

ARDENTINNY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minute of the meeting held 4th October 2016

Present	Marian Norris, Val Kennedy, Malcolm Bartley, Neil Robinson, Eileen Connell. Representatives Councillor Bruce Marshall, David McKenzie (N.P.), David Robertson (F.C.S.), P.C. Donald McKay.
Others	Mary Dodds
Apology	Aidan Doherty, Clare Florence.

1. Marian Norris opened the meeting and welcomed all for coming. She asked if there were any additional items for AOCB. None

2. Declaration of Interest. None

3. Police Report.

P.C. McKay reported that there had been 10 incidents with 3 resulting in crime reports.

- Damage to the FC toilets at Shepherds Point. The young people involved have been dealt with appropriately.
- Charges of breach of the peace and assault brought against resident of the caravan park in a domestic dispute.

Joint working between Police Scotland and FCS continues with Operation Ironworks patrols taking place.

4. Minute of August meeting.

Proposed Neil Robinson Seconded Val Kennedy.

5. Matters arising from minutes.

- Boundaries Commission have decided that the boundaries will not be changed.
- Sightlines cleared within a fortnight of the last meeting. A letter was sent to the Observer to commend them on the speed and professionalism of the work. As yet the verges and ditches have not been done. Marian has sent an email to ask when this work will be carried out but, as yet there has been no word.
- Scottish Water. The Kilmun CC meeting was attended by Marian and Eileen to clarify the position of the proposed work to be carried out by Scottish Water in putting in septic tanks at 4 places in Kilmun and Strone to decrease the amount of raw sewage being washed into the loch. This project could have impacted in the bus service to Ardentenny. It has since been stated that A&B have since refused permission for the septic tanks to be located under the roads. This may mean that the project will be abandoned. David informed that previous investigation several years ago there was the suggestion that a series of pumping stations be installed along the foreshore. He will be attending a meeting when this subject will be raised and will feedback to the CC.

- S.I.F.T The Scottish Government have knocked back the proposal of a regulatory order to protect the seabed around our local coast. Bruce advised that, at a S.I.F.T board meeting the members were dispirited but will continue to try to keep this subject to the fore. Public opinion may be the best way forward. It may be beneficial for more people to join the S.I.F.T. and CC members should consider other interested parties in the village who may wish to join.
- Subscription to Argyll Countryside Trust. Malcolm has not yet sent the subscription to ACT. (See Treasurers Report)
- Soldiers Rock. Thanks to go to the team of men who worked on Soldier's Rock. They carried out the work professionally and politely.

6. Treasurers Report

Expenditure	Donation to Kelpie Fund	£	50.00
Income	Admin Grant	£	450.30
Balance			£2,195.98

There has still not been a receipt received from the money sent for the Kelpies. Eileen will chase this up.

Malcolm has compiled a letter to the APRS to inform them that we will no longer be subscribing to them. All agreed that the letter should be sent.

It was agreed that Malcolm will wait until the next financial year before sending our first subscription to A.C.T.

- #### 7. Correspondence.
- All emails received have been sent out to all CC members. Nothing outstanding.

8. Forestry Commission Report

- David reiterated that Operation Ironworks is a positive initiative. David will be speaking to the Police Inspector in Dunoon to begin to formalise the arrangements for next year.
- An action point from last meeting was to clarify to Councillor Marshall whether the rhododendrons which were cut last year will be sprayed. This was confirmed to be the case to Councillor Marshall.
- No further update in regard to the planning application put in by walled garden. This is for vehicle access into the garden. There is a septic pipe going through the route. This has been identified to the walled garden group by FCS.
- Engineers have assessed the forestry road at Gairletter but are of the opinion that any gravel which has come across the road is not excessive.
- Parking at the big shed next to the bowling club can cause problems if forestry workers need access especially as vehicles can be parked inside. David would like it passed on via the Community Council that it would be appreciated if people did not park immediately outside the shed.

David was informed that there will be a bonfire event at the beach on Guy Fawkes run by the Village Hall group. He kindly offered additional firewood if necessary.

9. National Park Report

- Local development plan "Live Park" has been approved. There is nothing within it which affects Ardentinny.

