

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in North Connel Hall 30th June 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoffrey Miller (Vice-convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Robin Dodman (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Jill Bowis (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Ashley Stones (CC); Councillors Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green, Iain S MacLean; Bill Dundas, Lochnell Parent Council; and 1 member of the public

- 1. Apologies:** Ronnie Campbell (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), John Campbell (CC), Sian Griffiths (CC), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer); Councillor Julie McKenzie
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held on 10th May, were approved.
- 4. Police report:** none
- 5. Matters arising: Moss Road:** Still problems with verges breaking up at bellmouths on Moss Road by Dalvaie – Elaine has reported to Roads dept. – Tim to follow up with Graham Stone. **Tralee Road:** drainage has been attended to, and bollards fitted at the pavement end. Pot hole fixed at Kintaline – thanks to Graham Stone & James Jackson, Argyll & Bute Council.
- 6. Tralee link path** – Margaret met on site with Bill Dundas (Lochnell Parent Council), Cllr Elaine Robertson & Jonathan Welch, A & B Council, to discuss mechanisms for adoption of land to enable provision of liability cover etc. – investigations on-going. **Victory Hall Car Park** – There is £478 still outstanding on the works carried out – after discussion the CC agreed to contribute up to half of this (£239) – the Parent Council will seek the balance from the Hall Committee in the first instance. Bill Dundas: Car parking situation at the school is a big issue for parents, and it is felt that a permanent solution is needed, for the benefit of both the school and Victory Hall. The land is owned by the Council but they do not have funding available for upgrade work. Bill suggested that the Hall Committee, Parent Council and Community Council work together to explore possible solutions. There was further discussion on the possibilities of purchase or lease of the land, and a potential role for a Community Trust, or working with the Council. Jill, Colin, Tim agreed to help on behalf of ACC. Elaine will provide an estimated figure to upgrade surface, from Graham Stone. **Bill Dundas and Elaine Robertson left the meeting after this item.**
- 7. Bonawe Quarry Liason Group meeting** – took place 2nd June in Dunbeg; Robin, Geoff, John, Elaine and Iain attended on behalf of CC & Council. Minutes have been provided by Breedons which will be circulated to all members shortly. The meeting gave an update on operations at Bonawe, Benderloch and North Connel quarries, and discussed various issues including traffic movements and working hours.
- 8. Proposed sand/gravel quarry at Glasdrum** – Jill attended Appin CC meeting on behalf of Ardchattan CC, and provided a detailed report of the meeting. A planning application is expected to be lodged in approx. 6 weeks. Around 70 people attended the meeting, which included a presentation and Q & A session with the developer. Most of those present were opposed to the proposal. A campaign group has been set up: **quarryprotest.com** to fight against it.
- 9. Treasurer's report:-**

Balance as at 10th May 2016		3,103.97
less: school hire (A & BC)	(25.00)	
less: Campbell Hall hire (x2)	(30.00)	
Closing balance as at 30th June 2016		3,048.97

Anne had advised by email that the annual Scotways subscription was due and asked for approval to renew for another year. This was agreed.

10. **Secretary's report** – Correspondence received & circulated; **Appeal notification** ref. refusal of planning consent for 2 x extra cages at Sailean Ruadh, Dawnfresh; **Digital Highland** superfast broadband roll-out update; **Local Government Boundaries Commission** final report to Ministers – following discussion, CC agreed to write to Minister before 5th July to object; **Local Development Plan** call for sites to be included in latest review; **Community Planning Partnership** next meeting 18th August, 2pm, Corran Hall
11. **Health matters – Defibrillators** – Tony has obtained funding from two sources: A & B £1,500 and Connel Surgery £1,000 - and will now follow up further sources in order to raise the total needed for 3 x units. He is also making efforts to request use of the exchange building next to the phone box in Bonawe to site the first unit. **Robin** – new GP will start on 1st August at Connel. Health & Care Experience survey has been published showing public experience of accessing health services at Connel Surgery, with most indicators being significantly above the national average.
12. **Planning** – 4 houses at Achnaba Church – no objection, but request provision of extra passing places on the road.
13. **AOB – Lachie:** write to Roads dept. to enquire about when verges will be cut. **Kieron:** Council officers have pledged to assist any firms at MRC that may be asked to move if the site is taken over. Barcaldine PS teacher now has permanent role; school roll will increase to 8 from August. **Iain:** Kieron has been appointed to Policy Lead for Health & Social Care; **Margaret:** congratulated Kieron on behalf of the CC on winning the by-election in early June. **Jill** asked about roll out of digital broadband – maps, dead spots, etc. – Tim to investigate. Jill also gave a brief report on the seaweed farming project. **Tim:** Oban High School Parent Council has been in touch about the campaign to reverse the council's decision to axe all secondary school librarian posts. Tim to circulate email with details of facebook page & petition.
14. **Next meeting:** 18th August, Barcaldine Primary School 7.30pm – Margaret & Kieron apologies in advance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:30pm

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