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1	Present	Charles Dixon-Spain, Paul Bulmer, Cathleen Russell, Danuta Steedman, David Munro, Philip Potter, Clare Banner, Kate McEwen	
2	Apologies	Nil.	
3	Declarations of Interest	<p>CDS: Planning applications, Funding application from Glendaruel Village Hall, Community Planning Partnership, A+B Climate Group.</p> <p>CR: Glendaruel Village Hall, SRA, CGDT, Bute Ferry Group, A+B Climate Group</p> <p>DS: Colintrave Village Hall</p> <p>PB: Skiff Committee</p> <p>KMcE: Glendaruel Village Hall</p> <p>PP: Skiff Committee</p> <p>DM: Windfarm Trust</p>	
4	Minutes of last Meeting	<p>Proposed: Paul Bulmer</p> <p>Seconded: Cathleen Russell</p>	
5	Matters Arising	<p><b>Photo Competition:</b> Will go live this month.</p> <p><b>Water Supply:</b> Final call out to residents of both Colintrave and Glendaruel to complete and return the Water Supply survey, for responses to be consolidated and presented at the March 2022 meeting.</p> <p><b>Friendship Benches:</b> Still awaiting timber for the benches. In the meantime, 2 plaques have been provided by Police Scotland for placement on each of the outdoor shelters, with details on support and advice groups such as the Samaritans.</p> <p><b>Bute Estates:</b> Grant money has not yet been received.</p> <p><b>Road Issues:</b> The potholes referenced in last meeting were reported, have been told they have been fixed but they have not. The Council also appears to have fixed additional unreported damage by the Colintrave Hotel, which the Hotel were planning on</p>	<p>AM to promote.</p> <p>AM to promote on social media and collate answers.</p> <p>PB to follow up with Bute Estates.</p>

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		<p>undertaking and have the materials for. The work that has been undertaken to the roads in both Colintrave and Glendaruel are very poor – edges of ‘fixed’ areas are already breaking up. It is confirmed that any raised issues on behalf of the community from our current A&amp;B Councilor will go forward if/when a new Council is elected.</p> <p><b>Upper Achmagarron:</b> Felling is complete, timbers being removed and replanting is commencing shortly. The forestry contractor has put up further signage.</p>	
6	Police Update	<p><i>Received after the meeting.</i></p> <p><b>No. of Incidents reported</b> (Since last meeting) Dates between Between 21/11/21 and 22/02/22 there have been 11 incidents actioned to police relevant to the area.</p> <p>2 x sudden death 1 x assist other agency 2 x traffic related incidents 2 x Wildlife 1 x Firearm 1 x vehicle fire 1 x weather related 1 x disturbance/ assault</p> <p><b>No. of Crime Reports generated</b> (Since last meeting) 1</p> <p><b>Breakdown of Crime Reports</b> ( i.e. 1 x Assault) 1 x assault/disturbance</p> <p><b>Information Appeals</b> No current outstanding appeals ongoing. Appeals will continue to be placed in the local paper</p>	

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		<p><b>Current Initiatives</b>  Current and ongoing initiatives:  <b>Keep Safe in Bute and Cowal</b>  Keep Safe is a Police Scotland led initiative which works in partnership with I AM ME SCOTLAND which is a Community Charity that aims to raise awareness of disability hate crime which is seen as one of the most under-reported types of crime in Scotland and the UK. It is estimated that around 97% of disability hate crime goes unreported.</p> <p>Keep safe aims to work with a network of businesses, shops and organisations to create safe places for people to go if they need help - maybe because they are lost they have lost their wallet, a phone or indeed they are a victim of disability hate crime. Anyone can go into these premises and get assistance from the shopkeepers or the staff members who will assist them in any way possible. These shops and businesses have to meet certain criteria to make sure that they are safe places.</p> <p>We have the Keep Safe card which is issued to members of the community be that a disabled person, a young person and older person or anybody in the community that would benefit from it. The Keep Safe card contains information about that person and can be used to assist the holder to get help. By producing the Keep Safe card in a premises with the Keep Safe sticker in the window, that person knows that they can get help from a staff member. That help may well be that they just need a seat a cup of tea or it may be the victim of a crime and a staff member can call the police. All of the business packs including Keep Safe Cards have been kindly funded by the Argyll and Bute Community Justice Partnership.</p> <p>Keep Safe is helping to make sure that people within the community can live a life that they want to live, a life that they choose to live and not a life that's dictated to by</p>	

