

Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 16 June 2014 at 7.30 pm

Glendaruel Village Hall

Present: Cathleen Russell, Anne Lamb, Tom Mowat, Martin MacFarlane, Danielle Clark

Apologies: John Sutton, Danuta Steedman, Fiona Hamilton, Jim McLuckie

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It was agreed approves the minutes of May meeting till later during this meeting.

1. **Declarations of Interest:**

None

2. **Police update** (Neil Grant)

Since the last meeting there have been 5 incidents in our area. A notification of fireworks, some road traffic incidents and a couple of thefts at Kilfinan.

3. **Ferry Slip replacement plans presentation by CMAL** (Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd)

Ruairidh Campbell from CMAL updated us on the project to replace the slipways at Colintraive and Rhubodach while keeping the ferry service running. The project also will implement some minor improvements within CMAL's land. 2014 is the design stage during which CMAL will carry out ground investigation and design before going to tender for construction in 2015. At this stage, CMAL anticipate the works will start Spring/Summer 2015 and will last for around a year. In order for the ferry service to remain operational, CMAL will built a second slipway to the North of the current slipways. This will then allow the ferry to use the new slipway while the old slipways are demolished and rebuilt.

CMAL is working with A&BC and Bute Estates to finalise arrangements for accommodating ferry traffic during the works. CMAL will place requirements on the contractor to manage traffic and ensure access is maintained along the A886. A requirement to start works at Rhubodach will also be placed on the Contractor so that the working methodology is fine-tuned before works commence at Colintraive. CMAL have developed a working methodology which will allow the contractor to carry out the majority of the works during the day but cannot speculate on the requirements for night time working at this stage.

CMAL will host a full presentation to the Colintraive community in the Colintraive hall in late Summer/Autumn.

Danielle Clark asked Alex McNaughton if something could be done so that residents can at least park their car in the lay-by i.e. parking permits for residents or extend the present lay-by.

Danielle Clark will email Ruairidh Campbell the September and November CC meeting dates in Colintraive.

4. Minutes of meeting: Proposer: Tom Mowat, seconder Martin McFarlane.

No matters arising out of the minutes.

5. Ardentraive Hydro Scheme

Jayson Drummond or Green Highland Renewables will do a presentation of the Ardentraive Hydro Scheme at Colintraive Village Hall at 6pm on 27 June.

He will focus on technical questions and requested if we are able to provide him with a steer as to our concerns if at all possible. All people should email their questions/concerns to Danielle who will compile them and forward to Mr Drummond. Regarding the community benefit or the relationship between ourselves and the Estate, these questions/concerns will be answered by Andy Nicol at the same meeting. Compiling a list of questions/concerns does not mean we cannot ask questions during the presentation. Would be good to have as many people as possible at the meeting.

Secretary to forward copy of Mr Drummond's email to Steven Gove.

Posters regarding this presentation will be put up in the village.

A request was made to ask Mr Drummond if mock-ups/photo montage could be made showing what it really will look like as people still have problems visualising it even after reading the documents at Colintraive Village Hall.

One of the questions to put forward is if the derelict garage behind Danuta's could be demolished as it is in a state of collapse and the roof probably contains asbestos.

6. Development Trust Update (Charles Dixon-Spain)

The Newsletter has been published and is being distributed throughout Colglen. It contained nomination papers for Directors.

Eamon King and Margaret Shields have been appointed as forest project officers for the next 12 months. The archaeology group is holding another weekend on 21-22 June in partnership with the ACCORD project.

There has been no feedback received on the application for the Cowal Way.

Community Broadband: Are ready for 2nd phase. Cathleen Russell pointed out that Michael Russell will have more information from BT this week.

We have been updating the website.

The AGM will be 20 July at 2pm in Glendaruel.

