

Minute of Community Council Meeting

Monday 27th of June 2022

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Colintraive Village Hall

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1	Present	Charles Dixon-Spain, Cathleen Russell, Philip Potter, Clare Banner (in person), Danuta Steedman (on zoom)	
2	Apologies	Nil.	
3	Declarations of Interest	CDS: Community Planning Partnership, A+B Climate Group DS: Colintraive Village Hall CR: Glendaruel Village Hall, CGDT, Bute Ferry Group, A+B Climate Group	
4	Minutes of last Meeting	Proposed: Philip Potter Seconded: Clare Banner	

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5	Matters Arising	<p>Photo Competition For the adult competitions, the winners have been confirmed. They will be contacted shortly to arrange their prizes, and announced on website/social media. The website will also be updated to show off the brilliant photos - thanks to everyone who entered.</p> <p>Kids Photo Competition We didn't have any entries. Will look at running this again after the Summer.</p> <p>Future of the School Kilmodan Primary have a new acting Head Teacher confirmed, starting in August and contracted 'til December. She is based in Helensburgh and will have to commute. This does not feel like a long term plan, and logistically will be a nightmare over Winter. ELC is now fully staged. Recent problems at Kilmodan Primary are therefore currently resolved, but not with long term solutions.</p> <p>Discussion over the proposed CLM. Councillor Gordon Blair notes that he is part of the opposition party against the CLM of approx. 17 councillors. This is a mixture of Councillors from varying political parties and locations cross Argyll. The advice is to continue to write to Yvonne McNeilly, make noise on every single issue, continue to go through the Community Council and Area Committee to follow procedure. There does need to be change in the education services of Argyll and Bute, but not to the extremes the CLM proposes. It is the administration councillors that we collectively need to speak to/get in touch with to get the points through. Kilmodan Primary Parent Council have written to Cowal's three local councillors. Noted that Mull Parent Council letter against the proposal is very well written, straight to the point, and full of facts. The vast majority of communities and schools are against the proposals and are</p>	<p>CDS to contact other Community Councils re: Cowal-wide meeting.</p> <p>Kilmodan Parent Council to send CGCC their recent objection letters.</p>

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		<p>doing their best to make their views heard. There was at least one community who were in favour, however individually with their location/circumstance, it may have a positive effect for them.</p> <p>What are the letters doing? We need to do more, how do we get noticed?</p> <p>Discussion to arrange a Cowal wide open meeting, inviting all Parent and Community Councils in the area, and invite the local councillors.</p> <p>Where are A&BC getting the mandate for this to go ahead? They can extend process to suit them.</p> <p>Why is there limited publicity on the misconduct, especially financial?</p> <p>Locally, John Allen has done a lot of research.</p> <p>In 2012, part of the reason they stood back from the school closures was the tsunami of publicity.</p> <p>There is a A&BC meeting this Thursday - urge everyone to get letters in to Yvonne McNeilly before then,</p> <p>Next full A&BCouncil meeting is 25th Aug. TBC if in person or not.</p> <p>Plan: to have a Cowal wide meeting, create a plan from that, whether it is more letters, more publicity, legal action.</p> <p>In 2012, the barrage of parents/guardians/ community with placards and signs at the Council offices got a lot of attention.</p> <p>Noted that the A&BCouncillors are on holiday for the month of July - suggest a meeting with them at the beginning of August.</p> <p>Suggest the Parent Council create a template for community members to adapt/ use, and/or encourage community members to forward on the strong Parent Council objection letter saying 'I whole heartedly agree with the below'.</p> <p>Jubilee Celebrations</p> <p>CDS spoke to Neil Black, President of the ColGlen Shinty Club regarding a potential joint festival of celebration encompassing</p>	

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		<p>ColGlen Shinty Club's centenary and the Jubilee celebrations. He noted it was an interesting idea, and would get back to CGCC after the next Club meeting.</p> <p>The Glendaruel Village Hall were asked about their lack of celebration event, and stated 'the previous committee implemented the policy that the hall committee manage the facility and not events'.</p> <p>Code of Conduct The current Community Council one is in order. Nothing further required.</p> <p>Cost of Living Crisis Resilience Group have not met yet. No funding sources have appeared yet in the same way they did to support communities during COVID. Potential for monthly Soup Kitchens at the Village Halls - Colintraive Village Hall committee mention they have had discussions about relaunching a 'Jean's lunch' style monthly event at the hall. Resilience Group to look into planning, and possibly funding from Windfarm Trust.</p> <p>Noted that energy companies do not advertise this, but they do offer a 'pay what you use' service instead of paying an over all monthly fee that often goes into credit on your account. You can phone them to give a reading monthly and just pay for what you have used.</p> <p>CGCC to look into sourcing money saving tips to put on the website.</p>	

