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MINUTE OF MEETING OF ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDENTINNY VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 05 AUGUST 2014 AT 7.30PM

Present Val Kennedy (Convener), Eileen Connell, Dennis Gower, Malcolm Bartley (Treasurer), Roy Harrison (Secretary), Bill Williamson, Marian Norris

Apologies Stephen Johnston,

Present David McDowall, P.C. Donald Mackay, David Robertson (Forestry Commission),

Apologies David McKenzie (National Park), Aidan Docherty (Actual Reality), Councillor Bruce Marshall

Declaration of Interest: Nil

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

Minute of April Meeting:

The minutes of the April meeting had not been accepted at the June meeting as Bill Williamson had asked about the authenticity of a report. The authenticity had been confirmed as correct.

Proposed: Marian Norris Seconded: Val Kennedy

Minute of June Meeting:

Agreement that, in the future, all pertinent emails will be shared by and with all CC members. Agreement that shared emails will be acknowledged by CC members to ensure that all members are aware of the communication being circulated.

Proposed: Roy Harrison Seconded: Malcolm Bartley

Matters arising:

The Chair thanked Dennis Gower on his letter to the National Park 'Live Park Plan'. However Dennis expressed his disappointment at not receiving any comment on the draft response.

Treasurers Report: Malcolm Bartley reported on the following:

Expenditure:	Audit Fee	£10.00
Income:	Nil	

Bank Balance as at 20th June 2014 £1783.95

Secretary Report: Secretary reported on the following:

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A letter received from Alan Reid M.P. to inform that he would be visiting the village on Wednesday 6 August. This would be to enable resident to pose questions and concern, there was no mention of where in the village he would be visiting.

Police Report: PC MacKay reported on the following:

There have been 8 Incidents, 1 which was reported as a crime, theft of Bose speakers from Shepherds Point.

Police Scotland currently carrying out a road safety campaign, unmarked police cars will be patrolling the local areas. The mobile police office is currently off the road due to lack of drivers, current driver off work because of ill health.

Forestry Commission Report David Robertson reported on the following:

Helicopter work maintaining local pylons has been completed ahead of schedule. Sightlines on the local roads have been identified and maps produced highlighting work to be carried out, this should last approximately a week and to be completed by September 2014.

Bill Williamson asked about the spraying of Knotweed as to when the optimal time was David explained that it is required to be carried within a small time frame and the weather can dictate as to when it gets carried out.

David met with Marian Norris regarding the conservation of the Nature Trail. At this meeting he agreed to keep the bird hide, at least for the time being, and to replace the squirrel perch and feeders so that food can be put out to encourage creatures for photography. Marian agreed to put food out occasionally and work with the forestry education officer to encourage schools and Ardentenny centre to use the trail. She highlighted the fact that it is now overgrown and can be a danger to people using it. David explained that finances are an overwhelming factor dictating the maintenance of the trail."

Councillor's Report: Not available.

National Park Report: Not available

Actual Reality: Not available

Roads Scotland Malcolm Bartley submitted a letter he has written to the Argyll & Bute Council asking was it only Ardentenny that had received notice about removing articles or rocks 2m from the verges or was it Cowal wide? He also asked that a letter be drafted to Police Scotland asking for the Traffic Police to travel the local routes to identify blind spots/sight lines and send a detailed report to the council.

It was also raised that legislation states that all verges within a 30mph speed limit should be cut monthly. A letter is to be drafted to Argyll & Bute council questioning this. Val Kennedy was to send a letter to Kilmun CC to ask if they had received a letter about stones on verges.

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Japanese Knotweed Geoff Carr has produced a suggested 'Standard Operating Procedures' (SOP's) for the spraying of Knotweed and a detailed list of equipment required carrying out this procedure safely and adhering to correct Health and Safety measures, the total cost is £423.00. Dennis Gower asked if Geoff could work in conjunction with Blairmore and Strone operatives sharing their equipment Geoff explained in an email that he felt this was unacceptable and would not do so for both personal and Health and safety reasons, this was acknowledge by all councillors. The Community Council thanked Geoff for his attention to detail and hard work producing the equipment list and suggested Standard Procedure, which would be discussed when members have had opportunity to study it.

Dennis Gower also explained that he had looked into funding over the past 6 months but currently funding was unavailable, approaches had been made to the MoD Community Covenant fund and the Community Strategy Fund. These had been applied for very recently and no reply had been received prior to the meeting. The Community Council will look at trying to find funding within the next 2 weeks otherwise the window for spraying would be missed.

Val asked if Dennis and Bill would approach Ardentenny Community Trust for funding. They agreed to do this.

Complaints Procedure A complaints Procedure has been produced and has been issued to all Community Councillors and is available to members of the community if required.

Village Hall/ Community Trust Report A report on the Village Hall and Community trust was given by Roy Harrison and Dennis Gower respectively.

Planning Nil

AOB Bill Williamson asked about the progress of the proposed village notice board, Eileen Connell gave an update.

Bill Williamson stated he was not happy at the Community Councils' failure not to minute at the previous CC Meeting how Councillor Blair had been treated by the MoD in his capacity as an elected representative for this community.

Meeting Ended

Next meetings:

Pre-agenda Meeting	Tuesday	23 September 2014 @ 7.30pm
Community Council Meeting	Tuesday	07 October 2014 @ 7.30pm

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