

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of meeting held 1st December 2015

Present; Roy Harrison (Convenor). Marian Norris (Vice Convenor), Malcolm Bartley (Treasurer), Eileen Connell (Secretary), Val Kennedy, Dennis Gower, Bill Williamson.

Apology: Neil Robinson.

Representatives; Bruce Marshall (Councillor), P.C. Donald McKay. Lorna Alquist.

Apologies; David McKenzie (NP), David Robertson (FC)

Members of Public; Sandra Tweddle, Brian Tweddle, Mary Dodds, David McDowall.

The convenor thanked everyone for coming and asked if anyone had a Declaration of Interest. Bill asked why Mrs Adina Robinson had attended the annual Gathering held by the Community Partnership as a member of the community council. It was explained that there had been an error and that she was actually representing the Village Hall Management Team. This had been addressed at the Gathering with one of the organisers with assurances that it would be rectified for future events. Bill stated that he wished the secretary to send a formal letter to the Community Partnership pointing out that Mrs Robinson is not a community council member. This was agreed.

Police Report

P.C. McKay informed that there had been 3 incidents in the last 2 months, 2 of which had resulted in a crime report.

One of these was the discovery of cannabis cultivation in a caravan on Glenfinart Caravan Park.

Another was the theft during October and November of electronic equipment from Glenfinart Caravan Park. There are ongoing investigations regarding both of these incidents.

Road safety campaign going on just now emphasising to drivers to ensure that their vehicles are properly maintained for the weather conditions and that they take heed of driving conditions through the winter months.

Bill asked P.C. McKay what responsibility should a person who found a boat washed up on the shore during a storm have if they wanted to take it. P.C. McKay advised that they should report it to the police who will make attempts to find the owner. Bill asked if the person does not do that are they a thief? P.C. McKay answered that it would be dependent on the intent of the person to deprive the owner of the item and a complaint would need to be forthcoming from the owner.

Minutes of last meeting.

Roy asked if everyone had read the minutes and if they were an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed Marian Norris Seconded Val Kennedy

Matters arising from Minutes

Flytipping Eileen reported that, as requested, she had written to herself as a volunteer in the Conservation & Heritage Group about branches which had been left on the shore. The letter had been passed to all community council members. Bill requested that the Conservation & Heritage group reply to this.

TV Reception After investigation on the Ofcom website there does not seem a lot to be done. Suggestion made that perhaps it would be beneficial to find out if there are other people in the village who are experiencing problems and a letter then sent to the BBC outlining this. This was agreed.

Notice board

Marian reported that she has investigated various styles and prices with some of the prices being between £1,500 and £2,000. It was suggested that the Community Council apply for the Community Partnership funding grant which is now available and could do this in partnership with the Community Trust. There is still to be further discussion and investigation whether there should be a new one bought or the existing one extended.

Bruce advised that the Awards for All may be another possibility for funding. It was agreed that we would look at all funding streams.

Dennis advised that there could be a joint application made with the Community Trust for the notice board.

Dennis asked for an amendment to the October minute as he considered that it should have been recorded that Mr McGinty was unsatisfied with how the CC dealt with his complaint and left the meeting. A suggestion was made that a vote be taken to send a letter of apology to Mr. McGinty. A vote was taken 1 for 6 against.

Dennis asked that some amendments he had requested be considered. He was informed that there was no further time allocated for this.

Treasurer's Report

Expenditure	£126.00	Income	Nil
Bank balance	£1,668.88		

Update regarding business insurance for community council use. The Treasurer advised that community councillors should ensure that they have Business 1 insurance for their cars. This is usually free.

Correspondence

Malcolm had been in touch with the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland to ask their views on the boundary changes which will affect Cowal. They were not aware of the boundary changes and advised that they were supportive in being against the changes. Marian asked if those who had sent in objections to the proposal had received an acknowledgement. Individuals who had sent objections had received one but as yet there has been none to the Community Council.

National Park. David McKenzie was unable to attend but sent the following 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 meeting and have now been sent to Scottish Ministers. A reporter will be appointed to review any remaining issues and to modify as required. It will then be sent for approval to Scottish Ministers.

The National Park Authority has won two prestigious awards for innovation in planning at the Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning (SAQP) ceremony held at The George Hotel in Edinburgh on 10 November 2015.

The Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning are one of the Scottish Government's most prestigious events and celebrate achievements in planning, from strategic visions to development on the ground.

The National Park Authority won the Overall Award of the night for an innovative approach to consultation on the LIVE Park (Local Development Plan) Main Issues Report and won the Award in the Development Management category for its work in supporting the delivery of run-of-river hydro-electric schemes.

Your Park – proposed new NP camping management zones and bye-laws are still with Scottish Ministers awaiting approval.

The vacancy for an elected member on the Board representing Ward 2 – Breadalbane and the Trossachs - has been filled following an election on 29 October. 7 candidates stood and the successful candidate is Billy Ronald from Crianlarich.

A new 4 part TV series on Channel 5 features the scenery of the National Park. The first episode was on Tuesday 10 November and further episodes will be on subsequent Tuesdays.

Councillor's Report

Roads. Bruce reported that the condition of the Ardentinny road continues to cause concern especially the part known as the straight road. He intends to ask that, within the coming budget the road from Stronchullin to Ardentinny is upgraded but this may not happen as there are many other roads also needing attention.

Bruce was asked if, as it is a bus route should there be more attention paid to the condition of the road. Bruce informed that there are 3 new buses being used by West Coast Motors and it is hoped that they are more robust to deal with the present condition of the road.

It was advised that road users should continue to put pressure on the authority by informing of the state of the roads, e.g. potholes etc. Kevin McIntosh is the new contact for the roads in this area.