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		<p>other members of the society. You can go from place to place or shop to shop where they want to without fear of any crime or harassment or abuse-taking place. Currently in Bute and Cowal we have 10 Keep Safe Places which can all be found on the Keep Safe Scotland app. The total across Argyll and Bute is 53 and Scotland wide there are over 800 places available. If you know of somewhere suitable to become a Keep Safe place or could benefit from having some Keep Safe cards please let us know (<a href="mailto:Laura.evans@scotland.pnn.police.uk">Laura.evans@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>)</p> <p><b>Dementia Project – the Herbert Protocol</b>  Police Scotland have provided a few updates on this, however the work continued to gather momentum. The Herbert Protocol is an information gathering form that Police encourage the public and partners working with people who live with dementia, to complete. The form has vital information including recent photograph of the individual, health information and important information from their past such as previous addresses, hobbies and places frequented. The aim is that we will never need to use the form, however if someone living with dementia goes missing, this form would be vital for us to find someone sooner and safer. Recently we have been in discussion with the local Dementia link team from Alzheimer’s Scotland to look at ideas of promoting the scheme and work has taken place with Argyll and Bute Telecare and Hanover Scotland for those living with Property Exit Sensors. Some members of the Dementia team have now been trained to install call blockers for Argyll and Bute which is brilliant as it saves any stress that might be caused for someone living with dementia to have a stranger in their house to install these.</p> <p><b>Frauds</b>  Despite a lot of prevention work in this area, Frauds continue to increase. Coming into spring we expect to see bogus callers add to</p>	

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		<p>this as offering work on driveways and guttering or roofs is always prevalent at this time of year. Close working with Police Scotland and Trading Standards will help ensure relevant information is lawfully shared so that all legislation can be used on those causing harm in our communities. Recently an input on Fraud Prevention was provided to the Dunoon Senior Citizens Group which was well received. At the event, 35 people took part in the “Scam Savvy Quiz” to try and identify texts, emails and phone calls which were real and which were fake. Police Scotland are looking to roll out their own campaign for “Pledge to Stop Scams” for this, we are looking to community groups, members of the Community Planning Partner and the Area Community Planning Groups to make a pledge of what they could do to help us all tackle frauds that are affecting our communities. We know that frauds don't simply result in financial loss, but a loss of independence and overall wellbeing which makes this a matter for us all to help with. Will you help and take the Pledge to Stop Scams? Would you like an input provided to a community group, or advice for your own organisation or business on fraud prevention. Even a simple pledge that you will share any fraud tactics you become aware of with an elderly relative or a neighbour could go a long way. There is free online training that can be done for this which provides a certificate at the end, and we are working on a website where you can lodge your pledge. Members of the Community Planning Partnership are looking to make their pledge through Selfie Videos that we can share to get everyone talking and sharing. If you would like to know more and get involved please contact PC Laura Evans (<a href="mailto:laura.evans@scotland.pnn.police.uk">laura.evans@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>)</p> <p><b>Roads Policing</b>  Roads Policing Officers for Cowal and Bute regularly carry out speed checks at the</p>	

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		<p>following areas which have been highlighted as problem areas:</p> <p>A815 Bullwood Road, Dunoon  A815 Strachur  A815 Shore Rd, Innellan  A886 Strachur  B836 Clachaig</p> <p>In addition, given the time of year, they are currently carrying out adverse weather patrols working with Argyll and Bute Council and Bear Scotland (A82/A83/A85/A828) patrolling thousands of miles of main and trunk roads. During their patrols they are looking to ensure that these roads are passable and safe, reporting and dealing with any major floods, snow/ice, debris/trees in the roads and other adverse factors to ensure the smooth running of traffic as best as possible, as well as dealing with spontaneous RTC's caused by the poor weather whilst maintaining a high visibility on the roads.</p> <p>The following National Road Policing Campaigns are planned:</p> <p>21 to 27 February 2022  Mobile Phone Campaign  14 to 20 March 2022  Commercial Vehicle Campaign</p> <p>Each campaign will have a communications phase one week prior to the enforcement period. This will be facilitated by Corporate Communications and will raise public awareness via social media platforms.</p>	
7	Councillors Report (Alan Reid)	<p><b><u>Traffic lights on A886.</u></b>  I've heard nothing since the last meeting. I've asked for an update for to-night, but heard nothing so far.  <b>NOTE:</b> AR received the following response after the meeting from Roads Dept: "There is no change to the status of this enquiry - our</p>	

