

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDENTINNY VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 07 April 2015 AT 7.30PM

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

Present: Councillor Bruce Marshall, David Robertson (Forestry Commission), David McKenzie (National Park), PC Walker Jones, David McDowall, Sandra Tweddle, Adina Robinson, Norman Kennedy, Merle Ferguson. Janette Reilly, Linda Naismith, Tina Villiers, Mary Dodds.

Apologies Aidan Docherty (Actual Reality)

Declaration of Interest: Neil Robinson, Dennis Gower and Bill Williamson, reference Item 14 (Complaint)

The Convener asked if the minute was a true and accurate record of the meeting held February 2015.

February minutes were adopted with amendments by Bill Williamson and Dennis Gower

Proposed: Marian Norris Seconded: Eileen Connell Minute accepted.

Matters arising;

Marian Norris commented on the previous Caucus meeting. Regarding the resignation of Max Barr as the convener, and the appointment of Willie Lynch as the new convener, and the lack of communication from Tom Murphy A & B council detailing village entitlements regarding hedge/verge cutting.

Data Protection; We have now subscribed to the data protection act and are now registered.

Police Report: PC Walter Jones reported on the following

11 incidents in the local area, 1 of which raised a crime report. Extra patrols are being carried out during the holiday season.

Treasurers Report: Malcolm Bartley reported the following

Expenditure:	Mrs M Norris travel expenses	£29.70
	Ardentinny Hall Association Hall rent	£120.00
Income:	Administration Grant	£415.30
Bank Balance	April 2015	£1968.55

Secretary Report:

Letter of concern was sent by Iain McInnes MBE regarding a confrontation between members of the Community Council and Community Trust/Walled Garden; the convener explained the reasons as to why a letter of apology was sent to Iain McInnes MBE.

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

C9, the road from Blairmore to Whistlefield, will not be resurfaced this year, roads manager was asked if he seen this road, yes he had and ditch repairs would be carried out as needed.

Tom Murphy had informed him that grass to be cut 6 X year.

There has been no update on speed limit throughout Ardentiny.

Toilets. Eileen reported on this.

A & B council are in agreement that the village can take over the cleaning of the toilets but a Minute of Approval has to be drafted and agreed on before this officially starts. A&B legal department are dealing with this.

National Park Report: David McKenzie reported on the following:
National Park - Your Park

The Your Park proposals cover three topics:

Additional camping facilities

Proposed new bye-laws

Areas where bye-laws will operate.

The public consultation ran from 13 October 2014 until 12 January 2015. The responses from the consultation are being analysed. Early indications are that responses, particularly from communities in the NP, were generally positive. Some amendments and adjustments to the original proposals are now being evaluated; a special Board meeting will be held on 27 April to approve the final proposals before these will be sent to Scottish Ministers in May.

National Park – Live Park

The Live Park proposal and consultation covered the development of the new Local Development Plan which will run from 2017 – 2022. The public consultation closed last year. A short additional public consultation was held to get views and comments on additional sites that had been proposed (none of these in the Ardentiny area). The input from these consultations has been analysed and a draft version of the new Local Development Plan will be considered at the special Board meeting on 27 April. Thereafter, the draft LDP will be released for further public consultation.

NP Personnel Changes

At the NPA Board meeting on 16 March, Willie Nisbet was elected Vice-Convenor of the NPA Board; Petra Biberbach was elected Chair of the Planning & Access Committee.

Forestry Commission Report: David Robertson gave the Forestry report. The annual Easter egg hunt went well with approximately 400 people attended. The Nursery field is to be fenced over the next few weeks with the possibility of leasing out for grazing. Questions were asked about 'rights of way for the public who currently use it. FC to look into 'rights of way'. Sight lines over the larach to be investigated and completed over the next 2 months.

The tree at Soldiers Rock is to be felled in 2 weeks but FC are still waiting to hear when BT will be available to take down the phone lines to enable this to happen.

Actual Reality Report: Not available

Hydro Scheme: Neil Robinson commented on the following:

5 Hydro schemes currently in progress or planning phase, 1 belonging to Ross Mc Arthur the remaining 4 belonging to Hydrover, steering group with 18 members has been set up with a public meeting to take place on 20th May

Defibrillator: Roy Harrison reported on the following:

The defib is now in place and is fully operational, training is to be given soon by local paramedic to those who have raised an interest. Flyers to be sent around the community giving details on the defib.

Official Complaint

A complaint had been received by the Convener about behaviour and disrespect by 2 CC members at the meeting held on 3rd February. The Convener reported that the complaint was also the view of the rest of the CC members, and therefore questioned the two CC members named in the complaint if they wished to apologise and give assurance that they would adhere to the Code of Conduct and respect the Convener and other CC members in future. Having failed to gain these assurances, the Convener said that her remit went no further and she would be writing to the complainer.

Update from Village Hall Eileen Connell reported on the following:

The Soup and Sandwiches have restarted and have once again been a great success. The hall is shortly to be painted by the Community Pay Back Team, and there is to be investigation into looking at carrying out major refurbishment to the hall.

Update from Ardentenny Community Trust Dennis Gower reported on the following:
The Walled Garden is to be a 'working group' within the Trust. The garden is now up and fully running through the summer period. The Easter event was a successful day. Councillor Marshall announced that the third sector trust had awarded the garden a sum of £1000.

Planning: Nil

AOB Merle Ferguson raised the issue about the Community Council and its role representing the community regarding HNAD Coulport.

Next meetings:

Community Council Meeting Tuesday 02 June 2015 @ 7.30pm

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