

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of meeting held 2nd August 2016.

Present; Marian Norris, Malcolm Bartley, Eileen Connell, Val Kennedy,
Neil Robinson, Claire Florence.

Representatives; David Robertson (F.C.), Bruce Marshall (A&B), David
McKenzie (N.P.)

Apology; P.C. Donald McKay.

Others Mary Dodds, David McDowall

1. Marian opened the meeting and asked if there was anything for A.O.B. None
2. She asked if anyone had a Declaration of Interest. 4 members stated they had an interest in Item 13. After discussion it was agreed that, as there was no financial gain, the 4 members would remain during the discussion of the item.
3. **Police Report** P.C, McKay was unable to attend but had sent a report;

Since the last meeting there had been 5 incidents. One resulting in a crime report of a marine battery from a caravan at Glenfinart Caravan Park.

There had been increased patrols in the area but none in conjunction with the Forestry Commission.

David Robertson stated the reason for this is that there is to be co-ordination between Police Scotland and F.C.

4. **Minute of May meeting**

Proposed Val Kennedy Seconded Claire Florence

5. **Matters arising from Minute**

- Marian reported that letter has been sent to the Boundaries Commission with our disapproval of being included with Bute and the reasons for this. As yet Marian has not had a reply.
- Bruce had looked into the possibility of an additional bin at Shepherd's Point. This was then passed to the Forestry Commission as they have a contract with A&B for the bin uplift. David Robertson explained that, as there are only few occasions when the beach is particularly busy, rather than pay for an additional bin for the whole year, the FC will manage it with their own resources.

David McKenzie N.P. provided several leaflets, Respect Your Park, which deals with this issue and will be distributed.

- ACT. Malcolm has not had any feedback from Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland and is in agreement that we join Argyll Countryside Trust. All agreed

6. **Treasurers Report**

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| Expenditure | £35.60 |
| Income | nil |
| Bank balance` | £1,880.63 |

7. **Correspondence Report**

All relevant correspondence received by email has been passed to all CC members.

An invitation received from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Review.

8. **Forestry Commission Report**

- At the previous meeting Bruce had asked if there would be follow up spraying work for the rhododendrons which had been cut down. David will speak with Jessie Crowe to clarify this to Bruce.
- There is work being done to remove the rhododendron from behind Kylemore.
- Further ropework required to remove rhododendron at Soldiers Rock. This is expected to be carried out in around a fortnight and may require some traffic management for safety of the operators as well as traffic.
- F.C. are in discussion with the walled garden group who wish to put in a new access track to the garden and are in the process of applying for planning consent. There will also be plans for disabled parking.
- Val had enquired whether the large hut next to bowling club would be considered for sale or lease. David advised that, at present the shed is being used for storage. When there are more storage facilities at Glenbranter and the Ardentinn hut is no longer necessary then it will go up for sale. That is the proposal at present and when the occasion arises the community will be informed to see if they wish to purchase it, lease it etc.

Marian advised that the forestry road coming down from Gairletter Cottage is in a bad state with all the gravel spread across the road making it dangerous.

9. **National Park Report**

- There is work going on the new National Park Partnership Plan. The draft of the plan will be reviewed by the board within the next few weeks.
- Some people of Blairmore have put together a petition to present to Scottish Water on the subject of providing treatment for homes in Blairmore. People within Ardentinn have also signed the position. Davis provided a signing sheet for anyone who wishes to be included.
- David informed that he will be leaving the area so, once he officially resigns, there will be an election for a representative from the area to take on the role.

10. **Councillors Report**

- Bruce had formally received a complaint about the cuts to Dunoon Community Hospital. Bruce has written to support this complaint. The complainant made the point that consultants appear not to have a base in Dunoon and more and more people have to go across the water for consultants' appointments. Bruce suggested that the considerable money paid to Greater Glasgow NHS by NHS Highland could be better used by providing Cowal with better services and more employment. Most doctors' surgeries now have services once provided in hospitals. The Argyll & Bute Health Partnership have plans for either a new build or to find new facilities to amalgamate the 2 doctor's surgeries in Dunoon.
- Bruce had requested an additional bin for Shepherds Point but this was turned down for the reasons stated on matters arising. Concerns were raised about the new system of having the bin uplift change to 3 weekly.
- A list of service cuts has been made available. Although the Ardentinn area has not been majorly affected by this, there are major cuts in grass cutting, removal of rose beds. The main area to be affected is Innellan.
- Most CC's wrote to protest about the boundary changes. At the last council meeting all councillors signed a petition and a letter was sent by the Leader of the council to Joe Fitzpatrick the MSP with the responsibility for boundaries.
- The partial closures during Scottish Water investigations had a particularly detrimental on Ardentinn. These were exploratory works and the major work will be carried out later which will again cause disruption to the traffic etc. with the possibility of the road being

