

9 Incidents were reported none of which were crime related. A new Chief Inspector Paul Robertson has taken up post.

Bill Williamson raised the concern of graffiti to an election poster with racist motives attached to the Village notice board and asked for advice; PC McKay informed him that if people felt they had been offended police Scotland would investigate further. The convener pointed out that the notice board was for Community Council business and that no political literature should have been placed on the notice board in the first place, Bill Williamson said that this was a 'shameful' comment, and asked for this to be added to the minutes.

The Convener mention the 'Clyde off Site emergency plan' the plan had been concluded and disseminated. A & B council refer communities to see their web site for details, a link to the web site would be displayed on the notice board.

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

Concern over the sightlines at Gairletter corner. The owner is content for the trees to be cut back as necessary.

A&B council have set up a new web site with information regarding the Social Partnership plan. Health and Social Care integration has been put back until April 2016

National Park Report: David McKenzie reported on the following:

The 'Your Park' proposals regarding proposed bye-laws and camping management zones has been sent to the Scottish Government for approval on 21 June; we don't know if and when they will be approved by the Minister. Live Park was approved on the 27 April and is now in consultation prior to Government approval. Community action plan 1st draft completed any comments to be forwarded as required.

Forestry Commission Report: David Robertson reported on the following;

The nursery field fencing has commenced, there is no official right of way, however CC can apply for Right of Way if required, and the field will go out for lease to be used for grazing. Looking at connecting the field to the mains water supply, to supply water for cattle and also to connect the toilets and offering the services to establishments along the proposed route. Rhododendron spraying is to recommence from Ardentinnay towards Blairmore. Local residents have been informed by the FC.

Roy asked who had responsibility regarding the dustbins on the beach as they get filled very quickly when campers use the beach, FCS have a contract to get them emptied. FC to look into the situation.

Actual Reality Report: Not available

Caucus Meeting: Marian Norris reported on the following:

Meeting to liaise with A & B council regarding the consistency of toilet provision in villages within the local area, parking issues and Knotweed concerns. Also the lack of sport pitches in the area.

Knotweed Spraying: Geoff Carr reported on the following:

He intends to conduct spraying in July, in 3 localities and that advisory notices will be posted in the area prior to spraying, indicating what chemical are to be used. Bill Williamson questioned the spraying and mentioned he had heard a rumour that National park were to take on the responsibility, this was denied. He also questioned the spraying of private land. He was informed that the policy of Countryside trust and National park is to eradicate Knotweed whether on public or private land. Bill Williamson questioned the monies spent on training and the way the convener acted. The convener asked if CC members agreed with Bill Williamson's question? The majority did not agree stating they were satisfied with how the process was carried out.

Rural watch; It was decided after a vote of 6 for, 1 against and 1 abstention that the CC would purchase 'Rural Watch' notices at a cost of £40.95 to be placed on the perimeters of the village, PC McKay would source the notices.

Update from Village Hall Eileen Connell reported on the following:

AGM was held the other week, there has been some major expense such as Hall insurance, purchase of 2 new cookers however money is tight. No one from the community volunteered to form a new committee so a management group was formed with the task of maintaining the upkeep of the hall, the Constitution had been updated to accommodate this. In the long term the possibility of refurbishing the hall is high on the agenda.

Bill Williamson asked what was the difference between a hall Committee and management group? He was informed that the role of the group was to deal with the upkeep of the hall, ensure bills were paid and, will support the community to organise functions. OSCR had been consulted and was content with the new procedure, provided the Constitution had been adjusted accordingly.

Dennis Gower asked if minutes of AGM will be circulated. He was informed that a flyer was to be circulated.

Update from Ardentenny Community Trust Dennis Gower reported on the following:

New PT gardener had now been employed on a contract. The consultancy firm are interested in supporting the walled garden in the future; work in garden continues preparing for a wedding in July. Funding and investigation into restoration of wall continues.

Neil Robinson asked for what other projects the CT has ongoing. Dennis informed him there were no other projects being carried out by the trust, due to manpower.

Neil Robinson asked when the next public meeting was to be held and if it will be advertised. He was informed that it would be.

Planning: Nil

AOB: The Convener asked CC members to consider the possibility of a CC website, she has been approached by an individual who would design one. CC members were asked for their opinions and report back at the next meeting.

All members are requested to submit any business for 'Any Other Business' at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting to allow time for any required preparatory action.

Next meetings:

Community Council Meeting Tuesday 04 August 2015 @ 7.30pm

All community council meetings are open to the public.