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6	Police Update	<p>Community Council Debrief Date: 24/06/22 Officer: PS Donald MacIver No of incidents reported (since last meeting): Between 27/05/22 and 24/06/22 there has been only 1 incident in the ColGlen area. This was in relation to a helicopter landing in the Colintraive area on 11/06/22.</p> <p>A joint initiative between Argyll and Bute Council and the Police is now up and running called 'Staycation'. This is an operation that will run through summer until Sept. Joint patrols will be carried out in holiday areas such as camp sites, caravan parks to address any issues that have been problematic in previous years.</p> <p>There is also a survey online where you can answer a number of questions regarding policing in your area. Responses to the survey will influence policing plans in 2023. A feedback from rural locations in Cowal would be a definite benefit to the area and police. The survey is called 'Your Police Survey' and by typing in Police Scotland Your Police Survey in a search engine you should find the relevant pages. <i>End of report.</i></p> <p>The Police are hoping to have representatives return to Community Council meetings after the Summer on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Friendship Bench Update (from PC Laura Evans) - unfortunately things are still a bit stalled as the original run of benches haven't yet been installed due to absences and constraints within A&BC. Currently chasing that before looking for any more funding, or there will be an even bigger backlog. Due to hear from A&BC re: their timescales, and will update as soon as possible.</p>	

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		<p>HSCP have advertised Living Works training in relation to Suicide Prevention Training, which would be an excellent thing to accompany the Friendship Bench initiative. This training is free to anyone living or working in Argyll and Bute. Awaiting to hear more info on how to register, and will share on website/social media when receive it. If anyone would like direct details when the arrive, please email secretary@colglencommunitycouncil.org.uk</p> <p>Note from local resident to ask Police: What is the cost to date and the estimated future cost of the police operation to recover the remains of the body thought to be buried several years ago on the hillside overlooking Loch Riddon and in respect of which 3 people have already been convicted and are in prison? Are costs and the police manpower involved a justifiable use of public resources?</p>	<p>AM to request more info.</p> <p>AM to pass queries on to Police.</p>
7	Councillor's Report	<p>Gordon Blair attends in person. No report at present. There is a new system in place that will allow any requests e.g. roads issues to be put in any time, so don't have to wait until the monthly meeting to report.</p> <p>Raised issues from CGCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic lights on Leanoch, any update? - Request for Speed Limit Survey at Kilnaish Cottages, has this happened? - Pothole outside Oaklee - has been fixed, but not properly, will the Council keep an eye on this? 	<p>GB to investigate these points and report back.</p>

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8	Community Council	<p>Financials £2,758.24 in admin £1,945 in newsletter fund £13,702 in grants monies from Hydro £791.40 holding for Glen Village Hall £19,196.64 account total</p> <p>Transactions for this term £150 spend - Secretary wage</p> <p>Grant Monies - any community group/ organisation can apply for project/activity within the area.</p> <p>Correspondence CLM - CGCC continue to stay in the loop of other Community Councils correspondence regarding the CLM proposals.</p> <p>Benches - noted that the memorial bench situated within the Glen Play Park is damaged beyond repair. It would be good to have some recycled plastic benches around ColGlen. Recycled Furniture has been recommended by a local business owner. Good quality, heavy, and have 25 year guarantee. The start at circa £320-340 per bench, ex VAT and delivery. Discount for multiple. To be brought up at the CGDT event 30/06.</p> <p>Resilience - queried whether the CGCC has a resilience plan in place that has been sent to A&BC. Answer: yes.</p> <p>Recruitment of Secretary A Mathers has resigned as Secretary. Will undertake minutes of this meeting and the actions following. New Secretary must be in place for August meeting. Will promote locally - in meantime, if anyone is interested please email secretary@colglencommunitycouncil.org.uk</p>	<p>AM to create job pack and send to councillors for approval.</p>

