

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minute of Meeting held 6 August 2013 in Ardentinny Village Hall

Present Val Kennedy, Eileen Connell, Dennis Gower, Malcolm Bartley, Roy Harrison, Marian Norris. Bill Williamson,

Apologies Stephen Johnstone

Present Councillor Bruce Marshall, P.C. Donald Mackay, David McKenzie (National Park), Jessie Crowe (Forestry Commission), Peter Wilson (Actual Reality Managing Director), John Primrose, David McDowall

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Declaration of Interest: None

Minute of June Meeting

The Chair asked if the minute was a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Two issues regarding the minutes, were questioned and the minutes have been adjusted accordingly.

Proposed: Eileen Connell Seconded: Malcolm Bartley

Treasurer's Report Malcolm Bartley asked why he had received details from Argyll & Bute Council regarding why the yearly accounts had not been submitted and that they had contacted the Community Council asking for them. He had not received notification and asked if any other member had been notified. No member said they had been.

Secretary Report 2 Letters had been received: via The Chair,

- a. John Primrose, regarding the blockage of the slipway by Actual Reality
- b. Claire Stone, regarding the large areas of Himalayan Knotweed, growing to the rear of her house on land owned by Mr Gauld & Mr Ellbogen.

Police Report PC MacKay reported on the following:

There had been 10 incidents concerning members of the public. 3 of which have created a crime report:

Careless driving x 2

2 Outboard motors stolen from Gairletter caravan site

2 fires on Shepherds Point.

PC Mackay reported that trail bikes have been using the local 'off route areas' without the landowner's permission. He encouraged members of the community to report to the police any sightings of Trail Bikers using off route areas including Forestry Commission roads.

Bogus workmen operating in the local area, community to be aware and vigilant and to report anything suspicious.

Forestry Commission Report Jessie Crowe reported on the following:

The FC road to Ardentinny beach soon to be resurfaced delivery for Tarmac was to be soonest.

Rhododendron removal is ongoing.

FC are awaiting news from Ross McArthur regarding the cutting of the Nursery Field.

The Toilet filter for the water supply to the toilets on the beach has been blocked work is ongoing to resolve this.

Councillor Report Councillor Marshall reported on the following:

Had the road signs for the Larach been replaced if not he would be looking into it.

Argyll & Bute Council are to have a workshop to look at financial cuts. Grass/hedge cutting services in the local area and beyond to be reduced by 20% saving Approx £116,000

Public Conveniences are to either close down or to be handed over to the local community to managed on a daily basis as a cost cutting exercise. This includes the toilets in Ardentinny car park, there needs to be a discussion as to whether Ardentinny as a community will maintain these or they will be closed down by the end of August. Community Council is requested to inform Councillor Marshall by the end of August with a decision.

National Park Report David McKenzie reported on the following:

Community Planning Day Information is to be gathered on what needs to be raised in the Local Plan. Community input is strongly required for the good and future of the community.

Actual Reality The Managing Director Peter Wilson Reported on the following:

Peter Wilson introduced himself to the Community Council and guests and was made welcome by The Chair.

He presented an outline of current activity with the centre now based solely in Ardentinny having moved from Toward, and to be up and fully running from the 19 August with the first group of children returning to the centre. There is to be 24 full time positions and 4 part time positions.

The Community Council welcomed Actual Reality back to the village:

Slipway report A letter was sent from the Chair to Dr. Mason of Actual Reality about the use of the slipway by the community. An Email response was received from Dr. Mason confirming what the Community Council had been seeking. The chair replied thanking him for his assistance. Points raised by Mr John primrose in a letter was also discussed and the matter was resolved. Peter Wilson highlighted that the centre would ensure the slipway was to be kept clear at all times and should there be any issues in the future to contact him.

Project Funding A decision was to made as to whether the Walled Garden was to receive funds from the Community Council, however Members of the Community Council who have a conflict of interest belonging to both the Ardentinny Community Trust and

Community Council refused to leave the room so a decision could not be reached and will therefore be passed over until the next meeting.

Marian Norris has been asked to contact the Forestry Commission regarding the purchase of a large pictorial notice board for the village, to ascertain the cost of having one made.

The Pre action day meeting is to be held on the 29 August to discuss the organisation of a consultation, at the request of the National Park Authority, on the review of the Local Action Plan, with the Community Trust, Village Hall Committee and other local village representatives.

A.O.C.B The Chair asked if the Village Hall and Walled Garden could produce a 2 monthly report on what is happening within their organisations, designed to keep the local community informed. This was agreed by both parties.

It was decided that the Community Council should go ahead and register as required under the data Protection Act at a cost of £35. Subject to further inquiry.

The Community Council discussed the letter from Mrs Stone about the Himalayan Knotweed situation and would be supporting her by writing a letter to Mr Gauld.

Meeting Ended

Next meetings:

Business Meeting	Tuesday 17 September 2013
Community Council Meeting	Tuesday 1 October 2013.