

Minute of Community Council AGM
Monday, 17th June 2019
7.30 pm
Colintraive Village Hall

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1	Present	Cathleen Russell, Danielle Clark, Danuta Steedman	
2	Apologies	Cathy Grant	
3	Declarations of Interest	CR is on the CGDT, SRA, and Bute & Cowal Community Planning Partnership.	
4	Minutes of last Meeting	Proposed: Danielle Clark Seconded: Cathleen Russell	
5	Convenor's Report	<p>Welcome to our AGM.</p> <p>I would like to begin by paying tribute to all the members of the Council who have given a lot of their time, voluntarily, to support the community and take forward issues on their behalf. I would especially like to thank Tom Mowat, who for personal reasons, is standing down. Tom has been a member of the Community Council for longer than Argyll and Bute have been keeping records. He has been a voice of reason and always very supportive of the Council and keen to do what he can to benefit the community. We wish Tom the very best, his wise counsel will be much missed.</p> <p>I would like to thank Alan Reid, Neil Grant and the many others who regularly attend our meetings and make reports. Their input and support is much appreciated.</p> <p>It has been a busy year with your community councillors attending many meetings on behalf of the community as well as participating in a variety of training workshops.</p> <p>Cathy is our health expert and she has</p>	

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		<p>attended several Health and Social Care Partnership meetings. The Cowal Community Council Caucus has been concerned about patient care and earlier this month Cathy and I, as part of a Caucus delegation, met with Joanne Macdonald the Chief Executive of the Health and Social Care Partnership for Argyll and Bute and some of her staff to discuss a wide range of issues - number of beds in Dunoon, patient appointments over the water, patient transport, carers provision etc. I will post more information on the Community Council website when we get the minutes of the meeting but one of the many positives is to be the introduction of open visiting in Dunoon Hospital. I chaired the meeting and we have decided to meet every 3 months to try and help resolve the many issues that concern the people of Cowal regarding the Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>Cathy and I also took part in the Care Home and Housing Review. There were 5 options put to us and following our discussions these are to be whittled down to 3 which will be prepared for public consultation. I would encourage as many as possible to participate in this consultation because we need to ensure that the needs of our ageing population in the years to come are met.</p> <p>Over the year there has been several issues raised regarding transport. The Community Council has been actively following them up on your behalf. We have raised the issues of abandoned vehicles (and got them removed), speeding through Colintraive (we</p>	

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		<p>had speed tests done and the Council is going to put in some traffic calming this financial year), parking at the ferry in a manner that the road is blocked (this is now resolved and we have a nice new slip way) and we encouraged CMal to create a slip way for the public to use. I have raised the matter of road markings on several occasions when attending the Cowal Transport Forum. Pot holes have also been a big issue and on your behalf I took a lot of photos and sent them into the Council - we need people to report pot holes because unless the council know about them they can't organise repairing them.</p> <p>We attended site meetings regarding the road access at Auchnagarron for taking out wood. We requested the the lines of sight be improved because of the speed which vehicles travel along that road. This is being done.</p> <p>We have also contacted the Council regarding fly tipping and deer carcasses lying beside the road. They have sometimes collected them and sometimes not. I would encourage everyone to report fly tipping and deer carcasses - the Council have a time limit to remove them but will only do so if they are informed.</p> <p>I also attend, and now chair, the Cowal and Bute Community Planning Partnership on behalf of the Community Council. This group's objective is that the economic success of Argyll and Bute is built on a growing population. A wide variety of</p>	

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		<p>partners come to talk to the group and help support the development of the area. Strachur Hub, Bute Resilience, Youth Forum and King's Court have spoken to the group this year.</p> <p>The Community Council organised the WW1 celebrations on behalf of the community and although it was not a very pleasant evening due to the weather we had an excellent turn out and people enjoyed the event. School pupils laid stones that they had painted poppies on in a cairn, John played 'Flowers of the Forest', ColGlen Chorus entertained us back in the hall with songs from WW1 and we watched a film 'When will the War be By' by Michael Russell. Our beacon failed to light properly but Danielle and others got it lit a few days later.</p> <p>At the last AGM we proposed a community consultation on what the community wanted to develop, create and support. Sara very kindly helped us in creating a format that would allow as many as possible the opportunity to participate. We asked people to think about what we could improve under the headings of Environment, Health, Economy and Social. We now have a very ambitious action plan that will take us several years to complete. So things are totally out with our control but those that we can develop and action we are taking forward.</p> <p>You particularly requested that we re-establish the community newsletter. It has been several years since Michael K</p>	

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		<p>produced the newsletter and we knew it would be a big task. So we established a steering group of myself, Danuta, Paul B, Davie M, Michael K and Sara. Sara is the editor and her time is being paid for by the Development Trust. We also applied to Argyll & Bute Council for a Supporting Communities Grant to help offset some of the printing costs. We were successful in achieving the grant but because we were not permitted to begin until we had the grant we could not print until the end of April.</p> <p>The first issue, of 500, went to every house, caravan and business in the community as well as being distributed to some of the shops and tourist providers. We also ensured that businesses catering for tourists were given a few copies to ensure we got as wide a coverage as possible. We have found it hard work and we are grateful for all the help and support the community have given us in submitting articles and information to be included in the newsletter. We made a few mistakes in the first edition but we are learning from them and we hope you have enjoyed reading it. The second issue which we are putting together presently will have 1000 copies. We ran out of the 1st issue and as we want to use it as an advertising tool, as well as containing local news, we need to distribute it further afield.</p> <p>We would ask that you let us know what you think - feedback is important - preferably constructive and positive. Please remember we are all volunteers and we are learning as</p>	

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		<p>we go.</p> <p>You also wanted us to re-establish the Forestry and the Archeology Groups. The Forestry Group had it's first meeting last Friday - as a site visit - to see what was possible and how we could help and support on another to get some projects of the ground. There was a poor turn out however and we need more people involved if we are to make it work</p> <p>There are only 4 of us on the Community Council and as you can see we have been busy on your behalf but to be able to do the many things that you have requested through the action plan we need support and help. So I would encourage you to look at the action plan and if there is something you can do please let us know as we all want to make ColGlen a resilient, vibrant welcoming place to come and explore, visit or live.</p>	
6	Treasurer's Report	<p>Current total £11,648.35 (including money from Colin's Fund).</p> <p>Grant from A&B Council only reached the account in April 2018, but this years came in February 2019. Total money also includes that from the Hydro and the sale of the telephone box.</p> <p>Expenditure – grants to Colintraive Village Hall, payment to minute secretary, grant to Colintraive Village Hall for the defibrillator – left with a total of £14,858.04.</p> <p>Grant Money (inc. phone box sale) £10,300 Monies held for other organizations: £791.40 for Glendaruel Village Hall. Admin: £3,764.65</p>	
7	Election of Office Bearers	<p>All current councilors happy to stay on. Proposal to co-opt David Monroe at next CC meeting to replace Tom Mowat who</p>	

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		resigns	
8	Dates for next year	Will be decided at October 2019 meeting.	
9	Date of next AGM	Monday 22 nd June 2020	