

Minutes of Col-Glen Community Council

Monday 27 January 2014 - 19.30 Colintraive Village Hall

Community Council members present:

Cathleen Russell, Tom Mowat, Danuta Steedman, Martin MacFarlane, Anne Lamb, Fiona Hamilton, Danielle Clark

Community Council members Apologies:

John Sutton

Public present:

15 people present

1. Presentation of New Community Council

Cathleen Russel, explained that the following roles were fixed within the CGCC during the inaugural meeting of the new CGCC dd 9 January 2014

Cathleen Russell, Convenor

Danuta Steedman, Vice Convenor

Tom Mowat, Treasurer

Danielle Clark, Secretary

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted.

The grant from Community Broadband Scotland to define the community engagement within Colglen for higher broadband speed. Danielle Clark asked everybody to call BT about the very slow and intermittent broadband in Colintraive as BT does not know it is throughout the village.

Alex McNaughton and Gordon Blair were asked why the school boundaries do not co-terminate with the community council boundaries which is now the government policy and which is common sense. It is the right time changing the Kilmodan school boundaries to co-terminate with the CGCC boundaries as it would not impact any children right now.

4. Police Update

Neil Grant from Kames police station pointed out there were 8 incident calls from Colintraive of which 2 crime reports. He did not have any figures for Glendaruel with him.

101 is the new number to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. 999 remains the emergency number. The police would appreciate receiving feedback on the working of the new 101 number.

Theft of central heating oil has been reported in Tighnabruaich and also outbuildings seem to be a target for thieves.

Rural Watch has been rolled out over Cowal to promote continued communication between villagers and the police, sharing intelligence, heighten awareness of vulnerabilities and work together to prevent crime. Once you join Rural Watch, you receive one message per week.

Leaflets on how to join the Cowal Rural Watch are available. Action: Danielle Clark will upload it to the CGCC website.

Speed checks are being carried out once per week both in Colintraive and Tighnabruaich. With time, the speed restrictions will be better adhered to.

- 5. Development Trust Update**
Jim McLucky reports that projects are still ongoing. The main project, the forest, is coming on stream. Feasibility of hydro- and wind power has been done and they are awaiting the report to see which one to take forward.
Winstor Churchill will take care of the deer management for the leased out part of the forest. CGDT will manage the deer in house.
A meeting on forest crofts is planned to review on how to take it forward. It could take 3 to 4 years.
The forest is up and running. They are looking into access, gates and footpaths.
Archaeology trail: need funding. Considered is a round loop from Clachan to chambered cairn and Stronafian Forest.
Cowal Way: in February 2014 the Coastal Communities Fund will be launched. The Cowal way might be a perfect fit to apply for this funding including the 4 villages.
- 6. Councillors Report**
Gordon Blair informed us that he will give us an update on a rota basis. The local area committee is working quiet well. One of the things being looked into is how to increase tourism. The speed limit restrictions are now in place.
Alex McNaughton reports on the decreased of the road budget with 1% for this year, and probably also for next year. The B836 Glen Lean Road between Craigenhive and Clachan will be done up between April 2014 and April 2015 as there will be further timber harvesting. The carriage way and passing places will be extended in size. The forestry will bear half of the cost approximately. For the Tighnabruach road, there are no plans as of yet.
They would like to do something about the single track section at Strachur but no plans as of yet. Sarah McLean would like to pass the thanks to the roads department for the quick repair of the road to Couston after the Xmas storm/flooding.
To the question when the head of Loch Riddon and Loch Striven would be cleaned of the garbage washed up during the storms no answer.
- 7. NHS Update**
Robin Creelman, Chair of Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP) and non-executive Director of NHS Highland. CHP manages acute, primary, community health and mental health services across Argyll & Bute, with the majority of acute services provided by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. He informed us that as of spring 2015 health and social care services will be integrated in line with government policy. The model for Argyll and Bute has not yet been determined. In North highland, a lead agency approach has been adopted with health taking responsibility for adult services and the local authority having responsibility for children's services. Argyll and Bute CHP are always keen to engage with the public and he recommended the community council should join the Cowal Locality public partnership forum, which is hosted by Cowal Community Care Forum. One of CHP's main aims is to make the area sustainable and for this local services need to be of a high level. All CHP committee meetings are open to the public and a public question and answer session takes place at the end of each meeting.
On the statement of Gordon Blair that local hospital services are decreasing and services are contracted out to private companies, Robin Creelman answered that if somebody cannot access a service at the Dunoon Hospital, then this should be raised initially with the hospital/locality management. The public partnership forum can help facilitate this. Self directed care and support is being introduced and funding can be allocated to individuals instead of services being supplied directly by social services.
Robin Creelman will email info for Cowal Locality Public Partnership Forum who meet bi-monthly
- 8. Wind Farm Trust Report**
The grant is £28,000 per year which allows us to contribute to local projects to the benefit of the community. We have at present 3 to 4 applications which will be considered during the next meeting. The AGM will take place in April

