

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of meeting held 30th May 2017 in Ardentinnny Village Hall

Present; Marian Norris, Eileen Connell, Val Kennedy, Neil Robinson, David Marshall, Bill Tierney, Malcolm Bartley.

Others; Councillor Gordon Blair, David McDowall, Dougie Menzies.

Apologies; PC Donald McKay, Aidan Doherty, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, Councillor Alan Reid, Steve Gillen.

The meeting was opened by Marian who thanked everyone for attending. She informed that the reason for changing the date of the meeting was due to Ardentinnny Village Hall being unavailable from the 31st May. Argyll & Bute Governance Department had been informed and they were agreement as sufficient notice had been given via, CC notice board, website, facebook page.

Marian asked if there were any Declarations of Interest in any of the items on the agenda. None

Police Report

Since the last meeting in April, there have been 4 incidents, resulting in 2 crime reports. Both crime reports are for theft, with two females being apprehended and subsequently reported for theft of property. Both crime reports are related but are isolated and should provide no wider cause for concern.

Ironworks 2017 is due to commence during the last weekend in June and continue through July and August. Again, patrols will be carried out by Police Scotland in partnership with the Forestry Commission with funding from the National Park. Having been at the recent area network meeting at Lochgoilhead, it would appear that Ardentinnny may see additional patrols from the National Park Rangers also.

Rural Watch is also being re-launched which I am assisting with. I have attached a copy of the Watch document and request that we encourage as many of Ardentinnny's constituents as possible to sign up to the "Cowal East Rural Watch" so we can engage with each other more.

Minute of April Meeting.

Marian asked if the minute was a true record of the meeting. 2 amendments had already been made.

Proposed Bill Tierney Seconded Val Kennedy.

Matters arising from minute.

- A letter will be sent to the National Park with comments on the Draft NP plan. A copy of the letter will be agreed with the CC members before sending. Concerns had been raised in regard to the lack of support Cowal receives from the National Park. It was suggested that it may be beneficial to ask what the NP has actually done for Cowal.
- Roads. Letter received from Nigel Potts of A&B in response to the suggestions made by Ardentinnny CC to improve particular areas of the road between the village and Gairletter. They have agreed to do some work on the 2 more serious areas of concern outlined by Marian. A&B council have agreed to put "bend" and "stop" signs at the bend just before the straight road, and to build up the verge at the passing place before Stronchullin farm. Gordon Blair suggested that perhaps one to one meetings with Council officials may be

more beneficial in getting results more promptly. It was agreed that a letter to be written to the Forestry Commission about further deterioration of the roads due to the major project of removal of trees. Although A&B have already been contacted about the situation it was agreed that approaches should again be made to A&B. Gordon agreed to also put this forward at the transport forum.

- Tallest tree. No further confirmation.
- Graham's Point. At a meeting held in Kilmun regarding the situation of the responsibility for grass cutting, it was stated that, if elected, some of the candidates stated that the situation could be resolved in 100 days. At present ACHA are cutting the grass as a courtesy.
- Tritium levels. Confirmation that the information regarding tritium levels given two years ago is still effective.

Treasurers Report

Expenditure	Toilet cleaning products and sign for board	£143.38
Income		Nil
Bank balance on 19 th May 2017		£1804.92

Correspondence

- Letter from Bruce re the damage to roads from aggregate lorries.
- Several emails to amenities re the condition of the bins at church car park. Also regarding the parking of cars outside house at beginning of Midge Lane.
- A&B Participatory budget - voting regarding schemes involved in Gaelic promotion
- A&B news round
- Parking consultation paper
- Community Empowerment Act Participation requests
- List of elected members emails etc.
- Mark Ruskell consultation paper for member's bill for changes to 20 mph speed limits in certain cases.
- Planning. Communication tower for EE near loch Eck
- Community funding available A&B
- Review of establishment of CC's
- Letter from Melissa re need to change date of evenings meeting.
- Several emails between Kilmun CC, Blairmore Village Trust and Ardentinn CC regarding getting together to discuss on how to make the shore more cohesive. A meeting between Kilmun and Ardentinn as the first step in the process is being confirmed.

Forestry Commission

The Phytophthora felling at White Bay and Dun Daraich is more or less complete – but there is still a considerable amount of wood to be removed from site so the trails will remain closed probably until mid June. Any sooner and we'll let you know.

Apologies for the toilets being closed a few times recently – we've been having issues with the filters from the tanks becoming clogged. Ian has been replacing them at least once – sometimes twice a week. We are looking into ways of sorting this.

Dougie stated that this has caused problems with the bowling club. David suggested that a water course further up the hall could be used which may not be affected by the felling of the trees. It was agreed that Fraser McDonald would be contacted to ask if that is a possibility.

National Park Report._____ None

Councillors Report The three new Cowal councillors have agreed to a six month rota to ensure that all meetings in the area are attended as much as possible.

The councillors casebook system has been successful. An issue which has been entered into the casebook is the start of an audit trail and highlights when issues are not being dealt with.

There has been a reduction in the number of area committee meetings 6 to 4 per year. These are meetings which the public attend so the cut is giving the public less opportunity to have their say. The suggestion of video conferencing and pod casting to enable more people to attend area meetings is not expected to be raised at this time.

The review of Community Councils has been delayed for 6 months.

Business days have been cancelled which is seen as a backward step.

Gordon reiterated that there needs to be a more face to face reaction to issues raised such as road conditions damage etc.

Actual Reality. No report

Closure of Link Club.

