

Minutes of Meeting of Col-Glen Community Council

Thursday 8 November 2012 – 19.00 Glendaruel Village Hall

Community Council members present:

Michael Kaufmann, Tom Mowat, Danuta Steedman, Cathleen Russell, Suzy Munro, Martin MacFarlane

Community Council members Apologies:

Anne Lamb

Public present:

15 people

1. Minutes 31 September 2012 meeting

Danielle Clark prepared minutes of the last meeting.

2. Loch Striven fish farm proposals

There was a presentation of the proposed fish farms at Colintrave.

Various reports included the following:

Benefits to local area: there might be some local employment and the fish farm might sponsor some events in the village.

The proposed fish farms would be less effluent, more efficient and consequently the water quality would be better than at Caladh.

Possible negative aspects:

- river improvement aspect
- seabed pollution
- sea lice and diseases
- escapes (80.000 fish escaped from Strone Point)
- visual amenity impact

3. Wind farms

3.1. Lephinmore

There has been no more contact regarding the Lephinmore wind farm.

3.2. Kilbridemore

Charles Dixon-Spain and Michael Kaufmann will attend the meeting at Strachur on 14 November 2012.

4. Speed Restriction signs:

The extent of the 30mph speed restriction will be from the lay-by at Camusfernan (Sybil Peters) till past the church.

5. Development Trust

Charles-Dixon Spain provided an update of the Development Trust projects.

The CGDT is still negotiating **Stronafian Forest** with the Forestry Commission. The entry date is 31 January 2013. The funding is going very well. Instead of a £25,000 shortfall, there might be an excess which will then be used as running funds. The Trust will launch a consultation on housing which will come through the post soon.

Warmer Colglen will have the use of a thermal imaging camera during the last 2 weeks of January. Its needs to be used in cold weather and during the hours of darkness. Anybody interested in having his house surveyed with this camera, needs to book with Sara MacLean.

The internal work at the **Colintraive village hall** will start January/February for a duration of 3 weeks. The external work on the roof of the **Glendaruel village hall** will also take place January/February.

Cathleen Russell would welcome interested people to see the wood pellet burner installed at her house.

The proposal to pass the **Cowal Way** committee to the CGDT was formally agreed on by both parties. The main reason for the transfer is to enable better access to funding in order to find match funding.

6. A&BC Councillor's report

A&BC acquired new gritters.

The "patcher" will treat the West Glen and Colintraive next spring.

It is not known when the ditches/culverts will be maintained.

The public toilets in Glendaruel will close for the months of January/February.

Only part of the path from the A886 to Gortan (John Sutton) has been cleared by the A&BC instead of the whole path.

There is a lack of black and white poles to identify passing places and the readability of road signs is unsatisfactory.

7. Impending Community Council Elections

There are only 3 candidates: Patricia Watt, John Sutton and Danielle Clark and thus they will be automatically appointed and no poll will be held.

8. Ongoing planning applications for signage

Permission for the red sign at the ferry has been granted for 2 years only.

The sea wall advertisement is still pending.

Colintraive kiosk: Danuta Steedman requested support of the CGCC to apply for funding to the Wind Farm Trust for a flower trough to be placed underneath the kiosk, and perhaps a wooden bench. The CGCC would only support it when it is sure the kiosk will be there for several years. It was suggested that there may be someone willing to sponsor a seat there.

Jim Wilson put clasps on the kiosk at Glendaruel so that it opens/closes easily. It will be used as the Glendaruel notice board.

9. Ash Tree disease situation in Colglen

No cases have been identified locally. The forestry commission website provides more info.

10. AOB

Charles Dixon-Spain mentions CGDT plans to recruit a Finance Director for Stronafian Forest

He also reported that Colglen has been identified as being at risk (emergency resilience plan) because of location. A discussion took place on whether a list of vulnerable people within the area should be compiled.

It is proposed to contact the Hydro Board for a generator for each village hall.

Michael Kaufmann reports there has been no CGCC secretary for years but this may be rectified in December.

11. Next meeting

10 January at 7.00 pm. Location to be identified later due to village hall works planned.