

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN ARDENTINNY VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

Present Val Kennedy (Convener), Eileen Connell, Dennis Gower, Roy Harrison (Secretary), Marian Norris

Apologies Stephen Johnston, Malcolm Bartley (Treasurer), Bill Williamson

Present Councillor Bruce Marshall Councillor, Gordon Blair, David McDowall, P.C. Donald Mackay, David McKenzie (National Park), Aidan Docherty (Actual Reality), Sandra Tweddle, Neil Robinson, Adina Robinson, Anna Williamson, Lynn Kerr Norman Kennedy,

Apologies David Robertson (Forestry Commission)

Declaration of Interest: Nil

The Convener asked if the minute was a true and accurate record of the meetings:

Minute of August Meeting:

Dennis Gower asked why his request for details about an update regarding Coronation Wood hadn't been added to the minutes, he was informed that this was discussed at the Pre agenda meeting and as there was no update to add it was deemed unnecessary. He also wanted it minuted that he was unable to comment further about the minutes as he had run out of time, the Convener informed him he could bring any issues up at AOB.

The adoption of the minutes was put to a vote and was carried.

Proposed: Marian Norris                      Seconded: Eileen Connell

Matters arising:

Roads report: Traffic Police have carried out an assessment of current sight lines of the local roads and have identified a couple of potential issues otherwise sightlines are in good order. It was identified by some members present that the 'T' junction to the village hall has sighting issues, possibly due to the hedge the matter may be investigated at a later date. Councillor Blair is to speak to the roads department.

Treasurers Report: Report by Letter:

Expenditure: £20.00                      Scottish Rights of Way  
Income: £291.61                      Grant from Loch Lomond & Trossachs Country Side Trust  
payment for Knot weed spraying equipment.

Bank Balance as at 20th June 2014: £2055.56

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Police Report: PC MacKay reported on the following:

There have been 8 Incidents, but none reported as a crime. However there has been theft of POL and the theft of metallic objects out with the Cowal area, community to remain vigilant.

The traffic department within Dunoon Police station has had its staff allocation enhanced to: 1 x Sgt and 4 officers, commanded by an Inspector located in Dumbarton.

Forestry Commission Report Not available.

However the Convener had been informed by David Robertson that due to the recent inclement weather the planned cutting down of trees blocking sight lines had been delayed.

Norman Kennedy thanked Councillor Bruce Marshall for his input in getting the drainage issues on the road from Ardentiny to the Whistlefield prepared for the winter.

Procedure of minutes

A flow chart outlining the procedure for minutes was produced by the convener. This is to aid the secretary in producing the minutes and making the procedure more manageable for all concerned.

Proposed: Eileen Connell Seconded: Marian Norris

A vote was taken and the procedure was accepted.

Councillor's Report: Councillor Bruce Marshall reported on the following:

The Village road sign 'Ardentiny' has been replaced with a new one.

Hydro Scheme Councillor Marshall suggested that a Trust or S.C.I.O is set up in preparation for the money which may be generated if or when the Hydro Scheme has been set up. Funding for this may be available from Community Funding Scotland. Dennis Gower asked if there had been any further information from Ross McArthur in regard to the progress of the scheme, as yet none has been received as it is still in the planning stage.

Councillor Gordon Blair reported on the following;

That the roads department had recently purchased new equipment/vehicles to assist in keeping the roads and hedgerows in good order.

National Park Report: David McKenzie reported on the following:

Since the new bye laws were implemented in the East Loch Lomond area there has been a decrease in the instances of anti-social behaviour. There will be a consultation period between 13<sup>th</sup> October 12<sup>th</sup> January to ask whether the bye laws should be extended further in the East Loch Lomond area as well as the West Loch Lomond and wider Trossachs area. Additional sites have been identified where there is the potential to develop other camping sites in a more formal situation. Ardentiny may have the possibility of running and managing one of these in the village. More information is available on the National Park website.

It was suggested that the Community Council consults with the village about the possibility of considering either of the two options.

Live Park

The draft is out for consultation at present

Work will begin on Ardentinny Community Action Plan in the next couple of weeks.

Actual Reality: Aidan Docherty reported on the following:

Since reopening the Centre has been working at full capacity and there has also been the visit of Arts and Music groups which has proved very successful. The Centre will be closing between November and January, this will give the opportunity to continue with the second phase of the refurbishment. It is also hoped to have an open day for the local community next year. There has been no beach clean recently but this will continue when the centre reopens.

Planning Nil

Update from Village Hall

An EGM will take place to establish the future of the hall. Over the past few years it has been supported by less than half the village, and it is starting to struggle financially. Various members of the community have put themselves forward to help with the Burns Supper.

Update from Community Trust

A successful Harvest Fair was held which marked the closing of the Walled Garden for the season. A consultancy firm has been employed to look at the way forward for the Walled Garden. Councillor Marshall asked if there were any other projects being done. It was explained by the Trust directors that the Community Trust was reformed only for the purpose of renovating the Walled Garden and that they would not be doing any further community projects.

AOB The feasibility of recording meetings was discussed, but the Community Council decided to continue to use the flow chart method, trial it and decide it at a later date.

Dennis Gower commented on the Community Partnership Meeting which happens annually and is attended by Community Councillors, Community Trust Directors and Village Hall Committee and a report be made available to the community, he was informed that this has and does happen.

Dennis Gower asked for the Convener to explain why she had postponed the meeting until the 21 October, without any reason, at his insistence for a reason the convener informed him that a personal matter had arisen which had dictated her priorities, hence the change of dates.

The convener asked if there were any more comments from the committee. There was none

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Anna Williamson requested that the Community Council put in a letter of complaint to Actual Reality in regard to the speed the drivers of the minibuses drive through the village and up the

Laird's Grave road. As Aidan Docherty was present she also discussed the point with him. Val agreed to write formally to Actual Reality.

Anna Williamson also wished the Community Council to request from Argyll & Bute Council that the 30mph speed limit is continued throughout the village. Bruce Marshall stated he would contact Paul Farrell of the Roads dept.

Meeting Ended

Next meetings:

Pre-agenda Meeting	Tuesday	18th November 2014 @ 7.30pm
Community Council Meeting	Tuesday	2nd December 2014 @ 7.30pm

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