As the Link Club is in the process of closing and a new service is being developed by NHS/Social Care , there are concerns that there is no support for people with mental health issues in the interim. It was agreed that we raise these concerns with the appropriate agencies.

Anti-social Behaviour

Letter from Iain Wilkie.

“At the last meeting of Strachur Community Council we discussed a complaint from a member of the public about an incident of antisocial camping at Loch Eck within the boundary of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park. This represented both irresponsible behaviour (i.e. the campers contravened the Scottish Outdoor Access Code) and unlawful behaviour (they mutilated trees). We had anticipated that the introduction of the new management zones in the National Park might lead to an increase in such events outside these zones.

It has been suggested that I contact other Cowal Community Councils that include parts of, or are adjacent to, the National Park with a view to firstly asking if they are experiencing a rise in the incidence of antisocial camping and secondly suggesting that, if possible, they monitor the situation so that we can get a Cowal-wide view of the impact of the new management zones.

I would be grateful for any information or views you have that are relevant to this matter.

It was agreed that we would continue to monitor the situation in the Ardentinnny area”.

It was agreed by the Ardentinnny CC members that we would continue to monitor any incidents of anti social behaviour in our area.

Community Council Noticeboard.

As our community council has their own website it had been suggested that the address was put prominently on the board. Other pertinent web addresses would also be included on the board. All in agreement.

A new noticeboard will continue to be investigated. Bill suggested that all of the residents be approached and asked if they wish to be on a CC mailing list. This would also be beneficial for emergencies or passing on information. This was agreed.

Delegates Reports

- Caucus. There have been no meetings since February despite requests for one to be arranged. This means that important issues are not being discussed, agreed and taken to the area meetings. We will try again to ask for a meeting now that the local election is over.
- Website. Photos from the new hydro have been put on the site. Minutes, agendas etc. continue to be included.
- Toilets Good comments about the toilets.
- Cowal Health Care Forum. The forum has been part of the group who lobbied to change the decision of the IJB to decide the future of Struan Lodge on 31st May. This has been delayed until February 2018 to allow further discussion and investigation. The forum is

implementing a charter for partnership working in the development of the Health & Care policy. This will focus more in public involvement and recording of public opinions.

- Planning. An application has been put into the National Park by Ross McArthur for changes in his plan for the hydro power scheme.
- Community Action Plan. Still being monitored.
- Cowlport. No further reports other than the tritium levels. Neil acknowledged that some of the reports re tritium and other issues are quite difficult to access.

Community Updates

Ardentinny Renewables Trust. (ART)

Neil reported that they had their first official meeting the week before. As Bruce has resigned from the group, they have co-opted Kenneth Evans onto ART. Ross attended the meeting and gave an update on his hydro scheme. His scheme may be up and running by July. Once he has completed the work he will invite ART members to visit it. Photos etc. will be taken at that time and will be put on www.ardentinnycc.co.uk. The minutes of the ART meetings will be displayed on the CC notice board and put on the website. There is a possibility that Ross will be developing another hydro scheme.

Ardentinny Village Hall.

The 4 members of the management resigned at the AGM in April. There has been no-one from the village come forward to form a committee or management group. If no-one comes forward then the hall would have to close. OSCR rules are precise in how the charity/association works. An EGM will be called to discuss the future. Malcolm asked what would happen to the hall if it closes. This will be discussed and decided by the members of the hall association at the EGM.

Ardentinny Community Trust.

Due to Lynn not being aware that the meeting had to be changed the Trust meeting was delayed. The report was received after the meeting but it was agreed by CC members that it could be included in this minute.

Despite gloomy conditions, the Community Trust's first Easter Fun Day at the Walled Garden was a great success with lots to do including an Easter egg hunt, egg painting, Easter bonnet parade, egg and spoon race and flower pot ping pong.

A T for Tools Day encouraged locals to donate tools to the garden for tea or coffee and cake. The garden gained some tools and

visitors without tools were offered refreshments for a donation. We raised £40.17

Simon began a Young Gardeners' Club, in April when primary school age children planted out young vegetable and flowering plants. In May they created pyramids with canes for the young pea and bean climbing plants.

The Walled Garden now has a Welcome Card with Walkers' in Dunoon. Local shoppers can donate their purchase points to the garden.

Ardentinny Conservation & Heritage Group

The ground has been prepared to put in the steps from the road into the Coronation Wood. We have applied for National Park volunteers to help us on Friday 9th June.

We have been entered and been accepted for the It's Your Neighbourhood campaign. The assessment date is sometime in July.

All the edible flowers and herbs containers have been put out and brighten up the village a little.

Work on the Nature Trail has ceased for the moment as the forestry are still working on the hill.

AOCB

Collaboration with Kilmun Community Council and Blairmore Village Trust.

All CC members were contacted and were in agreement that the shore villages may benefit by all working together. Marian and Eileen are meeting with the convener and secretary of Kilmun CC next week to begin the talks of how this can be done.

Lochs & Glens

Janice Hampson, who has been running this publication on her own for some time is intending giving it up after the next issue. A suggestion had been made that Kilmun CC and Ardentinny CC work together to take it over. This will need further investigation but Eileen put her name forward as willing to help.

Japanese Knotweed

Geoff has given up being responsible for the JK spraying. Eileen and Neil put themselves forward to take this on with supervision from Geoff.

Traffic Mirror

Neil reported that the traffic mirror should be up within the next few days. He and David had accessed a scaffold pole of the right size.

Dougie asked where the CC intended to hold their future meetings. Ardentinny Bowling Club offered their premises. Marian thanked ABC for their kind offer.

Next meeting Tuesday August 1st 2017 at 7.30pm.