

**Minute of Meeting of Ardentinny Community Council**  
**held in Ardentinny Village Hall**  
**on Tuesday 3 December 2013 at 7.30pm**

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

Apologies Stephen Johnstone

Present Councillor Bruce Marshall, David McKenzie (National Park), Aidan Docherty (Actual Reality), Lynn Kerr, Janette Reilly, Jim Robinson, Vicky Fairley

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

Declaration of Interest: None

Minute of October Meeting

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

Proposed: Marian Norris      Seconded: Val Kennedy

Matters arising:

At the inaugural meeting held on 28 November 2013 chaired by Shirley MacLeod on behalf of the Returning officer, it was agreed to appoint Val Kennedy as Convener of the Community Council and Malcolm Bartley as Treasurer, despite their time served in these roles. Shirley MacLeod advised that it is general practice in circumstances where there was only one nominee for a role a letter to Douglas Hendry could to be sent to authorise the continuation of office beyond the two terms recommended. It was agreed that the length of service would be checked and if required a letter would be sent.

At the Community Council meeting two Community Councillors raised concerns in regards to Val Kennedy and Malcolm Bartley's continuing role as Convener and Treasurer due to time served, despite this being addressed at the inaugural meeting. It was agreed that the Community Councillors took a vote for them to continue in current roles which was carried. Marian Norris is to write to Douglas Hendry (Argyll and Bute Council) for confirmation as suggested by Shirley MacLeod.

It was agreed to go ahead with the Data Protection registration on the advice of Shirley MacLeod.

Treasurers Report

Expenditure	Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland	£25
Income	Administration Grant	£315.70
Bank Balance as at 25th October 2013		£2.465.94

Secretary Report      Letters had been received: via The Chair,

1. Reply received from Ardentinny Community Trust acknowledging receipt of letter from

Community Council turning down ACT's request for monies and the reasons for that decision. Two community councillors wished the reasons to be explained more fully as they felt it was not explained in the minute of the October meeting. As this should have arisen in matters arising and the minute had already been agreed, it was suggested that, should there be adequate time at AOCB there could be further discussion then.

2. Police Scotland The changes in public counter service provision in rural areas were outlined. At present there are no changes to the service in Dunoon.
3. Traffic Warden review Changes regarding how parking etc, will be dealt with. Decriminalisation of parking offences with A & B overseeing the traffic management next year.

Police Report	No Report Available
Forestry Commission Report	No Report Available

Local residents asked about the state of the Nature Trail and about the newly constructed gates and the financial aspects. Marian Norris is to write to FC on behalf of the community.

Councillor's Report      Councillor Marshall reported on the following:

Riverside road              Road not in good condition with a lot of potholes. Forestry Commission were to do repairs a few months ago but nothing done yet. Marian will include this in her letter to FC

Traffic management, traffic wardens in Bute & Cowal areas. Councillor reiterated what had been said in secretary report.

Amenity services savings, Budget cuts continue to affect many local services e.g how often the verges will be cut etc.

Local toilets. The toilets at the church car park will not close in February.

Care firms. A & B Council acknowledge that some care firms are not working to their full potential in providing care for vulnerable people in the area. Mike Breslin is looking into how improvements can be made.

National Park Report              David McKenzie reported on the following:

Restoration of the Argyll Mausoleum Kilmun. David also explained the outcome of the application for the Community Grant which both the Community Council and the Ardentinn Community Trust applied for and failed to achieve due to two applications from one Community. Written rules state Community can only submit the one application.

The chair thanked the village for its attendance and input at the National Park action day. Also the Community Councillors who helped to organise the event. David McKenzie reinforced this with his thanks.

Actual Reality              Aidan Docherty reported on the following:

A good opening term, a beach clean was recently carried out and up to another five to be carried out over the next twelve months by centre residents.

A safety zone around the slipway of 100ms is to be placed an exclusion zone for moorings and safe zone

for centre residents.

The chair spoke about the need for signage warning of children crossing the local roads, Councillor Marshall said he would pursue.

Pictorial Notice board                      Marion Norris reported on the following:

Marion has written to three possible suppliers asking for quotations written quotes have been returned. Due to the Community Grant being unsuccessful the notice board is currently on hold.

Planning

An application for the building of three houses at the 'Anchorage' has been submitted.

A.O.C.B

Newsletter circulated as an update from A.C.T.  
Report given from Ardentenny Hall Association

It is recognised that some community groups could be working together in a more positive way. It is intended that they all work together to compile a Community Action Plan. Councillor Marshall suggested that David McKenzie could chair this group.

The chair was pleased that Ardentenny Community Trust attended the Community Partnership Meeting and congratulated them on the Walled Gardens award.

Meeting Ended

Next meetings:

Pre-agenda Meeting	Thursday	23rd January 2014 @ 7.30pm
Community Council Meeting	Tuesday	4th February 2014 @ 7.30pm

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