

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of meeting held 5th April 2016

Present; Marian Norris, Eileen Connell, Neil Robinson, Malcolm Bartley, Val Kennedy.
Apologies; Aidan Docherty, PC Donald McKay
Others; Bruce Marshall, David Robertson David McKenzie.
Members of public; Mary Dodds, Sandra Tweddle, Vicky Fairley, David McDowall.

As Acting Convener, Marian welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone had a Declaration of Interest in regard to items on the agenda. None

She informed that Dennis Gower had resigned from the CC and acknowledged his support and work for the CC over the past years.

Marian asked if there was anything for AOB. None

Police Report

PC McKay was unable to attend but will send a report which the secretary will send to all CC members.

Minutes of January meeting

Amendments had been forwarded to the secretary and appropriate amendments done.

Proposed Neil Robinson Seconded Malcolm Bartley Minute Adopted

Matters Arising

Bill Williamson had requested copies of emails received from Community Partnership and Ardentinn Conservation & Heritage Group. The secretary has sent these to him.

Treasurers Report

Expenditure	Data Protection Insurance	£33.00
	Hall rental	£108.00
Bank balance on 8 th March		£1,916.23

Malcolm asked about information he received from A&B regarding funding but will this will be investigated further.

Correspondence.

All correspondence received has already been shared with the CC members.

Forestry Commission Report.

- Someone has expressed an interest in leasing the nursery field. At present David has no final details but it is understood that it is likely to be used for sheep grazing.
- The water mains development proposed for the beach area and would be beneficial to the Walled Garden and Bowling Club was put in hold last year due to financial cutbacks and at the moment there is not likely to take place in the short term.
- The FC put on the annual Easter Event and was a successful event although not as many people as last year. Several issues may have been the cause such as other events on and also an error in the reporting/advertising.

Although it was a positive and successful day, it was agreed that more liaison with all involved could make it a more cohesive event in the future.

National Park

David McKenzie gave a comprehensive and informative report

- Live Park is the proposed new Local Development Plan for the National Park. The proposals were approved by the NP Board at their October 2015 meeting and were then sent to Scottish Ministers. On 9 December 2015, a reporter - Mr Dilwyn Thomas, BSc (Hons), MBA, MRTPI - has been appointed to independently examine the remaining unresolved representations regarding the proposals. Information about the examination and summaries of the issues that are being examined (which include summaries of all the unresolved representations made, modifications sought and the National Park Authority's response to these) can be found at the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) website: www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk . Note that the DPEA Plan reference number is **LDP-002-2**.
- Your Park is the proposal for new NP camping management zones and bye-laws. On 26 January 2016, the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Dr Aileen McLeod, formally announced her approval of the camping bye-laws. In her letter to the NP Authority, she confirmed that the bye-laws will commence on 1st March 2017 and that they will operate for a reduced season up to 30th September each year. She has asked that the NP Authority produce an annual monitoring report and undertake a review of how the bye-laws are operating after 3 years.
- On 29 February, the NP Authority offered a Community Grant to the Ardentinn Community Trust. The grant is in 2 parts:
 - Admin Grant - £473
 - Project Grant - £1,000 The Project Grant offer is for costs toward tree surgery and scrub clearance as described in the Community Trust application and is subject to conditions.

Councillors Report

- The condition of the roads continues to give concern. The possibility of some parts of the road from Stronchullin Farm to Sligrachan being resurfaced looks quite unlikely in the present financial climate. Other areas are also deteriorating and making driving more difficult and uncomfortable. Some of the ditches have been cleared but the debris is being left rather than removed. The ditches at Glenfinart Caravan Park need to be cleared. There are small trees growing out the wall between Gairletter and Blairmore Farm. Bruce will ask that these are cut down and sprayed before they begin to damage the walls.
- A request for the bus service to go as far as Sligrachan on particular routes as there is a schoolchild now moved into the farm. West Coast Motors consider the turning area there unsuitable. A&B has done work there to try to solve the problem but the bus company feel more work is necessary. At present the young boy has to make his way to Drynain.
- Area committee meeting held today. The Minute of Approval (MoA) for the Ardentinn toilets was not discussed and it is hoped that this will be agreed at the next meeting. The third Sector Grants were decided today but he could not confirm if the Trust had been awarded any funding.
- At present work is being done on the new footpath/cycleway between Inverreck and Sandhaven. When the project is fully completed, there will be a cycle way from Toward to Blairmore. A bus shelter is to be erected a cross from the Cot House Garage.
- There will be major inconvenience for drivers on the A880 due to the installation of 4 septic tanks between Blairmore and Kilmun.
- Dunoon pier is now open to the public.

