

Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 20 October 2014 at 7.30 pm

Colintraive Village Hall

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

Apologies: John Sutton, Charles Dixon-Spain, Robin Creelman

Public: 10

1. **Declarations of Interest:**

None

2. **Minutes of meeting:** Proposer: Fiona Hamilton, seconder Martin McFarlane.

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

No report

4. **Development Trust Update** (Eamon King)

Firm up legal access to Stronafian Forest as the access at the telephone exchange is forestry access only for operations not car access which means no cars from visitors. The legal implications need to be solved. On the Glen site, D McPhail gave permission and to establish a car park there. Legal agreement still needs to be made up. The track to the chambered cairn will be improved. All existing paths will be strimmed and signposted over the next weeks/months. M Greig requested that whoever is working on clearing ensures that they stay away from the private water supply and keep the stream clear.

Renewables: Wind turbines, hydro and wood fuel

We are measuring wind speed for 1 year. It will probably be only for 1 wind turbine.

Hydro: we are looking at 2 sites on forestry commission land near Duilletter. A feasibility study is considered. We will get final report around Xmas. Pre planning will be in 2015 and installation before year end. It would create income for the trust. Before proceeding, a ballot will be held. Asked if CC would issue letter of support.

Grid capacity: Upgrading of grid foreseen for 2020.

Wood Fuel: would be ideally placed around the old hotel.

Crofts & hutting: very early stage.

The Stronafian shed will be used as a workshop for the forest.

Geocaching: might be a good idea as whole families participate in geocaching. It would draw people into the forest.

Cowal Way: 2nd stage of the application has been filed. We expect the results beginning of December. As soon as granted, we will go ahead with recruiting etc.

Glendaruel Hotel: Forest Visitor Centre with facilities conferences, training, cafe etc. The community needs to agree on its usage and has a vote in it.

5. Greener Colglen (Sara McLean)

Rhododendron event this Thursday. Meeting with Bute Estate to tackle colonies of Rhododendron on their land. Tools and equipment for volunteers bought. 5 volunteers passed the stem injection training

Poly-tunnel free beds: Colintraive 2 Glendaruel 5. Since August we produced more than 50 kg of food and saved 80kg of CO2. Over the winter we will improve drainage and outdoor landscaping. Total waste was 850 kg which resulted in a CO2 saving of 125kg.

Pre-feasability study for biomass heating at Duilletter.

6. Community Resilience

Looking into communications such as using VHF from ferry & phones which continue to work even when there is no electricity.

7. Councillor's report (Alex McNaughton)

Did report state of Glendaruel road between Clachan and Village Hall as something needs to be done soon.

Buss issue is sorted & everything should be back to normal.

M McFarlane reported tree on west road between Garvie and Stronardron which is close to electricity wires. AMN will put pressure on.

Stronafian road does not have enough passing places.

Glen Lean Road – the ramps are high and the sides are not filled in. AMN will chase up.

8. NHS update. (Robin Creelman)

No report.

9. Glendaruel public toilets

Sara did not have the meeting with A&BC yet but will organise it. AMN will ask to close toilets December 1 and reopen toilets March1..

10. Foundation Scotland

Meeting Thursday night, 23 October at 7.30 in Colintraive Village Hall

11. Are We Ready

This came out of the presentation Foundation Scotland gave to CGDT. It would be a good idea to have a community plan for Colglen and the CGCC is asked to facilitate forum to get this off the ground with the whole community invited. Proposed date 13 November at 7.30 pm in Colintrave Village Hall.

Sara will produce a poster

12. CGCC meetings

December 15 meeting is cancelled as that evening there is the Fellowship Xmas dinner in the village hall.

Dates of next meetings (all in Colintrave Village Hall at 7.30 pm)

January 19, 2015

February 23, 2015

March 23, 2015

13. AOB

CMAL meeting will be on 3 November at 7.30 pm in Colintrave Village Hall

Broadband: CGDT is doing study on it but there is no time scale. Contact Campbell to provide us with an update. Have it as an agenda point for the CGCC meetings

14. Date of next meeting:

17 November 2014 at 7.30pm in Colintrave Village Hall.