

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of meeting held on 31st May 2016

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

Representatives Present; Bruce Marshall, Jessie
Crowe, PC. Donald McKay

Apologies; David Robertson,
David McKenzie, Aidan Doherty.

Others; Sandra Twedde,
Mary Dodds. Adina Robinson, David McDowall

Marian welcomed all to the meeting and asked if anyone had anything for
AOB. None

Declaration of Interest. None

Police Report

PC McKay reported that 2 incidents been investigated since the last meeting but no crime reports.

Shepherds Point has been particularly busy recently and there has been a focus on that at present.
Funding should be available soon for Operation Ironworks to continue.

The Police Scotland consultation, "Your View Counts". Everyone has the opportunity to make their
views on Police Scotland known by, either going online, collecting a form from police stations or
asking someone to print off a copy of the survey. This consultation will be available until March
2017.

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Proposed Neil Robinson Seconded Val Kennedy

Matters arising from minute. None

Treasurers Report

As AGM audited accounts

Correspondence

- Boundaries Commission. Marian informed that they had amended their previous recommendation that Ward 7 would be Cowal and Helensburgh. The new proposal is that the ward would instead be Bute & Cowal.

Bruce Marshall outlined the difficulties this proposal could carry as geographic difficulties would still be there.

Marian suggested that an objection should be put into this proposal. All agreed. Marian will compile a letter with our objection.

- Clyde Marine Planning Partnership. As council representative on marine issues, Bruce gave an outline of the dangers of over-fishing in the surrounding lochs with dredging and trawling being high on the agenda. It was agreed that we would continue to monitor the situation and distribute the newsletter.

Forestry Commission Report

- Jessie Crowe reported that Logan Boyd from Craig Hoyle farm is the new agricultural tenant for the nursery fields.
- Now that the roadside vegetation is growing again it highlights the need for the FC to cut back the overhanging vegetation over the Larach. It is still to be done.

A concern is the amount of litter being left behind by visitors. When it is particularly busy, bags of rubbish are left around the bin area. Bruce offered to ask A&B Council for additional bins in the summer season.

Bruce asked if the follow up spraying programme of eradication of ponticum is complete. Jessie will find out and report back.

National Park Report

None

Councillors Report

- Bruce has been approached by Lynn Kerr to request the 30mph speed restriction to be extended from Swedish Houses to Drynain as well as the present 30mph limit to be reduced to 20mph. The CC has not received any letter/email from Lynn. Bruce will ask Lynn to contact the CC if she wishes this brought up at the next meeting.
- There are still difficulties in regard to the bus service extending again to Sligrachan to accommodate a school pupil who requires transport to attend Dunoon Grammar School. As the present buses are longer than previous buses there is not enough turning area. A&B Council will approach FC to ask for a further piece of land to make it possible for the turning circle to be made.
- The footway from Inverreck and Sandhaven is finished. As yet there is no definite answer as to whether it will be marked out for cyclists/pedestrians.
- In the Third Sector Grant funds, there is still £5.000 to be disbursed.
- Argyll Countryside Trust (A.C.T.) Bruce outlined some of the different projects the group are involved in. A short discussion about whether Ardentinny CC should subscribe to A.C.T. followed. It was agreed that further investigation would be necessary to ascertain which of the support organisations we subscribe to is of most benefit to us as a CC.

Bruce was asked about the responsibilities of A&B Council for the 2 metres of each side of the carriageway. It was suggested that, if they are responsible for these areas perhaps they should take more steps to keep the verges etc. clear. Bruce agreed that this is a problem but, due to financial restrictions this is not possible at this time.

Actual Reality

No report

Delegates Reports

- Caucus Report No caucus meeting held since last CC meeting
- Website Still ongoing
- Green Issues Work started on the Hydro scheme on 16th May. There are still issues with re-writing the constitution for the Hydro Trust. Community Partnership representative has not been in contact with the promises made to assist with paperwork etc.
- Amenities Work required to stop swallows nesting in the ladies toilets. Geoff Carr has been approached to find a solution to this. A&B council required for the Minute of Approval (Moa). This will be taken to the next Cowal Area Meeting in early June. Claire asked if it was possible to have the toilets painted. Bruce will approach Amenities Department to enquire.
- Notice board. Last year it was agreed that we needed a more user friendly notice board at the church car park. It was intended that the money for this would be raised through the Soon, Seen, and Successful part of the Community Partnership Grant.

However Ardentinnny Community Trust was also putting in for the same funding for felling of trees at the walled garden. It was agreed at a meeting between the 2 groups that the CC would step back from putting in a funding bid and allow the Trust to put in theirs. It was agreed that the CC will put in for this grant this year for re-newing the notice board.

- Planning None
- Community Action Plan. A meeting was held with some of the original steering group to see how we have moved forward with the recommendations from the Action Plan. In most areas there continues to be positive progress. Marian has produced a report on this which is available.
- Coulport. Nothing to report at present.

Community Updates

- Ardentinnny Village Hall. AGM held on 31st March. The Management Group were voted back on. Options for the future of the hall were discussed. The feasibility study recommended that a new build would be much more efficient. The next step is to have a structural survey, business plan etc but funding has to be sourced.

The vision for the hall is to have a place for the village but also the hall has to be self sufficient and attract people to come and use it and hire it.

- Ardentinnny Community Trust. No report.
- Ardentinnny Renewable Trust Report given earlier.
- Ardentinnny Conservation & Heritage. Interpretation Board. As previously reported, the group were let down by first graphic designer but now back on track and are at the 3rd stage of reviewing and agreeing the interpretation panels. Laird's Grave is almost completed. Jo Carr has made a great job of scrubbing and painting the railings and planting snowdrops within the walls. On May 1st we had volunteers helping with a beach clean and also NP volunteers working in the Nature Trail digging ditches. Both sets of volunteers got together at lunch in village hall. Our new project of planted tubs is almost ready to go once the plants have developed a bit more.

AOCB Argyll Countryside Trust. Dealt with during Councillors report.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 2nd August 2016