

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Victory Hall 23rd February 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoffrey Miller (Vice-convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Lachie Strathern (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Jill Bowis (CC); Councillors Kieron Green, Elaine Robertson; Council officers Fergus Murray & David Gunn (Economic Development); 13 members of the public. PC Jeremy Moore attended for the discussion under item 4.

- 1. Apologies:** Ashley Stones (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Breege Smyth (CC); Cllr Julie MacKenzie; PC Stuart Johnston
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held on 12th January were approved subject to clarification of an entry under item 14. AOB – the sentence beginning “Jill advised...” to be replaced with “Jill advised that contact had been made with ‘Adopt a Monument’ for expert advice and no actions would take place without discussions initially with the landowner later in the Spring”
- 4. Police report:** PC Moore informed the meeting about the Rural Watch scheme – similar to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Rural areas. Individuals & CCs can sign up, and will receive email updates with tips on crime trends, etc. Flyer sent out by PC Stuart Johnston. Add to Community Council Facebook page. A member of the public raised the issue of speeding vehicles close to Lochnell School, and asked if it is possible to have more visible policing of traffic. CC can request for a road survey to be carried out. Jeremy will report the issue back to the Road Policing dept. There was then general discussion on the safety issues around children crossing the main road since Lochnell School banned vehicles from the school turning area – it was suggested that the Parent Council should discuss these issues with the school. Discussion followed about speeding vehicles on Tralee road. It was agreed to enquire with the council on the possibility of a reduced speed limit being imposed on the road, and also to have white lining renewed on Tralee Road.
- 5. Airport Business Park:** Fergus Murray explained the background to the Lorn Arc TIF project. This is subdivided into 9 individual projects including the Airport Business Park. The access road has already been built into the site, but further development is subject to getting a suitable business case agreed, in view of the funding arrangements. The major hurdle at the moment is that the interest being shown in the site is from smaller businesses which do not generate the Non-Domestic Rates uplift required by the TIF funding model. Therefore, as well as the original TIF model, the Council is now looking into alternative options including discussing with government other forms of economic support e.g. for job creation and/or perhaps a joint venture with the private sector. They are also working on a wider master plan for the area surrounding the airport. Council is now expected to make a decision in the next few months on which of the Lorn Arc projects to take forward.
- 6. Matters Arising: Tralee Link Path** – time is running out on the funding, and there is still one landowner agreement outstanding. An application for new funding for the next year is being prepared, in case the current deadline expires before work can begin.
- 7. Recycling centre & Viewpoint:** due to the pressure of time, it was agreed to hold this item over for further discussion at the next public meeting in April.

8. Treasurer's report:-

Overall opening balance as at 12th January 2017 **2,542.53**

income: A & B C Annual Grant 633.60
less: hire of North Connel Hall (20.00)

Closing bal. General Fund **2,889.57**

Defibrillator Fund **266.56**

Overall closing balance as at 23rd February 2017 **3,156.13**

9. Secretary's report – Correspondence since last meeting:-

16/01: Consultation on future of Scottish planning system - closes 4th April

18/01: Update to Barcaldine Forest Design Plan

01/02: Police Scotland update on review of estates

07/02: Request for interview re. fish farm planning, Dr Billing, SAMS

21/02: A & B Governance - annual survey & review of CC Scheme prior to CC elections

21/02: H & SC Partnership Quality & Finance Plan to 2019, drop in event 1st March

- 10. Health matters:** Tony now has the first defibrillator & 2 cabinets. Discussions still ongoing with BT over siting, but hopeful it can be mounted on the BT exchange in Bonawe very soon. Next step is to apply for funding for a second unit from the British Heart Foundation. Jay will ask the Caravan Club in Barcaldine if the defibrillator there could be made available for public use. **Robin:** gave some more detail on the H & SC Quality & Finance Plan & drop-in event. **Elaine:** attended a meeting 'Planning for the Future' at the hospital – minutes will be sent to CCs

- 11. Planning:** no current items.

- 12. AOB: Elaine:** suggested arranging a Bonawe Quarry Liason Group meeting as it is some time since the last one and there have been changes to personnel within Breedons.

- 13. Next meetings:** 6th April Ardchattan PS, 18th May AGM, Barcaldine.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:55pm

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