

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Campbell Memorial Hall 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoffrey Miller (Vice-convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Robin Dodman (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Ronnie Campbell (CC), John Campbell (CC), Ashley Stones (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Sian Griffiths (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Breege Morrison (CC); Councillors Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green; PC Jeremy Moore; and 1 member of the public Mr Jamie Wray (Jay)

- 1. Apologies:** Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Jill Bowis (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Gordon Wood (CC), PC Stuart Johnston
- 2. Declarations of interest:** Lachie Strathern declared an interest in a planning application to be considered under item. 13
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held on 29th September, were approved.
- 4. Police report: *this item was held pending arrival of PC Moore, and taken after item 8:*** PC Jeremy Moore attended – no outstanding issues or trends at the moment. PC Moore talked about a wide variety of issues with local relevance, and importance of police & communities working together. Margaret asked about reports of possible closure of Oban Police Station. Oban station is not suitable for modern policing needs and so a review will look at possible alternative sites/buildings in the town.
- 5. Matters Arising: Sustrans:** Discussions with landowners ongoing, but no progress to report – Sustrans presentation to be re-scheduled to a future meeting. **Noticeboard:** Anne had costings for a new noticeboard for Barcaldine. Agreed to proceed with this, and also with a second new board in Bonawe. Elaine to ask Douglas Blades if they could be mounted in Bus shelters. Geoff expressed concern about magnetic board & possibility of magnets getting lost.
- 6. Community Council By-election:** Breege Morrison was welcomed as a newly-elected Community Councillor from 10th November.
- 7. Tralee Link Path update:** A meeting took place with landowners in early October. At present, the planning application is in progress, but permission is still awaited from Mr McColl's estate before work can proceed. **Zebra Crossing** in Benderloch village centre is to be replaced with a traffic-light controlled (Puffin) crossing in January.
- 8. Airport Business Park update:** Elaine provided a report from David Gunn, Lorn Arc Programme Manager. Agreed to invite Fergus Murray and/or David Gunn to future CC meeting to discuss the options going forward, and to advertise this meeting so that interested businesses could attend.
- 9. Former pub/café, Barcaldine:** Jay has been in discussion with Barcaldine Community Association about the possibility of using the building as a community drop-in centre, and has been in contact with the Estates manager of the Camping & Caravan Club who has indicated a willingness to look at any proposal positively. Proposals include using the building as a library, charity/swap shop, for coffee mornings and other community events. Jay is working with BCA to investigate the possibilities further.
- 10. Treasurer's report:-**

Balance as at 29th September 2016

3,982.47

less: hire of Ardchattan school for meeting. (26.50)

Closing balance as at 10th November 2016

3,955.97

Ronnie proposed a donation of £200 to Club na Cairdean – this was agreed by all present.

- 11. Secretary's report** – Correspondence since last meeting:-
05/10: Invitation to join Argyll & Bute Council Citizen's Panel
07/10: (outgoing) letter of support ref. Planning for Alutec workshop
12/10: Email from Mr Mattison re: Planning for Alutec workshop – see under item 13
25/10: Agenda for CPG meeting, 17th November 6.30pm Corran Halls
25/10: Update on SSF development at former MRC site
26/10: Friends of Ardchattan letter to A & B C about future of Bonawe school buildings
- 12. Health matters: Defibrillators** – Tony has been doing some further research and concludes that the best unit is available from WEL Medical Ltd., at a cost of £1,600 which includes the mounting cabinet etc. Funding available is sufficient to purchase one defibrillator & two cabinets, and then apply for funding for a second unit in April. It was agreed to go ahead with this, subject to agreement from funders on pre-purchase of the second cabinet. Tony is still awaiting written permission to use the BT exchange which will hopefully be forthcoming shortly. **Robin:** H & C Forum minutes have been circulated.
- 13. Planning: Flats in Benderloch:** (Lachie S interest declared) – no objections. **SSF development at MRC:** concern was raised with Anne by a Barcaldine resident over the height of the proposed SSF building – it was agreed that this would be looked at once plans of the proposed buildings were submitted. **Alutec workshop at Culcharron** – an objection had been made by a neighbour Mr Mattison, with reference to the Local Plan. However, it was agreed that as the Community Council had already made a submission in support of the application, no further comment would be made.
- 14. AOB: Breege:** suggested that CC register an interest in Ardchattan School building so that it does not get subsumed into the Council's commercial estate. Geoff concerned about this as the buildings are potentially a liability. – discussed that registering an interest would not in itself result in any liability. Agreed to do this. **Margaret:** had received communication regarding possibility of building a playpark in the village – ref. WHHA new development. We are awaiting further information and meeting proposal. Lachie mentioned a couple of sites that were considered for this purpose in the past. **Jay** asked anyone who knows of suitable land for community growing projects to get in touch.
- 15. Next meetings:** 12th January North Connel, 23rd Feb Barcaldine, 6th April Ardchattan, 18th May AGM, Benderloch.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50pm

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