

Ardentinny Community Council

Minute of meeting held 14th January 2016

Present; Roy Harrison (Convener), Marian Norris (Vice convener), Eileen Connell (Secretary), Malcolm Bartley (Treasurer), Dennis Gower, Neil Robinson, Bill Williamson.

Apologies; Val Kennedy, Bruce Marshall, David McKenzie, David Robertson, Donald McKay.

Others present; Sandra Twedde, Mary Dodds, Vicky Fairley, Aidan Docherty

Roy welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded that the meeting will be recorded for the minute.

He asked if anyone had a Declaration of Interest. None

Police Report. P.C. McKay was unable to attend.

Minute of last meeting.

Roy asked if everyone accepted that the minute was a true reflection of the meeting.

Bill queried whether there was any correlation between there being no date set at the last meeting and the meeting date being brought forward. He was informed that this was not the case.

Bill asked for 2 amendments to be made. This was agreed.

The word "few" is removed.

That his specific comment about being targeted by "dog foulers" is recorded.

Dennis pointed out that the attendance record was not accurate.

Minute of December meeting adopted.

Proposed Marian Norris Seconded Malcolm Bartley

Matters Arising

Notice board. The intention had been that the Community Council would apply for £2,000 for a new notice board or an extension to the existing one.

The proposal for joint application for funding to the Community Partnership by the Community Council and the Ardentinny Community Trust was not viable as there cannot be 2 different projects applying in one application. At a meeting of members of the CC and ACT it was agreed that ACT would go ahead and apply for the £2,000 funding and the CC would apply for Argyll & Bute Third sector funding. It was agreed that the Community Trust would not apply for that funding this year.

Allocated Responsibilities.

Each community councillor had accepted responsibility for reporting on particular issues. Since the meeting Neil had responded that he would report on Green Issues. Bill had been asked to take on the responsibility for reporting on roads, dog fouling and fly tipping and had requested time to think about this. He indicated that he does not wish to take any of these on.

Dennis is now the person responsible for reporting on planning and the National Park Planning department has been informed.

Treasurers Report.

Malcolm reported on this.

The administration grant has been received.

£415.30

Expenditure

£24.95

Bank
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Eileen reported that all email correspondence which she has received has been passed on to all CC members.

Bill had not received the reply from the Community Partnership regarding his complaint that an attendee at the Gathering had been mistakenly included as a CC member. Eileen read out the received the email and apologised that he had not been included when she had sent the email to others but would rectify that as soon as possible.

He also asked if there had been a reply from the Conservation & Heritage Group. It had been agreed at the last meeting that there was no need to pass this round. Bill asked for a copy of this.

Forestry Commission No report

National Park David McKenzie had emailed his apologies and had nothing to report.

Councillors Report Bruce had been in touch with the roads department and had received an update from Nigel Potts.

Dear Councillor Marshall,
Thank you for bringing this enquiry to the attention of Roads Management and Maintenance. We wish to advise you that officers were already aware of this service requirement and that action is in hand to complete the required works by 31/03/2016. These works are ongoing as part of a larger program of ditching works for Cowal

Regards,

Nigel Potts.

New due date: 31/03/16.

Delegates Reports

Caucus Marian The last caucus meeting was cancelled.

Website Eileen Work continuing to add historical minutes on the site.

Resilience Roy Nothing to report.

Green Issues Neil The Ardentiny Renewables Trust has been informed that they have to put their constitution through the legal process. A meeting will be held to discuss this process and how they are going to fund it, get solicitors involved etc.

Amenities Eileen the issue of the toilets is still ongoing. The legal department has been given the information etc. and we await word when the Minute of Agreement is ready.

Planning Dennis there have been no planning issues which concern the village.

Action Plan Marian the original group will meet in the spring to assess how we are progressing with the action points. It has been noted that there has been progress in a few areas which is positive for the village.

Eileen reported that she had received an email from a member of Colin burgh/Kilconquar Community Council to ask our opinion of whether having an action plan is beneficial to the village.

Coulport Nothing to report.

Update from Ardentiny Village Hall.

A successful Hogmanay Party was held. It raised £200 for Autism Scotland and £190 for the hall.

The Feasibility study will cost around £4,000. A letter has been circulated to all hall members to ask, if necessary, can some of the funds can be used to match fund the feasibility study.

