

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held 7th February 2012 in Ardentinny Village Hall

Committee Present. Val Kennedy, Bill Williamson, Jim Gordon, Teresa Forsyth, Eileen Connell, Dennis Gower

Apology, Malcolm Bartley.

Present, David McKenzie, David Robertson. Vicky Fairley, David McDowall, Bruce Marshall, PC. Donald McKay

Vai opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. She asked if anyone had a declaration interest of any item on the agenda.

Declaration of Interest None

Minute of last meeting,

Vicky Fairley had asked that her comments made at the last meeting were to be included in the minute. This had not been done and it was agreed that the minute would be amended to include her input. This was agreed.

Minute Proposed Val Kennedy Seconded Eileen Connell

Matters Arising from Minute

Right of Way on Shore Path between Coronation Wood and Ardfin Avenue. Malcolm was unable to attend the meeting but had left an update of the situation. He is still waiting for a reply from Scottish Rights of Way in regard to whether the shore path is designated as a right of way. Previous correspondence about this has been lost due to a flood at his home.

Police Report.

PC McKay informed that there had been no crimes reported in the Ardentinny area over the past 2 months.

There has been some storm related incidents which were dealt with.

Inspector Mosley had asked that suggestions as to how the mobile police office could be used more effectively. A suggestion was that, perhaps over the summer, an open door facility at the beach area would be beneficial. Jim suggested that there could be a supply of property marking pens could be available.

Treasurer's Report

Expenditure	Nil
Income	Nil
Bank Balance	£2,019.04

Secretary's Report

Letter received from Ann Galliard, Secretary of Kilmun Mausoleum Project giving dates when the Mausoleum would be open to the public. These will be displayed on our noticeboard. David McKenzie gave an outline of the work done by Ann in this respect.

Councillor's Report

Bruce reported that there had been £61,000 allocated for repairs to the road between Blairmore to Ardentiny. This has already been used to patch potholes in the area but the original plan of more substantial repairs to the road remains and it is intended that the money will be available in the new financial year. Bruce stressed that any damage to vehicles caused by potholes should be reported to the complaints department at 01546 605516 or contact them at complaints@argyll-bute.gov.uk Recent difficulties caused by the storm have highlighted areas which could be improved if there are any further incidents of severe weather.

The council budget will be announced on the 16th and, although there may not be cuts to front line services in this, service reviews will take place throughout the council looking at how services can be provided with fewer staff as well as how buildings can be better utilised.

The Queens Hall project will be taken forward after ratification at the next council meeting. £8.7 million will be spent on this. Bruce outlined the plans for this.

Bruce asked if Interloch Transport is widely used in the area. Their funding had been cut by £18,000 last year.

A petition has been put forward to get the A83 Arrochar to Campbeltown road upgraded. Information to be put on the noticeboard,

The A82 is to be upgraded and will be closed for 14 weeks. This will mean that, if there is a landslip on the Rest and be Thankful, our area will be cut off.

There followed a discussion on some ways in which future landslips could be avoided with several suggestions made.

Bruce was asked who was responsible for the trees in the area leased to Actual Reality as it was felt that some may be considered dangerous. Also a larch in the Drew Gray's garden was also thought to be dangerous and, if it came down there could be the same scenario of the phone lines being damaged, Bruce agreed to contact owners.

Forestry Report

David Robertson reported that there had been a lot of woodland damage affected by the storm. An estimation was that there had been 100,000 tonnes of windfall. Road clearing co-ordinating had been made more difficult due to no mobile phone access as Vodafone was unavailable,

- The work at nursery field still not done as Mr Cartledge has not carried out the necessary work on his property.
- Hedge cutting has been completed.
- Road to Stronvochlan. This has not been completed as it is now outwith the spraying season.
- Carrick Path. Stephen has not contacted Martin McFarlane yet.
- Hilary's Wood Engineers visited the site and have found the area acceptable for use but have recommended that the handrails are replaced and weight restrictions are put in place.
- Hydro pole This issue still outstanding.
- Shore Road. The road from Ardfin Avenue to Nursery Field is passable at present but is on the list for improvement.

- Landscape Architect looking at car part/picnic area and how the facilities can be improved. A suggestion was that cars are denied access to the circular driving area. There followed a discussion how effectively this could be dealt with such as a gate put up and locked in the evening, Val suggested that over the next season the situation at the picnic area is monitored before any decision is made by the Forestry Commission. Vicky suggested that the village residents were asked their opinion. PC McKay suggested that liaison with the Police Community Safety division might be beneficial. Teresa suggested that, as a committee we talk with residents to ask their opinion.

Dennis commended the FC for the work they did in clearing forest tracks after the recent gales. He reported that Malcolm Crosby had informed that a developer had decided on a number of sites. Other sites have been invited to note interest. As there has been no further contact since October, Val asked if the FC could look into this. David R agreed to email Malcolm Crosby. Bruce stressed that, if this is not taken up we may lose out on the opportunity.

David was asked when the Riverside Road would be repaired as it is in a bad state. He *will report* back on this.

David has available information leaflets and maps of forestry tracks and core maps. Jim Gordon has agreed to distribute these.

National Park

David McKenzie gave an update of NP work in the area.

There is an area network meeting in Uig Hall

The Local Plan will be adopted as from 16th February

Benmore & Kilmun Trust is involved in work with the Argyll Mausoleum but also the Archibald Douglas Mausoleum and securing the Tower at Kilmun Church.

David informed of the Vikings to Torpedoes Project. He agreed to email information to committee members.

Walled Garden.

Dennis informed that the sale of the walled Garden to the community is almost finalised and they are just waiting for the solicitors to finish the paperwork. They have applied for planning permission from the National Park. A Project Manager has been employed. They are planning community consultation for the end of March. They have applied to NP for funding for entrance gated and running costs. Permissions etc. have been sought from Historic Scotland.

Mike Russell and Ron Simon Scottish National Party have both been supportive.

Future of Community Councils

Concern had been expressed over the future of Community Councils. This had been discussed at the last area meeting and it had been suggested that CC's in outlying areas are quite strong and may not be affected. Scottish Government will be starting a consultation on the future of CC's. For further information the website the government website should be accessed.

Next Meeting 3rd April at 7.30pm