

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from meeting held 03/03/16 in Barcaldine Primary School.

Present:

CC - Margaret Adams, Geoff Miller, Lachine Strathearn, Ashley Stones, Tony Dalgaty, John Campbell, Gordon Wood.

Councillors - Julie Mckenzie, Elaine Robertson, Iain A MacDonald, Iain Maclean.

Members of the public - 4 persons.

Apologies:

Colin Morrison, Tim McIntyre, Robin Dodman, Ronnie Campbell, Sian Griffiths, Anne Hilditch, Jill Bowis

Declaration of interest: None.

Minutes of previous meeting: All ok - true record.

Presentation:

There was a presentation given from Paul Matthews from Sustrans regarding the current status of Cycle Route 78 and the black spots or gaps in the route. This was a very informative discussion and there was participation from all present at the meeting to look and discuss the drawings presented and the options they described. There has been a possible route identified and Sustrans are now going to progress this having taken on board any suggestions made during the presentation. There is still to be discussions held with home owners etc regarding the suggested route.

Police Report: Between the 21st Jan - 29th Feb there had been 15 recorded incidents.

Matters from Minutes:

Rural watch scheme - interest in joining although this is in the early stages.

Connel Bridge lighting - there has been no planning application as yet

Breedons - There was no further update.

De-Fibulators - There is no funding available until the new financial year, Tony will pick up this topic again then.

Lochnell Carpark - There has been some council money identified, Elaine stressed that the amount was insufficient but that there was some. Still the option of community buy out to be researched.

20mph Sign - Margaret included that there was still no sign on the other side of the bridge at the primary school.

Treasurers Report: No change in the accounts.

Secretary's Report: No report as such although the discussion of the meeting at this point included the following,

Margaret made it known that she had been sent a Sample medal for the Queens 90th Birthday, if anyone was interested in getting one or finding out more then please speak to Margaret.

Elaine spoke of a letter that may have been sent to Tim regarding the Ledaig Post Office. The letter detailed the closure of the post office and how the service may be restored.

Elaine suggested that a letter could be written and sent enquiring about the possibility of a Post Office van visiting the area. Tim was nominated to respond.

Health Matters: Nothing to report.

Planning: Ronnie and Margaret were in attendance at the recently held Dawnfresh hearing. The info fed back was that Dawnfresh intended to apply for more cages and that the planning report resulted in a recommendation for refusal.

The planning application for Craigneuk had received some objections from locals. The people applying for the application had involved archaeological experts with regards to the graveyard. Geoff had looked at the plans and had the opinion that the plans were quite good. There is nothing to be done at the moment from a CC aspect.

A.O.B: Great delight was expressed at the news of a bin being delivered and installed in a cabinet at Bonawe. Delivery was expected 04/03/16.

Concern expressed regarding a boat in a nearby location to Bonawe which is full of rubbish. There was debate around whether this is a council issue or an environmental issue. Stuart McCracken had been contacted by Iain MacDonald and the council are aware of the issue. The boat or boats in question appear to be on private ground which would therefore suggest it is the responsibility of the land owner. It was suggested that perhaps if the boats are lying on crown estates ground then this may be an area of exploration with a view to resolving.

Kieron Green informed that people in Barcaldine had been enquiring about an extended bus service to the area. This had been information he had gathered during recent visits to the area.

There was discussion around broadband and info that more broadband cabinets may be installed. This led onto an update on the Loch Etive Community Broadband project from Iain MacDonald. Sites have been identified by Stuart Crane for masts to bounce broadband signals but there is still concern about the running of such a scheme going forward. More info is required for anyone who may be considering such a scheme.

Ashley Stone made all aware of a battery powered cutter that may have been suitable for Ghillies Path at the end of the air field. It was agreed to continue with the already agreed arrangement of the hiring of a machine when Ghillie required one and the cost being met by the community council.

Margaret brought attention to a dangerous spot that has developed at the crossroads next to the Black Castle. Suspected that this has been caused by lorries. Margaret is going to contact Graham Stone about this matter.

Peter McArthur from the Forestry will be dropping off 2 picnic benches to Lachie for the turning circle in Benderloch. Community payback could possibly help with this task and Lachie is to progress.

Elaine discussed the extension of the shinty pitch next to the airfield to install some kind of changing facility. The south end of the pitch was chosen for this to preserve the BMX track currently in use at the North end of the patch.

There was no further update on the industrial unit development at the airfield. It was hoped that there would be some more info available soon. There was a meeting due for the TIF/Chord project.

Date and location of next meeting: 14th April at Ardchattan Primary School.

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