

Minutes of Col-Glen Community Council

Thursday 24 October 2013 – 19.30 Colintraive Village Hall

Community Council members present:

Cathleen Russell, Tom Mowat, Danuta Steedman, Martin MacFarlane, John Sutton, Danielle Clark

Community Council members Apologies:

Suzy Munro, Michael Kaufmann, Anne Lamb

Public present:

9 people present

Agreed change of agenda sequence to allow Charles Dixon-Spain to update us on the CGDT first.

1. CGDT Update

Obtained new grant of 173.000 from the Climate Challenge Fund for the Greener Colglen project which will run from October 2013 until the end of March 2015 and which will employ 2 people. The project will look into greener energy deals, composting and polytunnels.

The forest focus group meeting was successful. Will look into access, amenities, forest crofts (meeting 9 November), archaeology (meeting 23/24 November) etc.

A feasibility study on how to generate money through wind/hydro projects is being made.

CGDT is working to be self sustainable.

Cathleen Russell pointed out that lots of people their membership had expired without them having received a warning. Charles Dixon Spain replied that emails had been sent out, but apparently did not get to the people and thus they would do a membership drive.

CGDT would apply for a £2000 grant from Community Broadband Scotland to define the community engagement within Colglen for higher broadband speed.

Concerning the parking at Colintraive, there is a positive approach, but they are waiting for Bute Estate. There is progress with the bridge which is tied in with the polytunnel group.

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes 13 June 2013 meeting

Proposed: Danuta Steedman

Seconded: Tom Mowat

4. Matters arising:

Fearnoch Point camping and dumping: Situation is still bad despite warning signs and having requested to police to patrol area. Proposed to write a note to the police and invite them to future meetings of CC and ask council to reinstate the bin at Fearnoch Point. Fly tipping is also bad at other places such as up the forest road at Ormadale, the top of the Bealach at Loch Striven etc

5. School Boundaries

Would be good if Kilmodan School boundary was in line with CGCC boundary. Proposed to write to Carol Evans in Education about the school boundaries. The agenda of the caucus meeting for 25 October contained School report and catchment areas. Danielle Clark will attend the meeting in Dunoon in name of CGCC.

Other caucus agenda items for which points can be raised:

Public Toilets: does A&B drain the public toilets when closing them for the winter? No facility for the disabled.

Transport Forum feedback: There is no public transport between Strachur and Colintrave. Public transport between Colglen and Strachur would benefit employment as well as Cowal Way

6. Community Broadband for rural areas

Cathleen Russell emphasized the need for better broadband speed for the future if we want to grow in population and get people to work & live in Colglen and explained more in detail the 3 phases. CGDT will apply for funding of phase I of the project, the community engagement.

7. Councillor's report

Council Alex McNaughton is not present to give us an update.

The 30m/h speed limit signs in Colintrave are now in place, but not adhered to by all drivers.

The West Glen road is in a terrible state. Request Alex McNaughton for an update about the roads and cleaning of road signs.

8. AOB

The caravan park will carry out maintenance work on the bridge this winter and be closed for approx 10 weeks which means that the recycling will not be emptied while the works are ongoing.

CGCC and the public thank Michael Kaufmann & Suzy Munro for the hard work put into the CC. New member in the new CGCC will be Fiona Hamilton.

12. Next meeting

Glendaruel Village Hall 18 November, 2013 at 7.30 pm..