

Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 19 January 2015 at 7.30 pm

Colintraive Village Hall

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

Apologies: none

Public: 10

1. **Declarations of Interest:**

None

2. **Minutes of meeting:**

October 20, 2014: Proposer: Fiona Hamilton, seconder Danuta Steedman

November 12: Proposer Anne Lamb, seconder Fiona Hamilton

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

The instances were weather related, unlawful fireworks and shooting. There are less oil thefts - maybe because of the drop in the price of oil.

Neil Grant will check the law on carrying of firearms on public roads.

4. **Development Trust Update**

Stronafian Forest: Continue environmental survey for mast (bats, mammals, birds etc. seem ok). Average wind speed is approx. 6.5m/s. Felling will start at the back of Stronafian in spring. The new forest website is going up in the next week or two. Looking at funding for creating new path to cairn incl. picnic areas, sculptures, signage etc. The training for volunteers will start in the spring.

Hydro project ballot: 55% returned ballot papers of which 87 voted yes and 13 voted no.

Cowal Way: Very confident will get funding for Cowal Way. If confirmed, then we will be recruiting a project manager and a project worker for the Cowal Way.

5. **Greener Colglen** (Sara McLean)

Greener ColGlen is in the final 3 months of funding. Surveys will be sent out to project participants to gather data and feedback. A Christmas newsletter was sent out. Membership of the ColGlen Growers stands at 27, plus 5 associate members. There are still beds available at both sites. Will be continuing to develop the outdoor areas, for fruit trees and communal plots. Saturday morning work parties will resume in

February. The biomass study for Duilletter has been published. We have been negotiating with the Council to facilitate roadside working to tackle some of the more high-profile colonies of Rhododendrons.

Clachan public toilets: An informal meeting with Allan Macdonald revealed the 3 options

- Do nothing – retain the status quo
- Draft a minute of agreement whereby A&BC retains responsibility in law, but the Community manages and can upgrade the facilities
- 3rd sector transfer where complete liability and ownership passes to the Community.

Proposed to leave it till we know what A&BC will do. It should be led by CGDT. Need to be ahead of the game. Take it back to the CGDT to take it to A&BC. Alex McNaughton and Gordon Blair will inform themselves and get back to Sara.

5. Community Resilience

Not much to report.

Regarding power cuts etc. Advice: Elderly people should register with Priority Services Register. Action: Put notices up in village halls and Tighnabruaich Surgery to inform people how to be put on register.

6. Councillor's report (Alex McNaughton and Gordon Blair)

Alex: that the December Area Committee Meeting covered the Glendaruel local bus service and the issues should now be resolved.

Gordon: New alcohol limits have an influence on local hoteliers as people are not going out in evening. Dialog between Interloch Transport and hoteliers.

Environmental Development & Infrastructure: proposal that signage on street furniture not allowed in A&B.

For this Thursday the gambling policy is on the agenda.

Will contact Roads Department re road condition at B. McNaughton and at Loch Striven Hydro Station.

7. NHS update. (Robin Creelman)

Integration scheme needs to be complete before end of March. It empowers localities and communities. A 3 year plan will be discussed with the communities. Issues like self-directed support. Jim Robb of A&BC might be able to help with list of people who receive home care. Alex will find out.

8. Broadband

Write to BT and ask somebody of BT to come.

9. Achanelid Windfarm

There has been 1 meeting to update on the project and a second with as target how discussion groups could be set up of communities to take the project forward to

planning. There are 3 places available for Colglen: 1 member of CGDT (Bill Carlow), 1 member of CGCC (Ann Lamb) and 1 interested member of the community (Fiona Page).

10. Are We Ready

Sara went to meeting last Friday about the Single Outcome Agreement. Attended the Single Outcome Agreement workshop last week for the Community Planning Partnership. Communities who can demonstrate projects that fit with the SOA will be supported. The police are offering to review community emergency action plans-· Invite them. The draft should be ready by the end of February and a workshop by end of March so that the by the end of May we have the final ready. The draft will be shared beforehand for input.

11. Castle Toward

The economic development of Cowal is important.

Write a generic letter to council leader, Dick Walsh and Sally Loudon of our concerns as a community about:

- Broadband
- Jobs
- Transport
- Housing

12. AOB

Vodafone signal: companies like Vodafone and Orange have announced a plan to share mast sites while continuing to compete with each other.

BT Telephone boxes Of the 4 BT telephone boxes, only 1 is in use. What will we do with the others. 1 might go into the Heritage Centre in Colintrave. The question is if they are still all connected to the electricity grid, if not they will need to be disconnected. The light in the box with the defibrillator still does not work. Tom will remind David Munro who promised to repair it.

Hunting in Progress road signs at Kilbride Rd & Loch Striven Road appear to be there constantly: Alex will contact A&BC access officer to remove them

13. Dates for 2015 CGCC meetings

23 March Colintrave

27 April Colintrave

25 May Glendaruel

22 June Colintrave

24 August Glendaruel

28 September Colintrave

26 October Glendaruel

23 November Colintrave

No meetings in July and December.

14. Date of next meeting:

23 February at 7.30pm in Colintrave Village Hall.