

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in North Connel Hall 27th June 2017 at 7.30pm

Due to the large turn-out of members of the community interested in the Sustrans item, it was decided to hold discussion under item 5. before the start of the main community council meeting. Approximately 60-70 people including community councillors were present for this discussion, in which Sustrans representative Paul Matthews outlined the progress made with design work, following which there was extensive discussion about the alignment and in particular the suggestion that the route would cross the A828 trunk road in two places. Sustrans have provided a separate note of this discussion which is appended to this minute.

Minutes of Community Council Meeting following Sustrans presentation

Present: Geoffrey Miller (Vice-convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Lachie Strathern (CC), Jill Bowis (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Breege Smyth (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Ashley Stones (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green, Andrew Vennard; 9 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Margaret Adams (CC Convenor), Sian Griffiths (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), John Campbell (CC), Bill Dundas (Lochnell Parent Council)
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held on 18th May approved
- 4. Police report:** none
- 5. Sustrans NCN78 update – Paul Matthews –** see above
- 6. Matters Arising: Tralee Road:** Elaine advised that the Council has speed monitoring equipment, currently in use at Kilmelford, which is scheduled for use on the Tralee Road later in the year. On a related question, Elaine has requested a verge cutting programme and will advise when received. **Viewpoint:** Gary not able to paint benches – Jill will investigate alternative options. **Community Access:** Campbell Cameron has been investigating the issues of access to/Community buy-out of the local areas as discussed at the previous meeting: Beregonium and Tralee respectively. Anne has spoken to Jolyon Gritten who outlined the process for advising the Council of access problems. Suggestion that the idea of a Community Action Plan/Community Trust be re-visited. Campbell suggested setting up a sub-group of the CC to take forward the idea, and possibly co-opt additional folk to help – Jill will contact Laura MacDonald to take this forward.
- 7. Trunk Road Crossing at Lochnell School:** DJ Barr reported on a recent near miss at the crossing point, which has been reported to police – encouraged any further incidents to be similarly reported to help build a picture. June Graham (Council road safety officer) has been to visit the school, trained P3s in road safety, and arranged for hi-viz vests from pre-school up to P3. A banner has been made by the school children, to be put up at Culcharron straight, asking drivers to slow down. Bill Dundas (Parent Council) has met with TS who will be putting up speed monitoring equipment in August to build up a picture of traffic speed & volumes. A question was raised over why there is not a more prominent School warning sign on the trunk road heading south from Barcaldine.
- 8. Tralee Link Path update:** Elaine: Final agreements being arranged with landowners. Funding is in place. Contract will hopefully be let shortly. Jill asked that the contractors consult over any impact on the traffic on the road during the works – Elaine will pass this on.

9. Treasurer's report:-

Overall opening balance as at 18th May 2017 **3,108.23**

Opening bal. General Fund	2,841.67	
<i>less: Barcaldine PS hire fee</i>	<i>(27.25)</i>	
<i>Scotways annual subscription</i>	<i>(20.00)</i>	
<i>Transfer to defib fund:</i>	<i>(133.44)</i>	
Closing bal. General Fund		2,660.98

Opening bal. Defibrillator fund	266.56	
<i>Income – donation from Lodge St. Modan</i>	<i>200.00</i>	
<i>Transfer from General Fund</i>	<i>133.44</i>	
<i>Payment to BHF for defibrillator</i>	<i>(600.00)</i>	
Closing bal. Defibrillator fund	0.00	

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

- 23/05: Sustainable Marine Energy – public info. event 31st May
- 30/05: Letter of representation sent ref. planning breach at Connel sand quarry
- 08/06: Copy received of objection letter ref. planning 17/00983/PP
- 14/06: Forestry Commission – re: hand-written unauthorised signage, Beinn Lora
- 24/06: Reply from Planning Enforcement re. Connel sand quarry
- 24/06: Letter from Dawnfresh, response to press reports re. sea lice treatment, L. Etive
- 26/06: Letter to Planning Enforcement re: PMG Services
- 26/06: Email to Roads to request Traffic Management Survey on Tralee road
- 27/06: Email from Planning (Tim Williams) re: PMG Services

11. Health matters: Defibrillator: Tony has purchased a second defibrillator and brought it along to show us. Discussed possible location on Victory Hall. Lachie to check with hall committee and liaise with Tony over installation.

12. Planning: 17/00983/PP Improvements to junction and access, Land opposite Ferlum – members of the public present expressed concerns over the proposals, and following discussion it was agreed to lodge an objection on behalf of ACC. Glen Creran Quarry is going to Planning Committee meeting in August and will then most likely go to a public hearing in September.

13. AOB: Jill: any progress on road surface on Tralee road? Elaine: waiting for Capital Plan to be issued – no timescale at present. **Breege:** asked councillors about PMG services – advised that there is open dialogue between PMG and the council to find a resolution. **Lachie:** there should be a full investigation into how the current situation with PMG was arrived at. CC to follow this up and request details of the case from the Council.

14. Next meeting: Tuesday 22th August 7.30pm Victory Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:00pm

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Note provided by Paul Matthews, Sustrans, following meeting

I would like to provide you with a quick update following our attendance at the Ardchattan Community Council meeting on Tuesday 27th June to consider the gap in National Cycle Route 78 south of Benderloch.

First of all I would like to thank all of those who attended the meeting (we counted approx. 60 people!) it was a pleasant surprise and it is amazing to see such interest and support for a safe path route in the area. At the meeting we discussed progress to date and options for developing a new traffic-free path route – please see attached slides for info. We now have a dedicated Design team appointed to take the project forward.

Key headlines from meeting and post-meeting feedback slips:

- Overall the community feels broadly positive about the project and its objectives, but concerns have been raised about the timescales so far.
- Strong support for providing a completed link in the NCN in the short/medium term.
- Strong concerns and objections raised regarding any option that requires the path to cross the trunk road on safety grounds.
- If a path is created within the trunk road corridor; support was given to that on the west side which removed any crossings.
- The community retained continued support of the pursuit of a Core Path on the disused railway line in the long term.

Next Steps:

- The Design team will carry out investigations into the option of creating a path in the west verge.
- We will engage directly with affected landowners on west side of trunk road to establish the deliverability of this alignment.
- Sustrans will liaise with Argyll and Bute Council to understand the options for pursuing a Core Path designation for the former railway line.

We hope to progress the above points in the next two months by which time we can provide an update to everyone interested and affected by the project. When there is sufficient progress made I would like to hold another community meeting to keep everyone up to date and involved in the project. As ever, your continued support and interest is greatly appreciated and will be crucial in making progress.