

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Campbell Memorial Hall 10th December 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoff Miller (Vice Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Jill Bowis (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Ronnie Campbell (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Sian Griffiths (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC); Cllr Iain S MacLean; Kieron Green; Gideon Pringle & Alison Hutchins (Dawnfresh) and 1 member of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** John Campbell (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), Ashley Stones (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson & Iain A MacDonald; PC Stuart Johnston; it was noted that Cllr Duncan MacIntyre has now stepped down as an elected member.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** held on 5th November, were approved.
- 4. Police Report:** No new policing issues were raised at the meeting.
- 5. Matters Arising: Connel Bridge:** Newly-laid road surface is substandard and will be replaced in mid-December. Electrical work (orange boxes & cabling) also to be re-done in due course. **Airport Business Park:** Iain S MacLean: apologised on behalf of the council for the delay in consulting over the master plan – suggested holding a site meeting in February with Community Councillors.
- 6. Dawnfresh Etive 6 extension – Q & A with developer:** Representatives from Dawnfresh gave an outline of the reasons for their application to extend the Etive 6 farm by 2 extra cages. The additional space is needed to improve the efficiency of production and reduce fish movements between farms, but will not increase the overall biomass at the site. Discussion followed with a question and answer session between the developer and CC members. Dawnfresh representatives left the meeting following this item.
- 7. Victory Hall Car Park – Lachie:** hall committee have looked into funding, but most funders will only consider this where the land is owned by the applicant. Suggested getting independent contractor to cost the upgrading work. Iain S: no-one will fund work on council-owned land, so best route is to form a Community Trust to purchase the land. Also it is important to make sure large vehicles are excluded, to avoid rapid damage to the surface. Kieron: pointed out that asset transfer would involve long-term liabilities – maintenance etc., which would need to be taken into account. Robin: could maintenance not be funded from Oban Area car-parking charges? Iain S: answers being sought from Council on money from these charges coming back to Oban area. Email from Elaine who has requested a contribution from Education dept. towards improvement costs. Tim: could Council adopt if community bought & upgraded? Jill: could we get a value for if the community was to purchase it? And a Community Trust may help to attract younger people to get involved. Iain will ask the Council for the book asset value of the carpark. Geoff: could leasing rather than purchase open up other funding opportunities? Discussion to be continued.
- 8. Community Planning Group meeting update –** the last meeting was held on 19th November in Oban High School. Good attendance from younger people, on whose needs the meeting was focussed. However, not well attended by Community Councils – need to find ways of communicating better what Community Planning & the Single Outcome Agreement are. Next meeting will be in February.
- 9. Gilly's Path –** Gordon spoke to Gilly. CC agreed in principle to help with funding hire of machinery as required for path maintenance. Also he raised concerns about dog fouling on the path. Discussed whether a bin could be provided as part of the Community element of the airport business park, or possibly by ACHA.
- 10. Council Spending Cuts Proposals:-** Consultation ends on 31st December. This can be filled in online – to date around 700 people have responded.

11. Treasurer's Report:-

Overall balance as at 1st October 2015		2,695.37
General Fund	2,634.69	
Plus: annual grant (A & BC)	633.60	
less: school hire (A & BC)	(25.00)	
		3,243.29
TO BE COMPLETED		
Village Improvement Scheme Account	60.68	
		60.68
Overall balance as at 10th December 2015		3,303.97

Ronnie proposed that the CC should make a further donation of £250 to the Club na Cairdean seconded by Anne, agreed unanimously.

12. **Secretary's Report** – Correspondence received since last meeting: **Digital Highlands** - update on progress with the roll-out of high speed Broadband; **Community Planning Partnership** bulletin; **Cuts Alternatives** - a document from the SNP MSPs setting out an alternative vision for reducing costs by re-configuring the way the Council operates; **AHFA** (maintenance arm of ACHA) – looking for new board members.
13. **Health Matters: Robin:** Integration of Health & Social Care services is progressing, and is due to come into full effect from 1st April 2016. Defibrillators: Robin gave a summary of his investigations into the provision of community defibrillators. Tony has been following this up and has applied to Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease. Next MEDCAT meeting is on 21st December – Robin will mention defibrillator issue. Taynuilt Medical Practice due to launch updated website in new year. Kieron: Locality Health Forum met on 7th and next meeting is on 1st Feb. at 6.30pm
14. **Planning:** Following further discussion, Community Councillors voted by majority to object to the Dawnfresh application on grounds of: industrialisation of the loch; visual impact; pollution concerns. CC to write to Planning dept.
15. **AOB: Knotweed** – Elaine has been in contact with Derek Crooks who advised that treatment is on-going in identified areas, with promising results – more details to follow by email. Lachie advised that BEAR are now tackling the knotweed at Craigneuk. **Breedons Bonawe Liason Committee** – Margaret: it is up to CC to arrange a meeting in the new year. Email to be sent asking for suggested dates/volunteers. **School Buses** – there have been reports of pupils arriving late for school due to poor punctuality of school buses, over a period of time. CC to write to Malcolm MacFadyen.
16. **Date & Venue for next meetings in 2016:** 21st January, North Connel Hall (NB changed to Campbell Memorial Hall); 3rd March, Barcaldine PS; 14th April, Ardchattan PS; 19th May, AGM & meeting, Victory Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:50pm

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