

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Barcaldine Primary School 26th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Geoff Miller (Vice Convenor), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Sian Griffiths (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Ronnie Campbell (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), Jill Bowis (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), John Campbell (CC); Cllr Elaine Robertson; Kieron Green; and 1 member of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** none
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** held on 19th February, were approved subject to an amendment to item 6: attendance at the A828 meeting also included Mrs Kill.
- 4. Police Report:** PC Johnston arrived at the meeting but was called away shortly before it began. He provided a crime report and some advisory leaflets & door stickers for householders on dealing with cold callers. The crime details incidents over the previous 6 weeks, mostly traffic offences including speeding and use of mobile phones while driving. There has also been a theft of an outboard from Benderloch and a break-in and theft of alcohol from the Victory Hall. Enquiries are ongoing into these two incidents. Finally, Insp. Julie McLeish has now moved on to a new posting in Lochgilphead and is replaced in Oban by Insp. Mark Stephen
- 5. Matters Arising:** Jim Smith has not responded to queries about the turning circle progress – Elaine to follow up. Connel Bridge – lights are now working correctly but still need further work completed to reduce delays; road lighting to be fixed also and cameras fitted at bridge ends for monitoring traffic flow & signal problems.
- 6. Lochnell PS crossing/safe route to school:** Parents have been asked not to drive into the school turning area to drop children off, but to park in the village hall car park & cross the road. This has led to some concerns over the standard of the path from the car park to the pavement, and the lack of a crossing patrol. It was suggested that the CC should take this up with the Council and/or school, but first Elaine will come back to us with contacts for the people who are involved in safe routes etc. and who to write to.
- 7. Barcaldine CC noticeboard:** Margaret will follow up possibility of claiming on insurance. Tim to write to TS about 20 flashing lights for school bus.
- 8. Connel Surgery:** A number of surgery staff members will be leaving in the near future, including Dr Neil Bennett (GP), Nurse Wendy Robertson and Moira Newiss (joint practice manager). The Surgery is hopeful of recruiting replacements. Elaine pointed out that Connel has a very large catchment area and is vital for the community. It is the practice's intention, as far as possible, to always have 2 GPs in Connel, which is the biggest of the practice's surgeries. Also, there is now more use of pharmacies for treating minor ailments. All but two of the practice GPs are part time.
- 9. Community Planning – ACC representation:** Margaret has been appointed as Convenor of the local Area Community Planning Group. Jill, Colin, Tim (evenings), and Robin can attend in rotation to represent ACC as required.
- 10. Treasurer's Report:-**

Overall balance as at 19th February 2015			3,044.15
General Fund	2,883.47		
Less: N Connel Hall hire	20.00		
		2,863.47	
Village Improvement Scheme Account	160.68		
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Overall balance as at 26th March 2015			3,024.15

Following a suggestion that ACC should look at projects to spend money on – Lachie proposed a community taxi service and/or looking at the possibility of a community renewable energy

project. Other likely calls on finances in the near future are the village centre map, CC viewpoint and possibly some new picnic furniture at the turning circle.

11. Secretary's Report - correspondence received: AGM – the Governance department had written to remind the CC of the procedures for co-opting members for specific projects. This possibility had been discussed in relation to volunteer maintenance of e.g. the CC viewpoint. However, the rules over co-opting make this an unlikely prospect as co-option of an individual can only be for a maximum of one six-month period in a CC term of office. Tim to speak to Lewis Morrison who has kindly offered in the past to help with grounds maintenance, about this and other possible options.

Infinis has written to advise that the Musdale Wind Farm application has been withdrawn. This is due to a reduction in the planned size, meaning that the proposal now needs to be consented through the local authority rather than the Scottish Government. Proposals will be re-submitted to A & B Council in due course.

12. Health Matters: A vulnerable Persons list would be made available in event of emergency plan event.

13. Planning: Lynn of Lorn housing has been modified in design largely in line with CC & community requests – i.e. single storey houses only backing onto Ceum dun Righ. Elaine will enquire for us about the phasing of the development.

Moorcroft Application – Mr Campbell expressed concern that the access road down the bank to the site may de-stabilise the bank and the main C25 road above and also the water main which runs along the road there. Access roads to sites are also very steep. CC to write to express concerns about these and sight-lines of access (on bend).

Planning Applications may soon no longer be available for public inspection if the post office is lost. Tim to ask if the CC could be sent a copy of applications as in the past.

14. AOB: Community Payback – were at the turning circle last week. There is a new manager John Gilchrist, and supervisor Kevin Locke.

15. Dates of AGM & next meeting: to be arranged

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45pm

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