

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDENTINNY VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 02 DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM

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

Apologies Stephen Johnstone,

Present Councillor Bruce Marshall Councillor, David McDowall, Sandra Tweddle, Neil Robinson, Adina Robinson, Norman Kennedy, Victor Sandall

Apologies David Robertson (Forestry Commission), David McKenzie (National Park), P.C. Donald Mackay

Declaration of Interest: Nil

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

Minute of October Meeting:

Proposed: Valerie Kennedy Seconded: Eileen Connell

Matters arising:

Roads report: Regarding the sightlines has been delayed until the spring once vegetation has grown back

Hydro: Dennis was asked on whose authority he had in making contact with the Forestry Commission concerning the proposed hydro system, without the backing of the Community Council. The remainder of the committee deemed this was inappropriate and agreed that a letter of apology is sent to Ross MacArthur. Dennis stated that he didn't want his name to be included in the signature block.

Community Action plan: There is to be a Community Action Plan (CAP) meeting @ 1pm on the 12 December.

Treasurers Report: Malcolm Bartley reported the following

Expenditure: £291.61 for the purchase of Knot e=weed spraying equipment
£36.00 Paid to the convener Mrs V Kennedy for expenses.

Income: Nil

Bank Balance as at 20th November 2014: £1727.95

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Police Report: Not Available

However there has been a theft from Ardentinny Hotel, the community are advised to be vigilant.

Forestry Commission Report Not available.

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

The Village road sign 'Ardentinny' will be officially cleaned once a year. He encouraged the community in trying to keep it regularly cleaned.

Speed limit through the village he has spoken to the Roads officer highlighting reasons as to why the 30mph speed limit should be introduced within the boundaries of Ardentinny.

The integration between the health and social care service, which is due to take place from April 2015 and how it would affect the community.

Self Direct Support (SDS), and what 4 options are available for service users, within the community.

Marine Protected Areas (MPA), to be introduced to protect marine areas on both Loch Fyne and Loch Goil, from aggressive fishing techniques.

There has been a customer service survey of Argyll and Bute council during the year 2013 not a great response, highlighted was the lack of communication from the council to the local population.

Victor Sandall raised the issue regarding the Gairletter Bridge, the lack of warning signage and limited vision. Councillor Marshall is to speak the owner of the caravan site about cutting tress back.

National Park Report: Not available

Actual Reality: Not available

Ardentinny Campsite:

There is to be a public meeting on the 10 Dec between 2 – 4pm to gets some community feedback with possible options for the community to consider. Representatives from the Forestry Commission and National Park will be in attendance,

MOD Coulport;

Bill Williamson raised the question:

How are we as representatives of the community informing the residents about what is happening at Coulport?

The convener answered with the following statement:

We keep a good relationship with Coulport, and pass on all information given to us by them.

We receive and pass on warnings of any noise and activity to come as a result of exercises.

The means of giving warnings and passing on information could be reviewed e.g not just notice board - perhaps a series of emails to certain key members of the community?

it is not our job as community representatives to take any kind of political stance, or to report the individual opinions of newspaper reporters.

Members of the community are fully able to read newspapers and to make their own representations if they feel it is necessary.

The convener explained to those present at the meeting about the recent visit to MOD Coulport by 4 community councillors and the questions that were asked on behalf of the village and the response received and how beneficial the visit had been.

Vince Sandall asked about the percentage rise in the release of gaseous emissions from RNAD Coulport, he was informed that although he was correct, it was a play on facts and figures and the percentage increase was less than the original amount.

Caucus meeting; Marian Norris reported on the following:

Marian Norris reported on the Caucus meeting of Cowal and Bute Community Councils in November, and said how helpful she found it to work with other councils in the area for support and encouragement. Most councils send representatives, and there is a video link with Bute.

Discussed at the meeting were:

a) New Terms of Reference for Area Community Planning Groups with a representative from the Caucus group attending a Cowal group, so that Community Councils can play a more active role and improve the operation of Community Planning.

b) Car Parking; Dog Fouling; Public Toilets; Flowers and grass cutting; Japanese Knotweed and Parks and Play Areas – These had been raised at our request by a Caucus representative at the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group but were not considered as the Council's Amenity Services Manager, Tom Murphy offered to attend a Caucus meeting to discuss these matters more fully on 11th December. Marian will attend.

c) Cowal Cycling and Transport Initiative – The vision would be a cycle route from Toward right round to Ardentinny. The Chairman reported that he now has a copy of a BID Group funded report from a Tourist Consultant organisation. Money for cycling infrastructure is scarce and the assumption is that our only likely source would be Lottery grants. We are currently investigating what is involved in this process and how we can work together to facilitate the cycling route.

d) The chairman is to request clarification on the procedures for claiming travel expenses for community councillors.

Defibrillator Update: Roy Harrison reported on the following

A total of £2264.00 had been raised towards the purchase of a Difib and a cabinet to place it in, both items to be purchased shortly, the cost to be £2060.00.

Update from Village Hall

Roy Harrison gave an update regarding the recent Consultation day and that the attendance from the community had been good and that there were a lot of positive ideas and there would be a second consultation day next year. The recent Race Night had been a good success, and that a NPA grant had been submitted by the Community trust on behalf of the Village Hall Association, hopefully to gain some funding for a new cooker.

Update from Community Trust

Dennis gave an update on the Community Trust particularly about the Walled Garden and the forthcoming consultation/public meeting taking place on the 17th December.

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The Convener raised the issue about members of the community wishing to raise any matter for discussion to be put in writing prior to the pre agenda meeting therefore giving the Community Council time to research and to come up with any considerations if needed.

Malcolm Bartley asked Councillor Marshall about the 'Road corridor' the fact that he has obeyed the letter he received from the roads department, and feels that Ardentenny has been unfairly victimised. Councillor Marshall tried to explained the reasons why certain criteria's had been imposed.

Dennis Gower asked how the Community Emergency Plan was coming together, and he was informed that it is still in the planning stage but there will be a more concise report at the next Community Council meeting.

The question regarding Data Protection was raised and it was decided that more would be researched about it prior to the next meeting.

Meeting Ended

Next meetings:

Pre-agenda Meeting	Tuesday	27 January 2015 @ 7.30pm
Community Council Meeting	Tuesday	3 rd February 2015 @ 7.30pm

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