Venue:	Glendaruel Village Hall
Date & Time:	6 Nov 2023 7:30pm
Present:	Charles Dixon Spain - Chairman (CDS), Cathleen Russell - Treasurer (CR), Michael Russell (MR), Martin Cook - Secretary (MC)
Apologies:	Paul Bulmer (PB)
Argyll & Bute Councillor:	None
Community members:	One

Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Actions	Person Responsible
Apologies	Paul Bulmer (PB)		
Declarations of interest	CR & MR - Planning application.		
Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed - CR Seconded - MR	Two grant applications received at the meeting to be added and minutes agreed with the additions.	MC

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Matters Arising	CDS letter to Cllr Robin Currie et al received a quick response which endorsed the concerns raised by C&GCC and indicated that a temporary bailey bridge would be installed by mid/late November. CDS to follow up to highlight issues being experienced - increased travel times, fuel costs etc, and ensure that the timetable for the bridge renewal is not allowed to slip. CDS confirmed that the debris on the A886 had been removed by a volunteer and a discussion ensued regarding the pot holes and carriageway deterioration at Stronardon, which although now has a road narrows sign in place, the road is effectively single carriageway at what is a fast corner. CR highlighted issues with overhanging branches. CDS raised an issue with the need for the drains on the West Road requiring clearing.	CDS to follow up initial letter and highlight road condition at Stronardon.	CDS
	CDS enquired if the ABC inspection of the school at Kilmodan had raised any issues. It was confirmed that the school had reopened so assume no outstanding issues.	CDS to contact Parent Council to discuss future support.	CDS
	Defibrillator at the Clachan - CDS confirmed that electricity supply was covered by BT, so he will investigate options to take forward for funding.	CDS to identify defibrillator options and report back at next meeting.	CDS
	Fibre & Broadband - MR has made enquiries regarding previous commitments (R100).	MR to update as required.	MR
Police update	No report received prior to the meeting.		
Councillor Update	No report received prior to the meeting and no councillor in attendance.	CDS to write to ABC regarding continued lack of Cllr attendance.	CDS

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Planning	23/02026/PP Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of vehicular access and installation of sewage treatment plant. Land west of Feorlean, Colintraive	No comments.	
	23/01954/CLWP Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) Internal and external alterations to dwellinghouse. Achnagarron, Glendaruel	No comments.	
	23/01923/PP. Change of use of land for the siting of 5 glamping pods. From 9/10 - CDS has written to Stephen Gove with questions raised at the time of the meeting, but has not received a reply.	CDS to press Stephen Gove for a response.	CDS
Financial Report	Opening Balance. £12560,75 Income (Bute Estates). £3500 Expenditure Colintraive Village Hall £1000 Christmas lunch Nikki Hallum/Ros McKenna £815 Childrens Christmas lunch Closing Balance. £14245,75 (6/11/23)		CR
	CDS to contact Harry Bowman (Bute Estates) to request that future payments are made electronically.		CDS

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Correspondence	Jennifer Davie Smart - Request for a clear indication of the criteria Morag Shiveral used to check the C&GCC Statement of Accounts in recent years Thomas McGuire, Undergraduate at the University of Aberdeen. His dissertation is on rural tourism specifically in the areas in and surrounding the Kyles of Bute and and is asking for interviewees.	CDS to respond - follow Argyll & Bute's Scheme for the establishment of Community Councils in Argyll & Bute 2022 and the Best Practice Agreement 2022 for Council & Community Councils. CDS to volunteer to be interviewed.	CDS
Housing	Included in Development Trust Update		
Funding Apps	None		
Cost of Living Crisis	N/A		

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Development Trust Update	CR - Affordable/sheltered housing - survey now up on line closing date Nov 5. Report will be produced and community meeting held to discuss. Warm spaces - schedule for November advertised. Archaeology - successful dig in September and group hope to return in spring. Felling plan - CC maintenance of paths and board walks. Harvesting started and will be ongoing until mid 2024. Won't affect existing paths. Polytunnel and pop-up markets very successful. Not much growing now. Warmer ColGlen - helping households access funding for insulation etc, made contact with Dunoon foodbank which we can access as required. Interest by community in community purchase of solar PV. Mapping smart meter coverage. NFU Scotland being contacted re setting up community meeting for farmers to assist in accessing funding (so far no joy). Cosy kits (10) will be available for households. Request to clear part of LLCW - the condition of the walk is being checked and communities are to be approached re the upkeep of their own stretch. There is no funding available to the CGDT to access for work on the path. Kyles coastal communities - looking for help in undertaking a water quality survey. West Cowal Forest Restoration - control of rhododendron and other invasive species, replanting etc. looking for initial support from CGDT.		CR

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Rally	Nothing to report. It was again suggested that as Steven MacKellar attends the meeting on a personal basis, then perhaps he could be approached to represent and feedback to the CC.	CDS to discuss with Steven MacKellar.	CDS
CalMac Update	MR reported on the recent Bute Ferry Committee Meeting. Although not in attendance, issues discussed included concerns regarding the winter timetable, replacement of small boats and continuing problems with the ticketing system (which does appear to be slowly improving)		MR
AOCB	MR has been in touch with Derick Rodger regarding the 25 year update to the millennium book, and he is awaiting costings.	MR to update when costings received.	MR
Meetings for 2023/24	4 December - Colintraive VH 8 January 2024 - Glendaruel VH 5 February - Colintraive VH 4 March - Glendaruel VH 1 April - Colintraive VH 6 May - Glendaruel 3 June (Inc. AGM) - Colintraive VH	All meetings to start at 7:30	MC