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	<p>Legal Services team are attempting to engage with the Landowner to progress the scheme.”</p> <p><b><u>Flooding in the vicinity of Kinlochruel and Ardachuple</u></b>  Roads (29 Nov). “The capital works were completed on the A886 about 1 mile further south but we were unable to attend and carry out investigation works at the same time due to Scottish water being on site. We will continue to monitor the location but we will not be able to attend to the investigation works until the new year due to our ongoing priority works on the A8003 and B8000 which need to be completed before the end of December 2021.”</p> <p>Roads (9 Feb). “We have not yet undertaken investigation works here, these will take place in the next financial year. In the meantime we will continue to monitor this location during our monthly scheduled inspection of the road and any safety defects noted will be addressed.”</p> <p><b><u>West Road</u></b>  Roads - Work on this fault was completed on 22/12/2021.</p> <p><i>CGCC comment – same workmanship as Colintrave – preparatory work for the type of work that is required maybe, but as a stand alone job it’s useful. Edges aren’t sealed, so as soon as the water goes in, it pushes the tarmac out. Unless the specification for the contractors have changed, this is being filled in, not cut out filled and sealed, waste of time and money as will continue to break. West Road – Clachan end has not been done – a part of the work has been largely re-tarred, but not all.</i></p> <p><b><u>West Road at Dunans</u></b>  Roads, 8 Dec. “The location has been inspected, and conditions and risks appraised. Safety risk and priority has been</p>	

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		<p>assessed as low. Details have been logged in our system to be considered within a future works programme for prioritisation against other roads or lighting improvement schemes. We will continue to monitor this location as part of our routine safety inspection schedule.”</p> <p><b><u>B866</u></b>  Some work was carried out, but still left the road in poor condition. I asked again for more repair work and received the following reply on 17 Feb,</p> <p>“We will get the jetpatcher back in, as the road is likely to have deteriorated as a result of the recent wet weather. We will provide an update in 2 weeks.”</p> <p><b><u>Shore Road at Kyles View breaking up</u></b>  Roads. 8 Dec, “The location has been inspected, and conditions and risks appraised. Safety risk and priority has been assessed as low. Details have been logged in our system to be considered within a future works programme for prioritisation against other roads or lighting improvement schemes. We will continue to monitor this location as part of our routine safety inspection schedule.”</p> <p><b><u>Overhanging trees on A886 between Dunans and Duiletter.</u></b>  Roads (17 Feb), “These works were carried out, and we have carried out further works of this nature as a result of recent storms.”</p> <p><b><u>Speed Limits on A886 from entrance to wind farm to caravan park and in the Clachan.</u></b>  “Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing you with a response. Prior to developing any proposals a speed survey is required. This location has been added to the programme. With regard to a timescale, speed surveys are not a statutory function so it does depend on other work</p>	



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		<p>commitment. However, the Traffic &amp; Development team anticipate this survey will be carried out before the end of this financial year (31 March).”</p> <p><b><u>Train and Ferry Timetables at Gourock don't match</u></b></p> <p>CalMac response, “Thanks for this – you aren't the first person to have raised this issue. Unfortunately, with the withdrawal of the fast trains between Glasgow and Gourock, this has meant that the connections aren't as good as they used to be as you highlight in your attached timetable. We have highlighted the issue with ScotRail and our Transport Planning team are engaging with them on this issue. I'm not keen to amend our timetable, given the impact that this would then have on West Coast Motors and their well established bus timetables on the Cowal peninsula with connections towards Toward and Ardentinny.”</p> <p>Scotrail response, “I can understand the frustration with the wait times not being compatible between trains and ferries. Please be assured I have sent this over to my line manager who is taking this information to ScotRail in their next meeting. Please be assured, that where amendments can be made, we will do our best to change these. However, this is not always possible as we have to set these times based on the full network's timetable.”</p> <p><i>CGCC – why would CalMac not change their schedule, it has a smaller network/fewer stops than the train?  AR - CalMac says they are working to the West Coast Motors timetable.</i></p> <p><b><u>Bus service</u></b></p> <p>Following discussion at the Cowal Transport Forum, I've written to both West Coast Motors and the Council's Public Transport Section saying that splitting the Dunoon-</p>	<p>CDS to draft complaints letter to ScotRail/CalMac regarding this issue.</p>