General Enquiries 01546 605522
Roads 01546 605514
Complaints 01546 605516

At the Area Meeting it was reported that there had been an increase in reports of dog fouling. Bill wished it to be included in the minute that he considers he has been targeted by dog owners as there have been bags of dog excreta left hanging on a small grass cutter which he had outside his garden. Bruce informed that a poster has been produced to highlight the problem of fouling and it was suggested that Community Councils could perhaps help to purchase more of the posters. Bill asked whether dog fouling is an offence on both private and public land. Bruce said there was no differentiation.

Some residents have raised concerns to Bruce in regard to the situation past and present at Glenfinart Caravan Park. Bruce intends to refer it to the A&B council who provide the licence for the park.

There has been a good response from residents against the proposal of boundary changes in the Cowal area. February is the date given for any further decision.

Bruce was asked if, as a new family with a school age child has moved in to Sligrachan would there be a change in the bus timetable to provide a service for the new family. Douglas Blades is aware of this. West Coast Motors are of the opinion that the existing turning circle at Sligrachan is too small for the buses used on that route. At a previous meeting it had been agreed that, if another family with school age children moved in to any of the houses at Sligrachan the service would be re-instated.

Malcolm again brought up the condition of the road at the Larach where the large lorries are coming out from the quarry. Malcolm felt that this could result in major damage to the road.

Integration of Health & Social Care

Lorna Alquist gave a presentation on how the integration plan has worked up until this point and how the process should develop. The integration should be completed by April 2016. It is intended that the integration will make access to health and social care a smoother transition for those who may need the services. There will be 7 local planning areas instead of the existing 4 which will help the service to be available in the rural areas rather than based entirely in the more populated areas. One of the areas which have been successful is providing more classes such as fall prevention classes etc, exercise classes etc.

There is a Strategic Plan which can be accessed. Also there is Vision 2020 looking at what they want to achieve by 2020. Although the consultation period has ended it is still important that people put in their opinions.

If Ardentenny would like to have a consultation to give all local residents the chance to find out more about the changes and future expectations Lorna is willing to provide this.

Community Council Website.

Eileen gave the information requested about the annual costs for the website.

£24.95 to Spanglefish £18.00 to Calico

Dennis questioned why there were not more sets of minutes on the website. Eileen stated that it is the intention that more historical minutes will be put on the site at some point. Dennis suggested that there could be a link from the Ardentenny CC website to the A&B website. This was agreed.

Malcolm had been in touch with Area Governance to ask how long the copies of accounts should be kept. He was informed 5 years.

Roles of Community Councillors

Roy congratulated Val and Dennis on receiving silver awards from the Community Partnership. He informed that there have been 3 silver awards in the village in the past 2 years which shows the village in a good light.

Roy had been attending other CC meetings and wishes to put some of their ideas into practice with Ardentinnny CC. One of these was asking that each individual councillor take on a responsibility for different subjects and report back regularly to the community council. His suggestions were

Marian	Caucus meeting, Community Action Plan, Emergency Plan	Agreed
Malcolm	Treasurer	Agreed
Eileen	Website, Amenities, Emergency Plan, Community Action Plan	Agreed
Neil	Green Issues. Environment	TBA
Bill	Roads (Bill wished Flytipping & Dog fouling to be added)	
Dennis Planning		Agreed
Val	Coulport	Agreed
Roy	Community Resilience	Agreed

Roy will give Neil and Bill the opportunity to consider whether they wish to accept their allocated responsibilities and email them for their response.

Bill asked if he takes the responsibility on the 3 subjects will that take away responsibility from Bruce. He is going to consider whether he is willing to take on the responsibilities.

Council Cuts

Marian asked if all were in agreement with her compiling a response from the Ardentinnny Community Council in regard to the proposed cuts by A&B council. The details of the cuts have already been made available to the public in several ways and there is the opportunity to put in individual responses. It was agreed that Marian would compile a response from Ardentinnny Community Council and send it to all community councillor's for approval before it is sent to A&B Council.

Planning

There had been a planning application for work to be carried out at the sites up the glen identified by Hydrover as part of the proposed Hydro scheme sites. Notification of this had been displayed on the CC notice-board.

Ardentinnny Village Hall

The Bridge Club and the Art Club have both folded. Both of these had become more reliant on members from outside the village. There was a successful 60's curry night. Events over the next few weeks are; Christmas buffet, Children's party, Quiz night, Hogmanay party. We are hoping to have the hall painted by the Community Payback team in the spring. Funding investigation continues.

Ardentinnny Community Trust

A successful Harvest Fair was held which raised between £1400-£1500. The next job will be restoring the wall. The gardener has held several successful master classes. The garden is now closed for the winter.

There is now a new Convener and Treasurer. The next part of the project will be to raise funding for the restoration of the wall.

Ardentinnny Conservation & Heritage Group

Marian reported on this. Very little work will be going on in the Nature Trail until the spring other than taking up peanuts to feed the squirrels. There was a day planned when the NP volunteers came to clear more ditches but the weather made it too dangerous to go up the trail. We had a couple of tabletops sales to raise funds for projects. The notice board has still to have the interpretation boards fitted.

Bill asked how the group is funded and whether it has office bearers. It was explained how the group operates.

AOCB

Time frame for items for the agenda/AOCB. Discussion and clarification of what had been agreed at a previous meeting in regard to the timeframe of putting forward items from the CC and residents.

Community Development Plan. Dennis referred to an email received by him from Area Governance. As the rest of the community councillors were unsure which email he was referring to a request was made that he locate the email and send it to all councillors.

Coulport Dennis suggested that it should be the Convener who is the liaison with Coulport. The convener asked if all agreed with Val continuing as liaison with Coulport. Bill was against this. He asked that any communication between Val and Coulport is in writing. This was an individual request.

The meeting was closed by the convener..

Next meeting TBA