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9	Development Trust Update	<p>Stronafian Forest Ian Dow, ACT Ranger, visited forest along with some of the directors. They had a very successful walk through all the various sections and Ian will produce a report for the CGDT.</p> <p>1. Phil Richardson (Adopt a Monument) (joined the meeting via zoom and gave background on the national charity. Aims: conservation, training & advice, working on occasion in partnership with other organisations. Some suggestions made with regards to Stronafian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surveys of known and new sites - Replica of house in Auchtegan Village - Interpretation - Guidebook and leaflet - Vegetation management - Help given to fundraising for any additional costs - Plus other ideas the community may have <p>Phil is planning a visit 17/18 August to survey possible cairn, meet with community volunteers and if possible the school. Before August risk assessment dictates that bracken needs to be managed. Therefore if you wish to trample or cut down bracken please contact Amber.</p> <p>If you wish to become part of the Archaeology Group please give one of the directors you contact details</p> <p>2. Charlie is focussing on keeping grass under control on the paths and preparing signage for new path routes. Waiting for timber to improve handrails, bridges and boardwalks. Tree planting for winners of the writing competition and certificated to be presented.</p> <p>Vending Machines Decal for the vending machines was approved.</p> <p>Polytunnel Application from the Princes Trust was successful and will enable groundwork and</p>	

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		<p>erection of polytunnel to be undertaken, provide some part-time hours for Charlie and a gardener until March 2023. Post to advertised locally as soon as possible. Directors to visit Eat Bute.</p> <p>Broadband Donations have been received to the CGDT after receiving advice on Broadband by J Allan.</p> <p>Website Work on the website and upgrading continues. Information for members is now being posted in the members area. Members advised to contact Amber to set up access to this area.</p> <p>Community Consultation Phase 2 of the Community Consultation will be on Thursday 30th June in Colintraive Village Hall from 7.30-9pm. The information gathered during Phase 1 has been posted up in the members area of the website. Suggestions made will be organised and prioritised during the meeting through discussion and then a SWOT analysis will be undertaken. This is where we look at each proposed project and list its Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Once completed everything will be posted in the members area of the website and community will be asked to vote on which projects the trust should try and undertake over the next 5-7 years.</p>	
10	Argyll Rally Update	<p>Rally took place this past weekend. Feedback has been received from residents by CDS as Rally Liaison for community. If anyone else has any other feedback, please get in touch.</p> <p>Recommend asking the organisers to speak with Western Ferries for next year to put on extra ferries on the Friday and Sunday as they do over the Cowal Games weekend. Increased vehicles caused long delays of 2 hours plus in some cases.</p>	

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		<p>In Colintraive on Friday night, many of the cars arrived very early and were parked on the side of the road around a bend which could have caused an accident. Teams waiting also had no toilet facilities at this holding point so were again urinating outside. Needs more marshalling/provisions at holding points.</p> <p>Cars were doing a recce on Thursday and were not always travelling at sensible speeds particularly along the road between Dunoon/ColGlen. Request for more police presence on recce days.</p> <p>Great economic benefit to the local area - circa £400 raised for SAMH, £550 for Kilmodan Primary, and £250 for the Air Ambulance Charity. Huge thanks to all community members who were out holding stalls, and for spectators near and far who contributed.</p> <p>Also noted it was the same weekend as the Royal Highland Show.</p>	
11	Milton Wood Update	<p>Milton Wood has been offered to the community to lease from Mount Stuart. Have received a draft contract which is very disappointing. Want us to take all liability and pay for it, and make the space nothing more than an amenity space. If we make any amends to the space and end the contract, they take all the benefits. What benefit are the community actually going to get from it under this contract?</p> <p>To move forward, CGCC to draft something of similar length but with the kind of terms we would consider. If they are positive in any way, then we can move forward with a community consultation.</p>	CDS to draft contract and send to CGCC.
12	Planning	<p>Ref: 22/00774/PP Applicant: Mr Ian Porter Location: Land NW of Kyles View, Glendaruel Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with attached garage, installation of sewage treatment tank and formation of vehicular access.</p>	

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		<p>Ref: 22/01315/TELNOT Applicant: Beacon Comms Location: Land SW of Balliemore, Dunoon Proposal: Removal of existing telegraph pole and replacement with monopole works within existing cabinet and ancillary works.</p> <p>CGCC have no comments, queries, or objections on the above planning applications.</p>	
13	AOCB	<p>Query from the floor regarding the date of the AGM for the Glen Village Hall. CGCC do not know - advise contacting the GVH Committee directly.</p> <p>Query regarding the signage in the Clachan for the Carved stones. Noted that they have been on order from A&BC but were subject to delays.</p>	GB to investigate for any updates/ timescale.
14	DONM	Monday 29th of August 2022 - 7.30pm at Glendaruel Village Hall (booked)	