9. Kilmodan Acre Trust

Members of the trust are Danuta Steedman, David Mitchell and Cathleen Russell.

10. Greener Colglen Update

Funded by the Climate Challenge Fund, the community poly-tunnels project is part of a food-growing project with direct carbon-savings.

They are currently waiting for the Agricultural Prior Notification and Prior Consent Application to go through with the Planning Department for Colintraive where it would be sited behind the If no objections are received, purchase of materials to begin the construction will start straight away as the budget needs to be spent before the end of March 2014.

The Growing group has 13 members in Glendaruel of which 10 will be using the poly-tunnel. A screening exercise was carried out to exclude potential sites with limited or no scope for development due to location or access, followed by an options appraisal where criteria such as site ownership, size, accessibility, planning considerations, access to water, impact on other site users etc were evaluated. The Kilmodan Acre Site has the most chance of achieving a successful outcome and permission is sought from the Kilmodan Acre Trust to go ahead. The Shinty Club has reservations but support it as screening plants will reduce the visual impact for non-site users and ColGlen Growers will adopt a policy to ensure site tidiness and good maintenance practices. Cathleen Russell reported that the Kilmodan Acre Trust members discussed it and as it would be a benefit to the community permission to go ahead from the Kilmodan Acre Trust is granted.

An Application for Agricultural Prior Notification and Prior Consent will be submitted tomorrow by Sara McLean.

On the comment that part of the site was flooded lately, Sara replied the site will be drained.

During the marketing meeting last week it was decided to draft a community newsletter. Offer of help are welcome. They will also put together a 2014 timeline of Colglen events. The next Colglen growers meeting is in Glendaruel next Monday 7pm. They are trying to get a demo for the shredder/shipper before going ahead with the purchase.

For the woodfuel project they are compiling a tender document and maps. Also the security of the woodcutter storage needs to be decided.

11. Community Resilience Plan Update

There were 2 meetings since the last CC meeting. A draft community action plan is ready for the CC. They need one nominee for each village hall and one overseeing nominee from the CC to take it to the final plan. The village hall nominees are Annie Craig for Glendaruel and Danuta Steedman for Colintraive. It was decided that Martin McFarlane will represent the CC.

Sara attended the Mapping Community Resources and Assets meeting in Dunoon on Saturday 25th January. We are urged to complete asset mapping and Are we Ready will fill in the sheets and sent them in. The poly-tunnels will be a community asset as well, and the list should be updated regularly.

In as far as the generators for the village halls are concerned, they are applying to the Wind Farm Trust for some money. They already received grants for small generators, which will provide village halls with electricity but too low for heaters or cooking. The village halls however have gas cooking.

12. AOB

The wall opposite the heritage centre has collapsed. Alex McNaughton reported the repair of it is programmed.

13. Community Council Meeting dates for 2014

The CC will meet every 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30 with the exception of July, August and January. The AGM will be held in May. The next meeting will be Monday 17 February at Glendaruel

Dates for the year:

Monday 17 March Colintrave

Monday 21 April Glendaruel

Monday 19 May Colintrave incl AGM

Monday 16 June Glendaruel

Monday 15 September Colintrave

Monday 20 October Glendaruel

Monday 17 November Colintrave

Monday 15 December Glendaruel