- The "Your Park" project which concerns managed camping sites and new bye laws continues to cause controversy. The amount of work involved is being affected by red tape etc.
- David reported that the planning permission for the container to be set up at the village hall is still in the planning process but should be dealt with very soon. Eileen reported that SEPA had put in an objection but had recently removed their objection. Short time frame to get all pieces of the jigsaw together to get the container sited.

10. Councillors Report

- Along with Ardentinnny CC Bruce had put in a report in regard to the lack of decent sightlines from Blairmore to Ardentinnny. These have now been improved.
- The proposed boundary changes. The many petitions from various areas as well as the support from our M.S.P. was instrumental in getting that stopped.
- Scottish Water proposed work along the shore may no longer go ahead. A&B Council have refused to allow the septic tanks being place on the main road. The reason for this is that the displacement of the concrete and tar could cause continual repairs needed on the road in the future which would be very expensive. The tanks could be placed on the foreshore although this would be more difficult at the Strone site.
- Bruce had received a complaint from a resident regarding the planning application for the access road to the walled garden the Community Council have received no objections.
- Dunoon Community Council held a public meeting with the I.J.B. invited to discuss the decision to close Struan Lodge and Thomson Court. A joint letter will be sent to the I.J.B. from Dick Walsh, and Mike Russell to ask them to reconsider their decision. Discussion regarding the recent meeting and the possible outcomes. It was agreed that the CC will write a letter of support to the appropriate group. Eileen has volunteered to be our representative on the Health & Social Care Forum as matters raised are of great importance to the community.
- The hedges in the village have been cut and Bruce commended how well the job has been carried out.

11. Actual Reality

- Aidan was unable to attend but sent a short report. They have had a busy summer with groups involved in art, drama, music workshops, colleges etc. They have done 2 beach cleans since Easter holidays and intend doing another one this month. They have groups booked through until December this year. They may have a sell-off of some equipment before December.
- Eileen reported that she and Sandra Primrose have been asked again to help out with judging some of the groups' projects in November.

12. Delegates Reports

- Caucus No meeting held since the last CC meeting, but we continue to work together with the other community councils on subjects such as the Scottish Water work on the shore, and the campaign to prevent the closure of Struan Lodge and Thomson Court". Marian is going to represent Ardentinnny CC in a group which will investigate broadband and why some areas do not have the faster broadband available. Neil reported that he has now signed up to Sky and can now receive 9 Megs which is a great improved.
- Website Nothing to report
- Amenities Minute of Agreement has been signed by CC members and returned to A&B. We would welcome any volunteers who wish to be included in a rota for regular cleaning of the toilets.

- Planning One application from Ardentinny Community Trust and another regarding the container to be sited at Ardentinny Hall car park. No objections received by CC in regard to either.
- Action Plan No issues arising from this.
- Coulport Val attended a cocktail party at Naval Base. This gave Val an opportunity to network and inform those attending what Ardentinny was about.

13. Updates

- Ardentinny Renewables Trust . The Co-Hydrover project is quite well ahead but they are still waiting for the generator to arrive. Once that is in place then the project should be up and running. Neil has contacted Iona for information which will be included in the CC website when it is available. Ross's s hydro scheme also seems to be well ahead too.
- Ardentinny Village Hall. The next step is raising funds for a business plan. We have been advised to get professional help with this which we have started to do. We have a table at the Harvest Fair to raise some funds.
- Ardentinny Community Trust. No report. Marian will contact them again for the next meeting.
- Ardentinny Conservation & Heritage. Interpretation board is now finished. We also have leaflets which will be available to visitors etc. Also they will be distributed to holiday houses.

14. A.O.C.B

- Safety issues driving out the village hall road need to be addressed. Suggestion that we put a mirror up to enable road users to exit onto the main road more safely. Proposal that a suitable mirror is priced and erected. All agreed.
- Bi- elections. Two new members have come forward. Bill Tierney and David Marshall have agreed to become community council members. The last day for nominations is Thursday 6th October.
- Notice board- It is intended that an application for a grant for a new CC notice board is applied for. This would mean that the board would have additional space for all the groups as well as public notices. A letter to be sent to Ardentinny Community Trust to inform them of this. All agreed.

Marian informed that the next meeting will be Tuesday 6th December. The meeting was closed.