closed completely during this extensive work and would have an effect on emergency services access etc. Bruce is of the opinion that the septic would be better placed on the foreshore however SEPA are against this. A&B is against the road being closed. Marian informed that the communication regarding the bus timetable was not good as there was very little time to inform the residents of the changes. At the next meeting of Kilmun CC there will be representatives from Scottish Water and the company carrying out the work. Marian & Eileen are going to attend this. David McKenzie informed that. At a meeting at Arrochar it was raised that a lot of the sewage which ends up at the head of Loch Long is from untreated sewage which is carried up the loch as well as other items discarded such as cotton buds etc. . Jackie Baillie MSP for Helensburgh has taken this on as a project to look at how this can be dealt with. NP has taken on a lead role in inviting Scottish Water to address this as a major eyesore within the Park. Val raised her concern that the alternative route over the Larach would raise several difficulties.

- Scottish Government has thrown out the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust recommendation for a regulatory order on the Clyde. It is intended that the Green Party may be willing to back this issue and they may be approached to ask for support this cause. Marian will write in behalf of the CC. All agreed.

11. **Actual Reality** No report

12. **Sightlines in and around Ardentinny**

Marian provided photographs of several areas where the sightlines are obliterated by overgrown scrub and trees as well as verges which have worn away. It is the intention that she will send these to the roads department to inform them of the dangerous areas. Bruce will support us in this and will also contact the roads department. All agreed.

13. **Storage of items at Ardentinny Village Hall.**

The hall management group are in the process of investigating the possibility of either refurbishing and extending the hall or a new build. There will be a need to store all the items for this and we have been donated a large container which would ideal. It is the intention that this can later be used as a community benefit for other groups to hire space for storage. Planning permission is necessary and the hall management group would like the CC to support the planning permission by making the application on their behalf. After discussion it was agreed that the planning permission would be funded by the CC. All agreed.

14. **Delegates Reports.**

Caucus. Marian reported that, at the caucus meeting the list of cuts proposed by the Integrated Joint Board was available. One of the main concerns was the lack of consultation on the cuts. Some of the items have already been decided, with others decided very soon. Another concern was who was actually on the board and the ratio of business peoples in proportion of those with social work or health experience, councillors etc. Willie Lynch is writing a letter on behalf of the caucus asking about items which affect our area, the impact on the community and the effect on health, social services social welfare jobs, families and why some of them have already been decided.

The caucus had also written to Joe Fitzpatrick against the proposed boundary changes.

The caucus will be bringing up these things at the Planning Group meeting to be held Aug 9th Another subject to be brought up is Participatory Budgeting. This is a government scheme which gives more power to community council by giving them money which is to be spent locally. People would then approach the CC to apply for the money. As yet there is no more information.

Website The website has been paid for another year. Nothing further to report.

Amenities Thanks to Bruce getting the outside of the toilets painted. A couple of maintenance issues needing attended. We have asked if there could be something done about the flooding issue at the toilets. We are to get back to the department when the area floods again.

Planning A planning application has been put in from Ardentinny Hotel regarding decking to the rear of the building. Another retrospective application has been put in for a porch at An Carraig. Both of these will be put on the board.

Community Action Plan Marian reported that good progress is being made on many areas of the plan (see recent report), although there has been little action as regards the targets for seniors, working people and the young.

Coulport Nothing to report. Malcolm asked if Val ever is given any information on high security at Coulport. Val replied that there is always high alert at the base and **all** incidents are recorded.

15. **Updates**

Ardentinny Renewables Trust.

Neil reported there was no change.

Ardentinny Hall Management Team As well as the feasibility study there has been a structural survey carried out. There have been collections of hall membership fees. The more members we have the better for future funding applications. Also when it comes to a vote on what the members wish for the hall we have given the whole village the opportunity to become members and they then have a vote on the future of the hall.

Ardentinny Community Trust

No report

Ardentinny Conservation & Heritage Group The pots of edible flowers and herbs through the village seem to have been popular. Some people have been helped with their garden and we have thank you letters from them. Coronation wood path has been strimmed. Malcolm offered a suggestion that the group look into getting the inscription on the Lairds Grace renewed. The group will look into this and perhaps get some funding. Contact to be made with Maurice Corry. Thank you to Neil for doing the large wooden signs for Coronation Wood and Nature Trail.

16. **A.O.B.** None

17. **Date of next meeting.** 4th October 2016

Marian thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.