Venue:	Colintraive Village Hall
Date & Time:	4 December 2023 7:30pm
Present:	Charles Dixon Spain - Chairman ( <b>CDS</b> ), Cathleen Russell - Treasurer ( <b>CR</b> ), Michael Russell ( <b>MR</b> ), Martin Cook - Secretary ( <b>MC</b> )
Apologies:	Paul Bulmer ( <b>PB</b> )
Argyll & Bute Councillor:	Cllr William Sinclair
Community members:	0

### Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Actions	Person Responsible
Apologies	Paul Bulmer ( <b>PB</b> )		
Declarations of interest	None		
Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed - <b>CR</b> Seconded - <b>MR</b>		

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Matters Arising	MR - still a need to co-opt new councillors, preferably from Colintraive, following the resignation of Philip Potter.		All
	CDS suggested that although the pot holes and carriageway deterioration on the A886 at Stronardon had been repaired, there is a concern that the repairs may not be long lasting and will lift.	<b>CDS</b> to monitor for signs of deterioration and report back via Cllr Sinclair.	CDS
	CDS & MR highlighted continuing issues with the condition of the Coast Road.	Cllr Sinclair to raise with Argyll & Bute Council	
	Defibrillator at the Clachan - CDS confirmed that electricity supply was covered by BT, and will apply on behalf of the CC for a British Heart Foundation funded defibrillator. The CC will separately purchase an external heating box (as per the village halls)	CDS to update on progress.	CDS
	MR has had no further contact with Derick Rodger regarding the 25 year update to the millennium book, and he is awaiting costings.	MR to update as required.	MR
	Fibre & Broadband - <b>MR</b> has made enquiries regarding previous commitments (R100).	MR to update as required.	MR
	<b>CDS</b> to request, via Harry Bowman, that Bute Estates pay future grant monies via electronic transfer.		CDS
	CDS replied to Jennifer Davie Smart as agreed		
	<b>CDS</b> still to be interviewed for tourism project.		

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Police update	A report was received from PS Eddie McGunnigal, Police Scotland, as follows;  No. of Incidents reported (since last meeting); Between 06/10/23 and 04/12/23 there have been 6 calls that the police have been actioned to in the ColGlen council area 1 x Flooding to road 2 x Planned Shoots 1 x Assist member of the public 2 x RTC (non injury)  No. of Crime Reports generated (since last meeting); None  No current ongoing appeals.		

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Councillor Update	Cllr Sinclair gave an update on various matters including;  Installation of the temporary bridge at Balliemore following its reopening and stressed that it had always been considered a priority following the flooding events of 7/10.  Argyll & Bute Council have received an additional £20million from UK Government and this will allow a number of projects to proceed.  Concerns regarding the £1.5million required to introduce the Biodegradable Municipal Waste Scheme in Jan 2026. ABC looking for a 6 month derogation due to contractual issues.  Voted in favour of the doubling of council tax on second properties. Still to be approved by the Scottish Government.  Claims to be submitted following the flooding events throughout Argyll & Bute.  Government money given to refurbish council play parks.  CDS raised the public concerns regarding imposing a charge (50p) for the use of the public toilets at Colintraive. MR also highlighted that it was also a toilet used by ferry passengers and there had been a lack of public notification. Cllr Sinclair suggested that the Council would not be adverse to the community running the toilet via an asset transfer. CR raised concerns regarding the septic tank or perhaps lack of. Cllr Sinclair will raise CC's objections to the charge with Argyll & Bute Council.		

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Planning	23/02199/PP Replacement of existing slate roof with grey corrugated steel cladding Achnagarron, Glendaruel	No comments.	
	Achanelid Hillside New Woodland Creation Proposal - Additional Consulation, Tilhill Amended proposal following consultations in 2018 and 2022. Archeology has been considered and avoided.	<b>CDS</b> - local archaeologists to confirm all identified sites have been avoided.	CDS
	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.	<b>CDS</b> to press Stephen Gove for a response.	CDS
Financial Report	Opening Balance. £14245,75  Expenditure Colintraive Village Hall £1000 Dry rot removal		CR
	Closing Balance. £13245,75 (6/11/23)		

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Correspondence	Argyll & Bute Council B836 Balliemore Bridge, Loch Striven, Temporary 20mph speed restriction from 0001hours on the 11 December 2023 until 2359hours on the 1 May 2024.	CP to investigate if CC/	CR
	Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE).  Making available across Scotland a fund aimed at supporting community led research projects focused on climate, nature and food for a healthier planet and healthier people. They are offering up to £5000 to support community projects over 12 months.	CR to investigate if CC/ Development Trust can make use of it.	CR
	Children & Young Peoples Centre for Justice - survey	CDS to complete.	CDS
Housing	Included in Development Trust Update		
Funding Apps	None		
Scottish Water	CDS contacted by Scottish Water regarding taking part in a survey of water supply in the area with specific reference to people who have asked to be on the mains but are currently not connected and rely on a private supply.	<b>CDS</b> to report back following the survey.	CDS

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Development Trust Update	Report presented by CR;  Glen Hall to be approached re storage of vending machines.  Housing trust survey to be extended to 10 December.  Warm Hub - well attended, St Andrews lunch as part of warm hub to be organised. Kilmodan pupils invited to attend. Approx 60 attended.  Archaeology final report to be published next month  Newsletter - some contributions already made - suggest printing early /mid January  Warmer Col Glen. Support people applying for grants to upgrade home insulation. Warmer Home Scotland referrals increasing, EV charging point - waiting for approval from A&BC  LLCW - CR had an informal discussion with other communities on how best to maintain the LLCW - proposal to discuss across the whole of Cowal to all the different walking routes and how best to maintain them. LLCW guidebook to be reprinted at beginning of next year  Scottish Human Rights Commission. CR and FH met with 2 representatives and discussed issued facing rural communities.  Kilmodan Parent council seeking support for a project involving pupils		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 delay in the return of the ferry to Bute, the small boat replacement programme and continuing problems with the ticketing system.		MR
AOCB	Cllr Sinclair raised the idea of a fixed link from Colintraive to Bute. This has been proposed previously but had been rejected due to concerns it may have on local ferry employment. This may have changed since the last study but also the thoughts of those living on the island of Bute would also need to be considered. Cllr Sinclair will raise the fixed link idea with Argyll & Bute Council. Cllr Sinclair noted the lack of community attendance and wondered if the CC would consider using Zoom/Teams or a suitable alternative for future meetings as it appears to work for other CC's	To be considered.	All
Meetings for 2023/24	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