

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in North Connel Hall 20th August 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Ronnie Campbell (CC), John Campbell (CC), Sian Griffiths (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC); Cllrs Iain A MacDonald and Elaine Robertson (from 9.10pm); Kieron Green (from 9.10pm); Alison Hutchins & Sean Lydon (Dawnfresh); and 8 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Geoff Miller (Vice Convenor), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Robin Dodman (CC), Jill Bowis (CC), Colin Morrison (CC); Cllrs Iain S MacLean and Duncan MacIntyre; PC Stuart Johnston
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** held on 18th June, were approved.
- 4. Police Report:** none
- 5. Matters Arising: Bonawe Water Supply** – there are ongoing problems with the quality of water from the ACHA supply – Cllr MacDonald to contact ACHA and report back. **Sustrans:** there is no update on a meeting with the engineer – Tim to chase up. **Village Centre noticeboard** – Lachie has fixed the roof and fitted the new maps in place. However, there is a problem with damp getting in to the maps, so a more permanent solution will need to be found in due course.
- 6. Dawnfresh Update:** Alison Hutchins spoke about a new application by Dawnfresh ref. Etive 4 (Airds Bay) – to increase by 2 cages and install a feed barge. There will be another application shortly for 2 additional cages at Etive 6 (feed barge already installed). Both sites currently have 10 cages. Comments were made that the existing feed barge is highly visible due to colour (white) – possibility this could be changed, in consultation with planning department. Dawnfresh offered to take CC members & anyone else interested out to the feed barge to see how it works and get a better idea of the noise produced. John Campbell said that noise from the existing feed barge at Etive 6 is not intrusive. Dawnfresh/CC to liase over possible dates for visit.
- 7. Community Broadband:** Cllr MacDonald – new BT ‘infinity’ fibre-optic cabinets being installed at locations along A828 trunk road, but connections beyond 2km from these will have limited service. There are other alternatives which operate by having a transmitter by the green cabinet which connects by radio with a dish on the subscriber’s house. Stuart Craine from Craine Communications attended the meeting & gave a brief summary of the technical operation of the system. This can be set up as a ‘Community Broadband’ initiative, for which some funding is available. The system needs around 30 subscribers to break even. Iain has booked North Connel hall for 8th September 7.30pm to gauge interest. Community Broadband needs to be administered by a community group, e.g. trust or possibly CC.
- 8. Connel Airport TIF Business Park:** Access road construction to be started shortly.
- 9. Road verge cutting:** The verges in Ardchattan have just been cut for the first time within the last few days, despite promises last year that the schedule would be improved. CC to write to the council. The issue will be high on agenda for Council Business Meeting on September 9th.

10. Treasurer's Report:-

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| Overall balance as at 18th June 2015 | | 2,807.92 |
| General Fund | 2,747.24 | |
| Less: printing of CC flyers | (92.55) | |
| | | 2,654.69 |
| Village Improvement Scheme Account | 60.68 | |
| | | 60.68 |
| Overall balance as at 20th August 2015 | | 2,715.37 |

11. Secretary's Report: Notable items of correspondence since the last meeting:-

24/06: FCS re-issue of sale document ref. old deer larder

09/07: Laura MacDonald: Community Empowerment bill passed at Holyrood, to become law shortly. It includes a provision: "Community Right to Buy: Amends the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, extending the community right to buy to all of Scotland, urban and rural, and improving procedures. It also introduces a new provision for community bodies to purchase land which is abandoned, neglected or causing harm to the environmental wellbeing of the community, where the owner is not willing to sell that land. This is if the purchase is in the public interest and compatible with the achievement of sustainable development of the land."

15/07: Melissa Stewart - CC training programme being devised - would welcome feedback on this, ASAP

29/07: A & B/LES: Community Renewables Seminar 9th September

30/07: Danielle Finlay: CPG meeting 27th Aug, SAMS, 2pm

30/07: Kieron Green: Consultation on revised ward boundaries/councillor numbers

18/08: A & B: Historic Environment Strategy - consultation open to 14th Sept.

12. Health Matters: Elaine: there was a meeting yesterday (19th Aug) of Health & Social Care integrated joint board – the plan has been accepted by SG so now the board is fully operational. Work starts now on strategic plan to implement from April 2016.

13. Planning: Dundonald application – Margaret will email Geoff to see if there are any local concerns which the CC should raise with Planning. CC will not make a response on Dawnfresh application until after site visit.

14. AOB: Bin at Bonawe – Sian has sent location info. to Council – to be followed up with Stuart McCracken. Gordon – an anonymous Facebook page has been set up to campaign for **speed bumps in Lora View** – he has suggested they contact CC to discuss, but has not heard yet. Cllr. MacDonald – informed us of proposals by a group in Oban to set up a proper **skateboard facility** for the town. Mrs Robertson: there is a big problem with **dog fouling** on the path around the airport, despite bins provided. Margaret has provided some signs to put up asking public to clear up after their dogs. Also put Mrs Robertson in touch with Oban dog watch group. Elaine: **knotweed on Bonawe Road** – has been treated this year, though some doubts expressed about this. They are testing new pesticide – Iain to check with Derek if the treatment has taken place. Please contact Derek Crooks if any signs of new growth.

15. Date & Venue for next meeting: 1st Oct, Barcaldine PS, 7.30pm – Margaret: apologies in advance.

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

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