explained about the recent Knotweed course he attended paid for by the Community Council, he is now qualified to spray areas within the community which suffer from Knotweed,

Planning: There has been a planning application for 15 Holiday Chalets at Barnacabber Farm Ardentinny, and Glen Cottage.

Marian to send letter to National Park Planning office.

A.O.C.B

Bill Williamson Raised the issue of the Health and Safety of Coulport Naval base he is to draft a letter to be sent to the Convener stating his concerns as a member of the community, referring to the article he cited, the Convener would then pass the letter onto the relevant persons at Coulport.

Meeting Ended

Next meetings:

Pre-agenda Meeting Thursday 20 March 2014 @ 7.30pm

Community Council Meeting Tuesday 01 April 2014 @ 7.30pm

All community council meetings are open to the public.