

Colintraive & Glendaruel Community Council

Venue: Glendaruel Village Hall

Date: 1 May 2023 19.30 - 21.00

Present: Charles Dixon-Spain (Chair) (CDS)
Paul Bulmer (PB)
Michael Russell (MR)
Martin Cook - (Secretary) (MC)

Argyll & Bute Councillor: None in attendance

Community members: 1

Agenda	Discussion	Actions	Person Responsible
Welcome	CDS welcomed and opened the meeting.		
Apologies	Philip Potter (Vice Chair) (PP) Cathleen Russell (Treasurer) (CR)		
Declarations of Interest	CDS - Argyll Rally		
Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed PB Seconded MR		
Matters Arising	Clachan Defibrillator - David Munro has confirmed that he believes that there is a live electrical supply to the BT phone box. AGM 5/6/23; Accounts are in order Regular meeting after AGM Advertise AGM in the Dunoon Advertiser Forestry Access CDS has written to Jolyon Gritten, Access Officer, Argyll & Bute Council, regarding concerns over pedestrian access for recent forest developments and CDS informed that this was a live issue for ABC. Consideration given to the fact that Forestry & Land Scotland appeared to be favouring land owners over public access.	CDS to check and report back.	CDS CDS
Police Update	No Police Officer in attendance and no update received prior to the meeting.		

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Councillors Report	<p>No Councillor in attendance and no report received prior to the meeting.</p> <p>CDS informed meeting that Cllr Blair was due to attend but was not present. Cllr Sinclair has informed CDS that Mondays and Tuesdays are difficult days for him and therefore unable to make the 1/5 and 5/6 meetings. Suggested the possibility of using Zoom but CC agreed in person attendance would be preferred.</p> <p>Consideration given to the lack of Cllr attendance. CDS has contacted several CC's and only Kilmum CC reports a similar issue, the rest seem to get reasonable attendance. Consequently, it was suggested that the Cowal CC's get together to share best practice and talk about common issue.</p>	Agreed CDS to progress.	CDS
Housing Consultation - Holiday Homes, both new build and change of existing use	<p>MR to investigate housing register for Airbnb properties.</p> <p>Jennifer Davie Smart highlighted a relevant Scottish Government consultation - Local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods - planning guidance, to support the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).</p>	<p>MR to report back</p> <p>PB to research.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>PB</p>

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<p>Planning Matters</p>	<p>CDS outlined one planning applications; 1. 23/00620/PP Alterations, extension and change of use of existing outbuildings to form dwelling house and installation of sewage treatment tank. Consideration given to the application and the possibility that it may be for short term let, however in the absence of any evidence, agreed to offer no comment.</p> <p>The CC have been approached by Ardentinny CC regarding the Beinne Reithe Fish Farm planning proposal on Loch Long. The application has been refused by Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park but the company concerned is appealing. Ardentinny CC is opposed to the proposal and is seeking to determine if CGCC would be interested in a collaborative approach to Scottish Government Ministers. MR commented that although it is unproven technology that they are proposing to use, he was surprised that the NP refused the application as it was hoped that it will help alleviate some of the pollution and contamination issues associated with the industry.</p> <p>Proposed Mawkit Seaweed Farm on the west side of Bute opposite Tighnabruaich. A number of concerns have been raised by Tighnabruaich CC and consideration was given to them at the meeting. MR has knowledge of this type of industry from his previous ministerial position and confirmed that CDS as the same information as him. General consensus was right proposal, wrong location and would recommend moving to a different location.</p>	<p>CDS to write back to say that although not in CGCC area we would have concerns if it was and wish to be kept up to date.</p> <p>CDS to write to ABC Planning to object to proposal.</p>	<p>CDS</p> <p>CDS</p>

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Community Council	<p>Financials Expenditure for April. Opening balance. £16287.33 Grant - Colintrave Heritage. £1000 Centre. Grant - Kilmodan Parent Council £500 Art project.</p> <p>Balance in bank (at 1/5/23). £14787.33</p> <p>Correspondence None received</p> <p>Funding Applications 1. Cathleen Russell, Colintrave & Glendaruel Development Trust for a housing needs survey - £1000</p>	Granted	CR
Cost of Living Crisis	111 claims made 110 valid £22000 distributed to community		CR

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Development Trust Update	<p>Forest and Polytunnel Quite a few visitors now coming to the forest. Charlie has put up some new signage in the forest. Looking to find funding to deer fence the area around the polytunnel and establish an orchard, as this was one of the projects requested by the community. Require timber for some new boardwalks.</p> <p>Polytunnel has a mouse problem but Douglas is catching them. Early potatoes are growing, strawberries planted and salad crops - but they are slow.</p> <p>Warm Hub Well attended. Last one had just enough food. The hubs will resume after the October break. Any ideas for activities gratefully received.</p> <p>Household Resilience Advocates - Warmer ColGlen Phase 2 Appointed 2 part time advocates - Ros MacGhee and Iain Waugh. They will spend May undertaking training, set up introductory sessions and begin home visits in June. This project finishes at the March 2024. They will be working in partnership with AliEnergy, Bute Advise and InspirAlba. They will be able to make suggestions about what householders could do to improve home insulation, what help is available and will, if necessary, help complete documentation.</p> <p>Vending Machine Still exploring suitable sites. John McNaughton is leading this.</p> <p>Cowal Way book We have been approached by publisher who wishes to upgrade and reprint book.</p>		CR
Rally Update	<p>CDS resigned as CC liaison due to a conflict of interest - PP appointed as CC liaison. CDS to remain as rally day liaison person for the West Road.</p>		CDS

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Cal Mac Update	<p>Consideration was given to the response that MR had received from CalMac following the issues raised at the CC meeting on 3/4/23 and MR will continue to press CalMac on their service, maintenance etc.</p> <p>Bute Ferry Committee are keen to work with the CC.</p>		MR
Milton Wood Update	CDS informed that no response from Bute Estates received to date.	CDS to pursue.	CDS
AOCB	<p>PB informed the committee that due to impending building work he would be moving out of his property and as such there would be no May/June newsletter. However, it is possible that CR may be able to coordinate its publication.</p> <p>MR informed the group about a recent conversation with a book publisher regarding the Colintraive and Glendaruel - A pictorial record at the millennium (Argyll Publishing). As it is coming up to the 25 year anniversary of the books publication it would seem an appropriate time to republish the book to take account of changes over the past 25 years. Perhaps an opportunity to change the format and also to utilise the skills of residents eg photography.</p>	MR to come back with ideas for further consideration.	MR
Calendar of Meetings for 2023	<p>5 June - Colintraive inc. 2022/23 AGM</p> <p>4 September - Glendaruel</p> <p>2 October - Colintraive</p> <p>6 November - Glendaruel</p>	All meetings to start at 19.30.	MC