

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 5th April 2011

Present: Val Kennedy, Eileen Connell, Bill Williamson, Malcolm Bartley, Stephen Johnston.

Bruce Marshall, David McDowall, Vicky Fairley, Jim Robinson, Jessie Crowe, Gordon Donaldson, Liz Shortall.

Apologies: Teresa Forsyth, Jimmy Gordon, Dennis Gower, David McKenzie

Val welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She asked if there was any Declaration of Interest **None**

Adoption of Minutes

Val asked if all had read the Minute of meeting held on 1st February 2011 and if they were a true and accurate record.

Dennis had already informed of a few amendments. It was agreed that these amendments would be made.

Proposed Val Kennedy **Seconded** Stephen Johnston

Matters Arising from Minute

- Val had sent a letter of continuing support to Diane MCCheyne of Strone Parent Council.
- As agreed at the last meeting an invitation has been sent to the Fire Safety /officer who will come to our August meeting. Information leaflets advising on Fireworks and Animals have been obtained and will be put on the village noticeboard.

Police Report

There was no representative from the Police at the meeting. Contact to be made to ensure that they are informed of the times and dates of future meetings. Eileen agreed to do this.

Treasurer's Report

Malcolm supplied a detailed audited financial report from 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011.

Total Expenditure	547.05
Income	300.00
Bank Balance 1st April 2010	2,016.59
Bank Balance 31st March 2011	1,769,54

Secretary's Report

No correspondence

Councillor's Report

Although Strone School is not closing at present this may change in the future. There is an on-going review of state schools and the dwindling numbers of children in the area can put Strone School at risk of closure in the future.

Stephen questioned Bruce about the state of the roads and the whether the purchase of the Patchmasters have been a success. Val stressed that the roads can give a negative impression to tourists and that it portrays the village as a neglected and unattractive place. Bruce agreed to take these points back to Argyll & Bute Council.

Bruce reported that there is a proposal that cuts will be made to the bus service in Ardentinny. There may be cuts to the Sunday service as well as the service to Sligrachan cut to 2 runs to serve the school run. Stephen suggested that it may have been beneficial to consult with the Community Council prior to this decision being made. Several points were raised in connection with the cuts. One of these was what would be the position if the schoolchildren who live at Sligrachan have extracurricular activities. Would there be the possibility that, if necessary the buses concerned could be the same status as the late bus and be a request bus. Val agreed that she would write to the Chief Executive regarding the concerns raised.

Forestry Commission Report

- Jessie informed that the annual Easter Bunny Hunt would take place on Monday 25th April.
- Road contractors would be working on the road past the village hall the following week. Work would also be carried out on the track to Stronvochlan
- Steve Gillen would be beginning his patrols around the beach area at the weekend.
- Work will be staking on the rhododendrons around the Gairletter area.

It was agreed that Gordon Donaldson (Area Manager Forestry Commission) would speak at this time. Firstly he introduced Liz Shortall who has taken over from Stuart Chalmers.

Gordon went on to explain the difficulties experienced at the beach area when the long hut was taken down resulting in Ardentinny Bowling Club having no water so could not use the clubhouse. The water from the tank which fed the toilet block was unusable and could cause major health problems. Although the use of chlorine tablets could be used this would only be for short term use and the water would remain undrinkable. There were 3 options for the Forestry Commission to consider,

1. Close the tank and take the supply away.
2. Replace the tank
3. Put the water supply on the mains-a very expensive option.

In their lease agreement, The FC has an obligation to supply water to the Bowling Club although not particularly drinking water. Gordon informed that they are working on

reinstating the water and hope to have a solution as soon as possible. There has been communication between Forestry Commission and Bowling Club to try to resolve the situation. Jim Robinson put the case of the Bowling club and outlined the difficulties of the water pipe serving the club being demolished at the same time as the long hut. Jim expressed his disappointment that the communication in the initial stages had been non-existent but did acknowledge that, over the past week there has been a great improvement. Gordon agreed that there had been miscommunication and misunderstandings resulting in the situation but hoped that a resolution soon.

Val asked that, should there be any future plans to take down buildings, could the CC be informed in plenty of time. Gordon agreed that this would be done out of courtesy.

Bruce stressed that toilets are needed at Shepherds Point and should be reinstated as soon as possible.

Val thanked Liz and Gordon for attending the meeting.

Valuation Fee for Walled Garden

Malcolm proposed that the Ardentenny Village Hall Association should be approached to pay half of the valuation fee or waive the rent of the hall as part of their contribution to this. It was agreed that Eileen would approach the hall committee for their decision.

Other Agency Input

Bill asked that other agencies such as MoD should be invited to meetings to answer specific questions. Bill will contact relevant persons to ask if they would be willing to attend.

Community Support

A proposal was made that the community should have a formal support system in the winter months. It was suggested that, as a community, there should be support throughout the year rather than only the winter months and that we should be mindful of all residents no matter what time of year, age or ability. It was agreed to keep this idea on the agenda for the June meeting.

MoD Jetty

An email was received from Douglas Blades re the use or the demolishing of the old MoD jetty at Shepherds Point. It is the intention that this will be demolished unless the community wish to save it. It was suggested that this may be a project for the Community Trust. Val will contact MoD for further information.

Consideration by the National Park to designate part of the village as a conservation area.

In response to Dennis's letter to National Park re changes to the Local Plan, he had received communication regarding the above item. It was agreed that this will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Val will contact Dennis re this.

Renewable energy Development on Forestry Commission Land

Vicky agreed to send the necessary application forms to Val as they may require to be submitted as soon as possible.

A.O.C.B.

I.C.E

It was suggested that the information be put on the notice board re I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency). Eileen will get more information.

L.A.C.P.I.G.

Malcolm reported from the meeting he attended. A suggestion had been made that each community council will elect a representative plus a stand in to form to attend future meetings.

This will be included as an agenda item at the next meeting to ask for volunteers to take this on.

Cowal Directory.

This will be published in the autumn and Ardentiny Community council were asked if they wished to advertise in it. It was agreed that this would not go ahead at present.

Police.

Malcolm expressed disappointment that there was no police presence at the evening meeting in view of the recent events in the village. It was acknowledged that the officers could not talk about the on-going situation but that reassurance may have been helpful.

Councillors

Suggestion that all three Councillors from the area be invited to future meetings. Although previously Ron Simon has been invited to the meetings he has not come. Val agreed to invite him.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm