

**Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Monday, 24 August, 2015 at 7.30 pm**

**Glendaruel Village Hall**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Welcome & apologies	Present: Cathleen Russell, Danielle Clark, Danuta Steedman, Anne Lamb, Cathy Grant, Tom Mowat, Martin McFarlane, Fiona Hamilton Apologies: None	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Proposed: MMcF Seconded: DS	
3	Matters Arising	Verge cutting – has been very recently started. Sickness and broken down equipment are the reason (not excuse). New machinery was invested in and 100% of it broke down. It was requested that dangerous corners and junctions be cut as a minimum. Council is investigating different options for contracting out. Trees also need cut.	AMcN will raise this at next week's Area Meeting
4	Declarations of Interest	CR expressed an interest in the letters exchanged over Boundary changes and will withdraw from discussion of the letters.	
5	Police Update	Apologies for missing previous meeting. In the past 3 months there have only been eighteen calls mainly wild camping/traffic/fire-arms. There have been only three crime reports. Paul Robertson has been promoted to Chief Inspector, Euan Wilson has been promoted to Inspector in Dunoon. Both are local promotions, keeping a good level of local knowledge. Police are selling one of the houses in Kames.	
6	Development Trust Update	<b>AGM</b> is 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2 pm in Glendaruel Hall. Open to all members, people can join on the day. Notification is being sent to all members. Shop project working group will be reconvened. Glendaruel Hub project will also be reconvened. Right to Buy the hotel expires at the end of this year. CR pointed out that A&B Council has produced a list of 'unsightly buildings'. Neither the shop, nor Glendaruel Hotel and St Catherine's Hotel appear on it. Forest projects are progressing. Turbines planning application has been submitted. Renewables will be mainstay of Trust revenue in the future. Volunteer & Work Experience skills programme has been successful. Walkways, bridges, steps have been built, picnic areas and sculptures will be installed. Eamon King presentation to the Community Woodlands Association was well received. Archaeology will soon be picked up again. The archaeology trail might extend to St Modan's Well. Cowal Way upgrading - contracts have been awarded and work has started although weather has been causing problems. . A new logo has been produced	AMcN will arrange to have list reviewed.

		<p>and FCS is putting in new marker posts (CW marked with purple). Nine sets of counters are being installed and the statistics will be downloaded monthly. Aim is to show an increase in footfall to the funders in two years' time. A new website will be launched in a few weeks and a newsletter will go to all interested parties quarterly.</p> <p>M Kaufman has offered to produce a Dev Trust newsletter for the community on a quarterly basis – hand delivered and on-line.</p> <p>There is more funding available for Cowal Way and options are being considered for upgrading/projects. A footbridge is to be installed on top of the original Bealachandrain Bridge.</p>	
7	Councillor's report	<p>The busses parking at Stronafian road-end are causing problems for local residents.</p> <p>The bins at the ferry are insufficient.</p>	<p>AMcN will raise with West Coast Motors</p> <p>AMcN will deal with issue of ferry bins</p>
8	NHS update	<p>CG attended meeting in July. Bus service between Dunoon and Inverclyde Hospital is ongoing and they will contact the Cowal Transport Forum about it. CG has asked for a 'map' of all the groups. Update re integration was given by Viv Hamilton. It will now include ALL adults with ALL conditions. The group will have devolved funding and are looking for an innovative scheme to best utilize the funds.</p> <p>There is a need to improve communication between all groups.</p> <p>The Integration Board is now legally established and will assume power once Strategic Plan is formally agreed upon, probably later this year.</p> <p>Local Plan: A new lead has been appointed for mental health as well as District Nursing. Situation in 'out-of-hours' GP provision has improved. Tighnabruaich now has its third 'rural fellow'. (a hospital registrar retraining as a rural GP). Consultations are carried out by Lorna Alsquith.</p>	
9	Boundary Changes	<p>Cowal Community Councils are holding a joint Caucus meeting to address this issue and formulate an answer to the proposed changes. Any community councillor wishing to attend is welcome. We need to put in a response.</p> <p>Bute and Cowal are having the largest population loss. Cowal will cease to exist as a ward. Colglen. Tighnabruaich, Kilfinan and Stralachlan will fall under the Bute ward, while Strachur, Kilmun etc will fall under the Helensburgh ward.</p> <p>Major concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the majority of the people of the Bute Ward live on the Isle of Bute, it is more than likely that all elected councillors will live on Bute and not be able to serve us or attend our meetings.</li> <li>• Bute should be treated as the island it is and have 3 councillors</li> <li>• Cowal should be treated as an island because of its</li> </ul>	<p>All were requested to submit further points.</p>

		<p>remoteness, rurality and travelling issues (Kilmun – Helensburgh is 150 miles round trip!) and have 3 councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local democracy will not work.</li> <li>• Use of National Park boundaries is not appropriate for Cowal communities</li> <li>• Helensburgh issues are completely different from Kilmun and Strone</li> <li>• The changes will precipitate a serious lack of representation for communities.</li> <li>• This will have knock-on effect for population if people can't have issues addressed</li> <li>• Lack of local knowledge from distant councillors</li> <li>• Boundary changes will divide communities that have worked well in the past and are supportive of each other and understand issues.</li> </ul>	
10	Phone boxes	<p>TM organised Steven Mackellar to collect the phoneboxes. He wasn't allowed to pick up the box at Ormidale Pier as the owner of the Lodge claimed ownership. TM explained to the owner that the CC owns the box having bought it from BT. This box was allocated to Colintrave Hall for storing the defibrillator. Sir Amory has also laid claim to the box sited at Lochhead.</p> <p>MMcF asked for a quote for connecting generators for both halls. DS &amp; CG have drawn up a funding application. A feed to the phone-boxes will also be included.</p>	TM will draft letters to BT and to Mr Amery
11	AOCB	<p>Broadband. DS had a phone call from John Sutton in Aberdeenshire who has installed a free satellite internet installation as part of a rural scheme and a cost of £25 per month. DS investigated but we are not in 'rural scheme' area. Anyone wishing more information can ask DS for more information.</p> <p>Auchnagarron Scoping – Tilhill representatives will come at 6 pm before the next CC meeting for a discussion. Stronafian residents will be encouraged to attend on 28<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Audit Scotland – CG attended Audit Scotland workshop. 10 attendees from various community councils. Two attended from Toward sailing school but community councillors were restricted to one attendee. A report will be sent to all community councils probably before Xmas.</p>	
12	DONM	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September at Colintrave. 6 pm Scoping meeting, 7.30 pm Community Council meeting.	