There have been concerns raised that the Burns Supper was cancelled because the hall has no money. It was stressed that this is not the case and that the event did not go ahead because there were not enough volunteers. Some residents are looking at the possibility of getting a group together to arrange the flower show.

Bill offered that he had been informed that the people who were prepared to help with organising the Burns Supper would have to fund the event themselves and they were not prepared to do this. It was explained that that was not the case and that the hall would support the group by providing the initial finance for it to take place as they do with other events.

Dennis raised several questions for the Hall Management Group.

Question; what the present resources are in the hall?
Answer; Roy gave the total.
Question; whether last year's amended constitution was sent and accepted by OSCR?
Answer; Yes
Question; if the amended constitution has been issued to all hall members?
Answer; No but copies are available and a copy will be put up in the hall.
Question; why there is very little communication from the Hall Management Group to the hall members?
Answer: There have been several meetings including consultations, 2 EGM's and an AGM to which all residents were invited and attended. Information has been delivered to residents to inform them of all steps taken.
Question; who are the members of the Hall Management Group?
Answer; this information is posted on the notice boards and in the hall.
Question; whether the present Management Group are legitimately authorised to carry out the running of the hall?
Answer; At the AGM it was agreed and members elected on.

Ardentinn Community Trust

Not a lot of activity at present. The part time gardener is still working.

An application has been made for funding to the National Park. An application for funding to the council is being prepared.

Ardentinn Renewables Trust

See report above.

Ardentinn Conservation & Heritage

Compiling a plan of work to be carried out in various projects the group are involved in. The work will begin in the spring when we may have help from National Park volunteers. Marian is liaising with locals schools. It is intended that one of the tasks will be a beach clean which hopefully will attract volunteers from the village as well

We had been let down by the designer for the information board but have managed to get someone who will take this on. This should be completed by spring.

Bill asked if the group had public liability for Coronation Wood. His concern was, if a tree fell on his car, who would be liable? Coronation Wood is privately owned and in that instance the owner would possibly be liable. The group will consider the need for public liability insurance for some of their other projects.

Actual Reality

This year is going to be a busy time for Actual Reality with a lot of groups using the facility over the next few months. There is also the possibility that there will be the chance for village residents and the wider area to access some of the facilities. These will be advertised. There seems to be a good relationship with residents and they are willing to help out with small tasks if possible. They will continue to help out with beach cleans with groups that are involved in the John Muir Award scheme,

They are in preliminary discussions with the National Park about signage to promote what people can do in the Park. Other activity centres will also be involved in this discussion so that all the signage is similar and in keeping with the area.

Aidan was informed that Geoff Carr will take over the regular checking of the defibrillator. There needs to be pads for children to be sourced.

AOCB

Community Council Survey.

The results of this survey have been distributed. It was agreed that there was no need to give a response to this.

Meeting date change

Dennis requested a reason why the meeting date had been changed. Roy informed that, as he is leaving the area before the February meeting, he did not wish to leave the CC without informing the members and standing down in the proper way.

Bill had contacted Melissa Stewart to ask if this is within the procedures but had received no response.

The convener and secretary had been in contact with Melissa Stewart and outlined the reasons and reasoning for the change of date. She agreed that we had done everything properly in the circumstances.

Bill and Dennis expressed their dissatisfaction that the meeting had been changed or the reason for the change and that giving 3 weeks' notice of the change of date was unacceptable.

Neil stated that the convener's decision to rearrange the meeting and deal with his resignation rather than leave the group in the lurch was more professional. Bill stated that it was a fact that there is no such thing as a professional community councillor. This was not the opinion of the majority of the other councillors.

Questions from the floor.

Vicky asked what was the registered number of the ACT? Neil replied that it was not a registered charity.

Vicky asked why it was necessary to involve the legal department of A&B council to enable the Ardentenny toilets to be cleaned etc by local volunteers. Eileen informed that this was necessary to cover health & safety, risk assessment procedures etc.

Vicky stated that, in response to Marian's statement during her report on the Nature Trail that the FC's insurance would cover liability she (Vicky) was of the impression that FC didn't have insurance. Marian replied that it was a pre-condition the FC would cover any liability.

Vicky asked, now that Roy is standing down what would happen next. Marian stated she is willing to take over as vice convener at present. It was decided that we would leave any further decisions and appointing a convener until the next meeting.

Next meeting 5th April 2016

Dennis asked that the CC members remained as he wished to discuss a point from an email he had received and did not wish it discussed in the public meeting.

Marian closed the public meeting.