

Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 15 September 2014 at 7.30 pm

Colintraive Village Hall

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

Apologies: Cathleen Russell, John Sutton, Anne Lamb

Public: 12

1. **Declarations of Interest:**

None

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

CMAL booked today the Colintraive Village Hall for the update on the ferry slip works for Monday 3 November at 7.30.

On 26 June we had the Ardentraive Hydro meeting in Colintraive Village Hall. The 3 points agreed during that meeting, we received on paper and request for planning permission has been submitted by Bute Estate. The garage at the beginning of the Ardentraive Road has been demolished.

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

Since the last meeting there have been 17 incidents in our area of which 7 crime reports, 4 road traffic incidents. There was the theft of the charity box at Kilmodan church and the theft from Kilfinan church as well as tampering with a garden shed at Stronafian.

Neil thanks everybody present for filling in the questionnaire regarding the resources.

4. **Development Trust Update** (Jim McLuckie)

The biggest project is the Cowal Way. The 2nd stage application is now ready. We need to have the agreement of the approx. 12 landowners to do the work. The Cowal Way project will employ 2 people being 1 project officer and 1 ranger for a duration of 2 years. Around Xmas it will get publicity via a TV-program.

The Stronafian Forest project is quieter. We are still looking at the access from both sites of the forest and where to put the car parks etc.

The community wind turbine project is making progress. We will be measuring wind speed for 1 year as well as carrying out wildlife surveys. Will come back to community in due course with further update.

We are struggling with the legislation of the de minimis funding. We are trying to get clear ruling from the Ministerial Government.

5. Greener Colglen (Sara McLean)

Ideas for other sustainability projects are welcome.

Approx. 70 people attended the opening of the poly-tunnel and the workshops by the Fife Seed truck.

We recruited 2 temporary short term people as well as 1 project support roll which will run till end of March.

Despite the late start, we produce food now. 14 kg of vegetables were produced in the first 2 or 3 weeks of this month. 3 poly-tunnel beds in Colintrave and 5 in Glendaruel are still available.

The Green Deal advisor diploma is now complete and waiting for assessment.

A biomass heating feasibility study is being carried out.

In October there will be a stem injection training event as well as spraying courses.

6. Community Resilience

We were asked to put a resilience plan together but the idea fell back to each neighbourhood looking after themselves.

Alex McNaughton commented that it is not bad to have a plan and the emergency centres at the village halls.

Alex McNaughton presented the 2 emergency kits, 1 for each village hall.

7. Councillor's report (Alex McNaughton)

The CMAL planned works at Colintrave were raised at the Area Committee meeting. They are aware of the problems it will cause in the community. When CMAL does do their presentation in Colintrave it is important for everybody to voice their concerns.

There are problems with the busses due to the school time tables. The bus does first the primary school run, then the secondary school run and then Portavadie. They are working on the bus timetables.

Glen Lean road: Lots of the side fills are simply earth and will be gone in no time. An official letter about filling in the edges would do no harm.

Alex will check the no through road sign and also chase up the replacement of the temporary 30m sign at public toilet with a permanent one and the footpath to Loch Striven sign.

8. NHS update. (Robin Creelman)

The shadow health & social care integration board had it first meeting. Everything is in partnership. Education and housing are thought to become part of it, but this is highly

unlikely. There are issues about care homes as the way councillors work is very different of health board and this needs to be ironed out.

One of the hospitals is going to have a poor report issued over the next few weeks.

9. Glendaruel public toilets

Need hand washing and toilet facilities for poly-tunnel in Glendaruel and asked A&BC for all year round access to the public toilets.

Liz and Danuta to arrange meeting with A&BC.

10. Shooting signage at Loch Striven

As it deters people to walk onto the land, CC to write letter to the Access Officer of A&BC (Douglas Gierson).

11. AOB

Shellfish notices not taken away for 2 years. Alex McNaughton will take care of this.

Foundation Scotland – Achanelid Community Turbines: CGDT received same letter as CGCC. CGDT will meet with Foundation Scotland next Sunday.

A request has been put forward placement of a children road sign both sides of the bridge over Milton Burn.

12. Date of next meeting:

20 October in Colintrave Village Hall.