Delegates Reports

- Caucus. Marion reported that at a recent meeting, it was discussed whether the Caucus meetings should continue and how to encourage other CC's to attend. Willie Lynch will contact the CC's to ask their views on the way forward. Future caucus meetings will be planned to ensure relevant items can be taken to the Cowal Planning group. Other items discussed were how the Fairer Scotland Bill and how the CC's are going to be involved. The

sale of Castle Toward and the Regeneration of Dunoon are items which will be taken to the Planning group. The caucus also intend to write to the Transport forum to express our concern that Dunoon-Gourock has not been included in the RET. Bruce advised that this is an issue which should be taken to the Hustings on 26th April.

- Community Action Plan (MN) As yet there has not been a get together with the steering group to consider what progress has been made.
- Community Emergency Plan. (MN) We are now in the process of formulating the data /contacts to be included in the plan.
- Website. (EC) The minutes, agenda etc. have been put on the website. Suggestion that other CC's are approached to exchange minutes.
- Green Issues. (NR) They have made slight changes to the constitution and looking into becoming SCIO.
- Amenities (EC) as reported, the Minute of Approval was not discussed at the Area Meeting but hopefully will come up at the June meeting. All CC members are in agreement with the Minute of Approval sent out for discussion.
- Planning (VK) Telegraph poles have to be re-sited around the site of the Drynain Hydro scheme as part of the project.
- Coulpport (VK) Val reported that she had attended the annual meeting with personnel from Coulpport and interested public agencies and regulatory bodies. Opportunity had been given to all CC members to provide questions for the meeting but none were given. She felt it was a very interesting meeting and that the communication between Ardentinnny CC and Coulpport remains positive. Malcolm asked if there had been any more consideration about the dumping of nuclear waste at Coulpport as several years ago this was raised and several meetings held about it. It was agreed that this may be a question which could be asked in the future.

Village updates.

Ardentinnny Village Hall

The feasibility study is taking place. We have been awarded 50% of the cost of this from A&B Third Sector funding and have applications in to 2 other organisations for the rest.

There is a group formed to organise the Flower Show. They will be supported by the hall management group to do this.

The Community Payback team were unable to help us with painting the outside of the hall last year as they had too many other commitments but assured us that we will be first on the list of projects this spring.

Ardentinnny Community Trust No Report

Ardentinnny Renewables Trust Neil had already reported in the delegates reports.

Ardentinnny Conservation & Heritage Group.

Invited to have a table at the FC Easter Eggstravaganza. This gave people a chance to see all the projects we are involved in at present and for the future.

Some NP volunteers are coming in May to help with some tasks and a beach clean which we hope will also attract some local people to help.

The railings at Laird's Grave are being painted and snowdrops planted.

The most recent Garden Scheme project was outlined. Funding has been sourced and the machinery, pots, compost have been purchased.

Meeting with graphic designer on 17th April to get the notice board completed.

Coronation Wood has been tidied up and in the evening had an enjoyable bonfire and bbq to get rid of the stuff from the wood,

Neil asked if the 3 representatives present if they could help us source a container to keep the equipment safely.

AOCB

Election of Convener.

Val nominated Marian as Convener

Proposed Eileen Seconded Val

Neil Robinson was nominated as Vice convener

Proposed Eileen Seconded Malcolm

Marian asked that the next meeting is changed to 31st May 2016. This will include the AGM agreed.

All