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		<p>Rothesay bus service into two services has not been successful. The knock-on effects to the Dunoon-Portavadie service cause too much inconvenience to passengers. I've asked if they can revert to the old timetable with one bus serving the Dunoon-Rothesay route.</p> <p><b><u>Clachan of Glendaruel signs</u></b>  Roads, "Due to a misunderstanding within the Roads Operations team about which signs this enquiry related to, these signs have not yet been ordered. Please accept our apologies for this error. We will be placing a signage order within the next couple of weeks and will ensure these are amongst them."</p> <p><b>Questions for Councillors from CGCC:</b>  Regarding the proposed change to the last Colintraive-Rhubodoch service being changed to become 'book in advance', it is noted that the CalMac representative at the recent Cowal Transport Forum knew nothing of this.  AR received a response from Tommy Gore of CalMac who said making the last sailing 'book in advance' would not make any difference to the timetable.  This change will be detrimental to local business Colintraive Hotel both in terms of Bute customers and Bute staff.</p> <p>Sometimes the ferry is running empty – if that's the case, they could set up a system e.g. lighting system on both sides, so they could see what's what. They would see cars, but wouldn't see foot passengers. There are other ferry services that already have this in place e.g. Kerrera.  CalMac tend to take the chance to cancel optional ferries.  As a community we need to be very strong on this – even if it means everybody contacting them.</p>	<p>AR to contact CalMac to query someway of making sign/lighting.</p> <p>CDS to action letter on behalf of CGCC.</p>

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8	Community Council	<p><b>i) Finance</b>  No changes since Nov 2021 meeting.  Current total: £16,192.74.  Money left over from newsletter: £1,945  Admin: £1,829.34  Grant monies held for community groups to apply: £10,627  Money holding for Glendaruel Village Hall: £791.40  Bute Estates grant money has not yet been received.</p> <p><b>ii) Funding Applications</b></p> <p><b>ColGlen Boat Club</b>  CGCC agree to fund the requested £1000 toward the building of a shed.</p> <p><b>Glendaruel Village Hall</b>  Whilst the CGCC are in agreement that this is worthwhile project and suitable for funding, discussions take place on whether the funding application should be split into three separate requests covering different areas.</p> <p>The request for funding for maintenance of the device for 8 years is queried, as it is not known which model of defib will be supplied, and therefore what the maintenance requirements/costs will be.</p> <p>More defibs are required in our local area (e.g. at Stronafian and by Colintrave Church) and the one in the Clachan needs fixed.</p> <p>It is queried whether the Resilience Group should take on the management and funding for</p>	<p>CR to write to ColGlen Boat Club and arrange grant payment.</p> <p>PB to take this forward.</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">all the defibs in the area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is agreed the Chair of the Glendaruel Village Hall and members of the Windfarm Trust (who have also received a funding request) should be invited to the next meeting to discuss further.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>iii) Correspondence</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
9	Development Trust Update	<p>Since the last update, we have had the AGM. Reg MacDonald has resigned. We now have 8 Directors – Cathleen Russell, John McNaughton, Chris Leigh, Fiona Hamilton, Kirsty McLuckie, Sara McLean and Alana Mathers. Planning an open event in March to discuss and plan ideas/projects with the community. Next business plan currently being drawn up. Things are moving forward, including lots of plans for the Forest that Chris is working on.</p>	
10	Argyll Rally Update	<p>Meeting on 16/02/22 was very informative, a great response from community and hearing thoughts and views, appreciate the Rally organizers, Police Scotland, and A&amp;BC representatives joining us. Overall CGCC thoughts: the event should go ahead, but we need to ensure the community benefits, and that the event is managed properly both in planning and on the day(s). Suggested that we have a ‘meet the driver’ session or similar, to enable our community to have more connection with the event, help create a buzz. Alan Reid comments that our views are akin to the general views across the communities involved. Note to stress in the letter that although supporting this year, if it is not handled/managed appropriately this year,</p>	CDS to draft response reflecting the communities views to the Argyll Rally organizers for their application to A&BC.

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		we will not support in the future.	
11	Collective Leadership Model Update	All in agreement that the latest draft letter is much stronger and ready to be made public. It is noted to send the letter to both local and national press, Education Minister, Local MSP, Teaching Unions.	
12	Planning	Reference 22/00174/LIB Reference 22/00175/PP Reference 22/00123/LIB Reference 22/01991/LIB CGCC have no objections or queries concerning the above planning applications.	
13	AOCB	<b><u>Wildflowers</u></b> AM has been in touch with Seeds of Hope to request donated seeds. The area required a lot of work, which ideally would be undertaken by a local business. AM working on getting a quote to put forward a funding application, and will update at next meeting.	
14	DONM	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> of March 2022 7.30pm. Location TBC.	