Robin Creelman asked about the 5 year financial plan for the forest of which an update was promised by James McLuckie. The business plan is still very much alive and

adapted as the situation changes. There are too many constraints with building plots so other forms of income are being looked at. Renewable energy is considered to be the primary source of income. There was an initial consultation regarding wind turbines during the 23 May meeting. The mandate based on the outline plan has changed. The updated business plan should be available on the CGDT website. Charles will verify the documents on the website.

7. Greener Colglen (Sara McLean)

The Big Lunch sustainable cookery demo and showcase of local food was attended by around 50 people. We were treated to stovies made with local beef and venison, a 'Scottish' risotto made with oat groats and some quick and easy delicious bread. We also displayed local beef, lamb, salmon, venison, cheese, pickles, eggs (chicken, duck and turkey), salads, veg and seedlings.

Firstly congratulations to Nikki and Fraser on their wedding on 10th May and to Nikki on securing a new job at KCFC. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

The Climate Challenge Fund has approved further recruitment, and we are carefully considering this, as we may be able to create new posts to help us achieve the project outcomes, so we will be in a position to offer some more work to local people.

Poly-tunnels: We christened the Colintrave tunnel during our Big Lunch event. Raised beds are being built in the Colintrave tunnel and the Glendaruel tunnel may be complete tonight or tomorrow. Anybody with an idea on watering for the poly-tunnels, please submit to Sara.

Volunteer days have been arranged to install water supplies to the tunnels, and dig drainage, and further volunteer days will be organised

The tunnels will be ready to start using sometime in July, and Growers have been swapping seedlings and getting compost organised.

Community composting: Composting will be able to start when the poly-tunnel fences are complete.

Green Deal Advisor diploma is ongoing. Assessments will begin later in the year.

Rhododendron Project: In collaboration with the National Park, Forestry Commission Scotland and others, we hope to hold a demonstration workshop and stem injection training event. Not yet sure where or when.

Meanwhile we are keen to try and run a spraying course. I have a place on a course on 30th June and 1st July up for grabs at KCFC but she needs to know by Wednesday.

Diary Dates:

28th June – Growers group trip to Kyles Allotment and High Craig Nursery.

16th August – for poly-tunnels opening event in Glendaruel with wormery workshop and wild foraging run by the Fife Diet, another Climate Challenge Funded Project, Community Composting launch and demo, barbecue and ale (cask donated by Colintrave Hotel). Ideas of whom to cut ribbon are welcome.

Later on in the year we hope to have a Traditional harvest festival event to celebrate all the things we have grown.

The rumours that Bute Estate has an objection to the poly-tunnel in Colintraive is unfounded. No objections were received while going through the A&BC planning permission.

8. Community Resilience

Martin McFarlane reported there is not much happening right now. Progress is slow and we might have to work on an informal basis.

9. Councillor's report (Alec McNaughton)

The work on the Glen Lean road has started. Alex McNaughton will check up if the edges will be filled in.

Decriminalised parking enforcement is in effect. Between 12 May and 12 June 152 notices were issued, so watch out!

Verge cutting: probably this week in the Colglen area. It will be only done once this year. If any roadside trees obliterate the view, please report to Alex.

Sara reported that the no through road sign on the coastal road to Couston has faded. More than once she rescued people who ended up in the ditch who should not have been on that road at all. She requested Alex to verify if we can have a no through road sign people can see.

Cathleen Russell mentioned the planning requests for the floating pier at Colbruach as well as the relocation of the shellfish raft at Colbruach for a period of 2 years but nobody has any objections.

10. NHS update. (Robin Creelman)

By 1 April 2015 Health and Social Care will be integrated. A&B will endorse the body Corporate model as the partnerships preferred model. Delegation of local authority and health board to a body corporate (an integration joint board). As user or member of staff you will not experience any difference. Only middle management will experience differences. The Government imposes consultation with the public and a public engagement will be rolled out in a couple of months.

11. AOB

None

12. Date of next meeting:

15th September, Colintraive Village Hall.