

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Campbell Memorial Hall 21st January 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoff Miller (Vice Convenor), John Campbell (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), Ashley Stones (CC); Jill Bowis (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Ronnie Campbell (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Sian Griffiths (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC); Cllr Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green; and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Cllr Iain A MacDonald; PC Stuart Johnston; (It was confirmed that Cllr Duncan MacIntyre has now stepped down as an elected member and his post will be filled via a By-Election on 18th February 2016).

2. Declarations of Interest: none

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: held on 10th November 2015, were approved.

4. Police Report: PC Stuart Johnston was unable to attend but submitted a report via Margaret which she gave verbally. There were various minor incidents reported and it was noted that there again had been two Road Traffic Accidents in the vicinity of the bend close to North Ledaig Caravan Park. The report also indicated that the possible formation of a "Rural Watch Scheme" is being looked at. The Police are seeking the assistance and views of Community Councils to investigate the viability of such a scheme. The meeting agreed that ACC should become involved as and when more information becomes available because Rural Policing Officers are already over stretched.

5. Matters Arising: Airport business park- Jill asked why there had been no public or CC consultations yet. Elaine advised that the business plan to present was not yet completed which is partly due to staff illness. When everything is in place consultations will be held.

Broadband update- This item was discussed in more detail under AOCB.

Japanese Knotweed- Elaine has requested site of a map showing areas that are or have undergone treatment. She is also seeking any other general information and will then update ACC when known.

Breedons Bonawe Liasion Committee- The request is still ongoing to arrange a meeting but Margaret is not receiving any response from Breedons. She will try, YET AGAIN, to contact them with a view to arranging a meeting and also try and obtain the minutes of the last meeting

6. Victory Hall car park- At the last ACC meeting Councillor Iain S MacLean agreed to take away various options to investigate with Argyll & Bute Council. Elaine confirmed she was now in contact with Malcolm McFadden and had requested a valuation of the site and also if leasing the land on a peppercorn rent could also be possibility. In general the meeting felt that a community buy-out could be a problem because of the ongoing maintenance costs. Geoff suggested that if some sort of option could be found to match the funding already available members of the School Parent Council could become co-opted members of the hall committee to enable any project to be progressed.

7. Community Defibrillator- Tony gave an update on all the work and investigations he has carried out. This is proving to be a project with many options to provide a solution plus there appears to be many funding sources. Tony, along with Robin who is in contact with the surgery, will continue to action. One point raised was that initially Bonawe would be a location that would be an area that could benefit most with the provision of a Defibrillator. Ronnie said the phone box is redundant there so could provide a suitable installation location.

8. Treasurers Report- In Anne's absence Margaret provided a report on her behalf.

Overall balance as at 10th December 2015	3,303.97
Donation to Club na Cairdean	200.00

Overall balance as at 21st January	3103.97
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9. Secretary's Report- Due to Tim being unavailable no report was provided as he had no urgent matters to advise the meeting of.

10. Health- Robin provided confirmation that the new Surgery IT System is now up and running but there are still a few teething problems. He also stated that one problem with the system provided is that it is not compatible with some other NHS systems. The meeting considered this to be a retrograde situation and the general feeling was that of disbelief and comments not suitable to print here.

Robin confirmed he had attended the latest MedCATS meeting on 21st December 2015 and passed over minutes of this meeting for the Secretaries file. The next meeting will be held Wednesday 17th February 2016 at Connel Surgery.

11. Planning- The Dawnfresh application for the addition of two cages at Etive 6 is going to a hearing with a recommendation of refusal by the Planners. Elaine will inform ACC with the date of the hearing. ACC will not take any further action at this point in time.

Application 15/03188/PP at Craigneuk was raised but due to the lack of information no action can be considered at present.

12. AOCB- The ongoing **Connel Bridge lighting** modification/fiasco was discussed. It is believed that BEAR, the contractors for Transport Scotland, have, or are in the process of preparing, specifications to carry out remedial works. ACC have no knowledge of any planning application being submitted, which is a mandatory requirement so Margaret will contact Connel CC to see if they are aware of any documentation.

Superfast Broadband- A member of the public asked ACC for an update on the provision of the promised superfast broadband in North Connel (Exchange 71 Level) The committee could not, and never have been able, to do this due to the abysmal lack of information that is available. General discussions continued around the subject and Kieron updated the meeting with information he had obtained from a reliable source. The information he had was that another four Fibre Cabinets are to be installed on Ledaig Exchange (Exchange 72 Level) Geoff was able to confirm that if this is correct this will have no effect for North Connel residents. The Ledaig Exchange area boundary's most southern point is the northern boundary of North Ledaig Caravan Park. Further discussions took place on the many general problems and possible solutions but Geoff advised systems such as GigaPlus Argyll should not be discussed at this point in time as this can confuse people. These systems are not the same as the Flag Ship Policy Superfast Broadband people are being promised. Kieron gave Margaret the contact details of Bob Cornish as he has more general information on the subject.

13. Date and Venue for the next meeting: 3rd March 2016 Barcaldine Primary School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:15pm

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