

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Barcaldine Primary School 1st October 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Geoff Miller (Vice Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Ronnie Campbell (CC), John Campbell (CC), Jill Bowis (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC-elect), Ashley Stones (CC-elect, from 20.40); Cllr Iain S MacLean; Kieron Green; and 2 members of the public.

Geoff, as acting convenor, welcomed new members Tony Dalgaty & Ashley Stones who will join the CC on election day 8th October following the close of nominations in the by-election. As there were fewer nominations than vacancies, no election will be held.

- 1. Apologies:** Margaret Adams (Convenor), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Sian Griffiths (CC), Robin Dodman (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Iain A MacDonald and Duncan MacIntyre; PC Stuart Johnston
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** held on 20th August, were approved.
- 4. Police Report:** PC Stuart Johnston was unable to attend due to shift patterns but had kindly provided a report of recent policing activity detailing routine/minor incidents in the local area. There were no new issues raised by those present.
Items 5 & 6 were taken out of order
- 5. MacMillan Cancer Information & Support Service (Deirdre Henderson):** Deirdre provided a summary sheet and gave an informative talk about the new service being set up by MacMillan in conjunction with Argyll & Bute Libraries. This support service is due to open in Oban Library in November. It is intended to complement NHS provision, and is not a medical service but instead seeks to help anyone affected by cancer, including patients & their families, friends and carers, to find information. Booklets & leaflets will be available on a wide range of topics about cancer and related health and well-being issues. Space is being provided in the library for these publications, and there will also be a once-a-week drop-in session with volunteer staff available to talk to – there will also be a private space available in the reading room if needed. Volunteers are currently being sought for the service from the local community, and training will be provided.
- 6. Matters Arising: Community Broadband:** Iain MacDonald provided a report of the meeting in early Sept. in North Connel Hall. The meeting was attended by 20 residents, with a further 11 having expressed a keen interest. Presentations were given on the funding and technical aspects. A steering committee is to be set up, and volunteers have come forward. A further meeting will be held in October.
Road Verge cutting: The council will be following up the problems experienced this year, and will seek to improve things for next year (Cllr MacLean). – it was suggested we keep up pressure on this, as budgets are not set until February. **Bin at Bonawe** – followed up with Stuart McCracken, awaiting response. **Knotweed** – Ronnie: no sign of any treatment having been done. **Maps:** Jill – CGL can now do large-scale laminating which may be a solution for water ingress. **Airport** – Jill: Contractors have moved large amounts of soil which contains Himalayan Balsam – Iain MacLean will follow this up. **Benmore View** – (John Campbell): There is no sign at the entrance to Lora View to advise drivers where Benmore View is – also trees obscuring view at junction with A828.
- 7. Sustrans Update:** Margaret, Tim & Elaine met with Paul Matthews (Sustrans) and Peter Leslie (TP & E) to discuss the route of the remaining section & make suggestions as discussed between CC & Elaine earlier in the year. Lack of maintenance on Culcharron section– Tim has emailed Graeme Low (TS) about this – Lachie expressed concern about safety at Rhugarbh corner and suggested there should be a crash barrier in place – to be taken up at next meeting with Sustrans.
- 8. Bonawe Water Supply:** Cllr. MacDonald had contacted ACHA on our behalf following the last meeting, to pass on the concerns discussed. Alastair MacGregor (ACHA) had replied to say that they had no record of receiving complaints from their tenants, all of whom have been provided with particle & UV filters. He also pointed out that private property owners who use the supply had been contacted in the past to discuss the possibility of jointly funding modernisation of the system. At the time, they only received one response, and so this had not been followed up, but they remain willing to hold a meeting if desired. After discussion, it was suggested that anyone with a specific complaint about water quality should direct it in the first instance to ACHA so it can be investigated.

- 9. Dawnfresh application, Loch Etive:** Some community councillors & Tony & Ann Dalgaty visited the feed barge and were shown round all the operations. General feeling is that noise is unlikely to be very noticeable other than on the calmest days. Colour of feed barge was discussed, and hopefully can be made 'greener' to blend in with surroundings. Also location was discussed – suggestion was that the feed barge would be less prominent if it was situated between the cages & shore; however, there may not be enough depth. After discussion, it was agreed to raise concerns about: 1) creeping expansion of operations on the loch (Etive 4 is being expanded despite having not had permission originally); 2) pollution of the loch - and request conditions to control this; 3) colour & location of feed barge to minimise visual impact.
- 10. Boundary Commission Proposals for Oban North & Lorn:** Main effect of the proposals for the local area will be loss of one councillor which will reduce representation for the ward. Oban CC is organising a meeting of local CCs, to be held Thursday 8th Oct. at Oban Community Fire Station, to discuss how to respond collectively. Kieron will email details of the meeting shortly.
- 11. CPG Meeting 19th November 6.30pm** – will be held in Oban High School. Sian & Tim will attend, Margaret will be chairing.
- 12. Treasurer's Report:-**

Overall balance as at 20th August 2015		2,715.37
General Fund	2,654.69	
Less: Scotways subscription	(20.00)	
		2,634.69
Village Improvement Scheme Account	60.68	
		60.68
Overall balance as at 1st October 2015		2,695.37

- 13. Secretary's Report** – correspondence received & circulated;-
 08/09: Governance Training timetable
 11/09: Copy of planning objection from Mrs Elaine Trigg, ref. 15/00863/PP (since withdrawn)
 16/09: A85 road closures, Pennyfuir - update 30/09
 24/09: "Planning our Future" A & B consultation late Oct - Dec
 24/09: CPG meeting 19th November OHS 6.30pm
 30/09: Health & Social Care strategic plan public event on 9th October
- 14. Health Matters:** Jill & Tony will follow up the earlier discussions about defibrillators. Kieron provided an update from PPF meeting: group discussed integration (consultation) and maternity scanning for detailed scans in Oban – staff currently being trained for this.
- 15. Planning:** Iain will follow up to see if we can get copies of plans for Ardchattan area.
- 16. AOB: Victory Hall Car Park** – a Lochnell parent raised the poor state of the Victory Hall car park, which is now so bad that parents are not using it, as it is damaging cars.
- 17. Date & Venue for next meeting:** 5th Nov, Ardchattan PS, 7.30pm

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