

# **Minutes of Meeting of Col-Glen Community Council**

## **Thursday 13 September 2012 – 19.00 Colintrave Village Hall**

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Apologies:**

None

#### **1. Fish Farms**

The Scottish Salmon Company is proposing to increase the fish farm at Strone Point in Loch Striven from 8 cages to 14 ages. They are also considering a new fish farm of 16 cages in Loch Striven, North of Strone Point. The fish farms will continue to be serviced from Ardyne in Dunoon. The extension, as well as the new fish farm, are still in the planning stage. No application has been prepared yet. Maps showing the positioning of the proposed extension and new fish farm can be obtained from Michael Kaufmann.

#### **2. Wind Farms**

##### **2.1. Lephinmore**

Burcote Wind Renewables is planning a 44-turbine wind farm at Lephinmore. The visual impact from Glen would be nil, but from Loch Fyne would be high. Those interested can contact Michael Kaufmann for website with maps etc of the proposed Lephinmore wind farm.

##### **2.2. Kilbridemore**

Banks Renewables is planning a 31-turbine (each 2MW and 125 meters high) at Cruach an Lochain above Kilbridemore. The visual impact will be mainly from Strachur and West Loch Fyne and driving up the Leanach towards Glendaruel. Environmental impact is still being studied. The planning application will probably be around September 2013. 1.5 to 3% of the net income of the wind farm would go to the local communities to target local issues such as job creation etc. At the end of October they will start workshops to which they will invite one member of the Community Council and one member of the Development Trust.

As Michael Kaufmann as well as Charles Dixon-Spain had been approached by one of the Executives of Banks Renewables but with conflicting information, Michael Kaufmann requested the representatives of Banks Renewables to ascertain this does not happen in the future.

#### **3. Speed restriction signs**

There is finally movement in the 30m/h speed restriction signs. Consultation starts 14 September. The speed restriction in Strachur would be extended to include the

area around the school. At Clachaig, a 30m/h restriction is planned for after the widening of the road. In Colintraive, speed restriction signs of 30m/h would be placed at the lay-by at Sybel and Alan Peters.

#### 4. **Development Trust**

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

The deadline for the **Stronafian Forest** is 26 November 2012. £250.000 of the funding is still not granted. Funding grants of HIE and the Scottish Land Fund are expected for a total of £225.00. The cost of the legal fees will hopefully be covered by grants from HIE and the Forestry Commission ad £50.000.

They also applied for the funding of a Project Officer for Stronafian Forest for 2 to 3 years.

Once acquired, the highest priorities for Stronafian Forest are affordable housing and employment. On 11 September there was a meeting to explore the affordable housing opportunities which can be:

- self built
- sheltered housing
- houses for long term rental
- forestry crofts

A public consultation will go out probably next month.

A community owned wind farm was part of the Stronafian Forest Project. This could however mean 3 wind farms in Glendaruel. The question was put if the CGDT continues to pursue the Stronafian wind farm as part of the project.

Michael Kaufmann suggested that as everything is still in the planning stage.

The **Warmer ColGlen** project is going fine. Contact Sarah McLean for a home visit for advice about insulation or other forms of heating which might save out money.

#### 5. **Colintraive Signs**

The Col-Glen community council wishes to remain neutral re the signs at the ferry and sea-wall in Colintraive. All advertisement signs need planning permission as well as the consent of the land-owner. The owner of the sea-wall is Argyll and Bute Council. The land-owner of the triangle at the ferry is not known. There are 3 possibilities: Bute Estate, Argyll and Bute Council and Col-Glen Community Council. Michael K suggested that people seeking consent to advertise should contact these 3 bodies before submitting applications for any planning permission signs until ownership is verified..

Thanks to some people from Colintraive we now know that the wooden kiosk/information board at Colintraive Ferry and the Glendaruel Hotel belong to the Community Council. A proposal has been put forward by some inhabitants of Colintraive for the maintenance/usage of the kiosk/information board at Colintraive ferry for the Community Council. As Danuta Steedman lives close to site it was suggested that people wishing to place adverts should contact her and

she will place them on board. The Col-Glen Community Council will only step in if not in agreement with Danuta Steedman.

**6. Meetings**

Cathleen Russell stated the need for regular meetings and proposed every 2 months on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (6 meetings per year). After a small discussion this was accepted.

**7. Next meeting**

8 November 2012 in Glendaruel Village Hall at 19.00