

# ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held in Victory Hall 18th June 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoff Miller (Vice Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary) (from 8pm), Jill Bowis (CC), John Campbell (from 8.15pm); Cllrs Elaine Robertson and Iain S MacLean; Steven Rae (Oban Times); Kieron Green; and 1 member of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Robin Dodman (CC), Ronnie Campbell (CC), Sian Griffiths (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC); Cllrs Iain A MacDonald, Duncan MacIntyre; PC Stuart Johnston
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** held on 30<sup>th</sup> April, were approved.
- 4. Police Report:** PC Johnston was unable to attend due to shift patterns, but provided a report detailing issues in the area over the last 3 months. There were 50 recorded incidents with most being routine/traffic issues but including a break-in and theft from the village shop in Benderloch, for which they are following positive lines of enquiry. The Police will be continuing with speed checks on the A828 in the forthcoming period, including use of unmarked vehicles. Police Scotland will be carrying out a summer drink-drive campaign and are working with partners to lead a drive on rural crime prevention and detection.
- 5. Matters Arising:** Community Payback – Margaret has been in contact with new local manager John Gilchrist and will meet with him soon to discuss local projects.
- 6. Sustrans Update:** Paul Matthews, Sustrans, will contact CC to arrange a meeting to discuss routing of the remaining section between Benderloch & the airport. Elaine's investigations into the extent of Council land ownership to the south of the caravan park are ongoing.
- 7. Transport Scotland:** Moss Road End – no further information has been received since the meeting with TS in January - CC to request update from Stephen Davies (TS). Geoff has suggested that re-design of the road around the Moss Road end could be combined with building the cycle path. Turning Circle – still no update, due in February. Tim to email Jim Smith & TS, cc Iain and Elaine. Iain MacLean suggested that new Community Empowerment legislation may help.
- 8. Treasurer's Report:-**

<b>Overall balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b>		<b>3,024.15</b>
General Fund	2,863.47	
Less: 3 x Victory Hall hire	(33.00)	
Hire Barcaldine PS	(24.25)	
Hire Ardchattan PS	(25.00)	
Maps for village centre	(33.98)	2,747.24
Village Improvement Scheme Account	160.68	
Less: CC viewpoint maintenance	(100.00)	
		60.68
<b>Overall balance as at 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>		<b>2,807.92</b>

**Notes from Treasurer:** a) Annual grant application to be submitted shortly. b) CC to consider renewal of Scotways Subscription £20 - **approved**

- 9. Secretary's Report:** Notable items of correspondence since the last meeting:-
  - Plans display re: post office closure** – Council can only display in POs/ Council Service Points with guaranteed opening hours
  - ACHA** - re: water supply at Bonawe – problems now largely resolved
  - Connel Surgery Easter newsletter** incl. summary of procedures which can be done by practice nurses, so not requiring a GP appointment

**Minutes of Area Committee meeting** including TIF airport proposals - ALL restricted but minuted "The Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations at 3.1 of the report"

**Local Development plan Revised Supplementary Guidance**

**Health & Social Care integration newsletter**

10. **CC information flyers:** Jill has produced a draft flyer to inform community about the CC, members, etc. £92 for 2,000 – agreed to go ahead and order these.
11. **Gate at Ford Spence Court:** CC agreed to pay for the latch £27 inc. VAT
12. **Village Centre noticeboard:** Lachie has looked at the noticeboard and needs some paint for the roof – Jill will provide.
13. **Health Matters: Elaine:** Health & Social Care Integration is progressing to timetable. **Kieron:** PPF was earlier this month, and issue of large numbers of GPs leaving was discussed – a problem in a number of particularly rural & island areas. In some cases salaried GPs are being taken on. There are similar problems getting consultants to work in hospitals – locums providing cover at great expense.
14. **Planning:** Dundonald, North Connel - application for second Studicon on beach has been withdrawn.
15. **AOB: Kieron:** there will be a consultation coming out over the summer – Council ward boundaries are being re-drawn. A & B proposed to lose 3 councillors overall.  
**Elaine:** Community Payback. Elaine has met with local manager, John Gilchrist, who will come out to have a look at the various projects we are hoping to have done in the area.  
**Jill:** asked for an update on what A & B Council are doing re. Knotweed along Loch Etive – Elaine to contact biodiversity officer. New high speed broadband should arrive soon, but extent of direct connections to subscribers unclear as yet.  
**Tim:** Anne has contacted FC (Andy Hunt) to follow up possibility of bridge across Abhainn Dearg beyond the old village hall site in Barcaldine.
16. **CC meeting dates:** 20th Aug (North Connel); 1<sup>st</sup> October (Barcaldine); 5<sup>th</sup> Nov (Ardchattan); 10<sup>th</sup> December (Victory Hall)
17. **Date & Venue for next meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> Aug, North Connel Hall 7.30pm

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40pm*

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