

Colintraive & Glendaruel Community Council

Venue:	Colintraive Village Hall
Date & Time:	12 February 2024, 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:	Not in attendance
Community members:	0

Minutes

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Apologies	Paul Bulmer (PB)		
Declarations of interest	None.		
Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed - CR Seconded - MR		
Matters Arising	CDS - still a need to co-opt new councillors, preferably from Colintraive.		CDS
	Defibrillator at the Clachan - CDS is still awaiting a response to the funding application.	CDS to continue to update on progress.	CDS
	MR has contacted Cllr Reeni Kennedy-Boyle and Jean Moffat (Bute CC) regarding a fixed link between the island and Colintraive, and both are enthusiastic.	Agreed that MR visit Bute to discuss with them and see if we can make common cause between the CC's and the Councillors.	MR
	MR - Public Consultation for the next Clyde & Hebrides Ferry Services Contract response agreed and submitted.		MR
	CDS spoke with Robert Trybis from the Dunoon Ferries Group and informed him that C&GCC could not support their proposal.		

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Police update	A report was received from PC James Connery, Police Scotland, as follows;		
	Between the dates of 08/01/24 and 12/02/24 the number of Incidents and Crime Reports raised respectively are 6 and 0.		
	Serious Organised Crime; No incidents		
	Acquisitive Crime; No incidents		
	Road Safety & Road Crime; Calls in relation to vehicles left in a passing places, however, they were not causing an obstruction.		
	Violent Crime; No incidents		
	Public Protection; Several calls in relation to planned pest shoots and no crimes raised in relation to public protection matters.		

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<p>Councillor Update</p>	<p>Prior to the meeting Councillor Sinclair had informed CDS that he was unable to attend but would email his update. Although received shortly after the close of the meeting, it was agreed to include in the minutes as follows; We are in the middle of Budget preparation which is without a doubt difficult and we must take sight of 25-26 which we have a substantial gap. I have discussed the fixed link with Bute which is a fantastic idea but as usual it is down to money and capital projects are really problematic. I am on the A83 task force now and the big question for the Minister is what happens during the construction phase of the debris flow shelter and what can be done to improve the OMR this is ongoing. I was able to address the issue with the terrible road condition in Arrochar with the minister and you will see what has been done with addressing the poor road surface. I will keep on re the shore road and the bad condition, I was in Tighnabraich and Kames and the poor road conditions especially the shore road. I was able to successfully get FLS to get the dangerous 300 ton boulders blasted to allow the B828 to open a month earlier than forecast.</p> <p>CDS to contact Cllr Sinclair regarding the Colintraive public toilet charges and to inform him that the turnstiles do not appear to be working correctly in that they are accepting money but not allowing access. Also to maintain pressure to ensure that the bridge at Balliemore is replaced within the timeframe proposed.</p>		<p>CDS</p>

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Planning	24/00096/PP. Cladach, Colintraive, PA22 3AS. Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage, installation of replacement windows, installation of sewage treatment plant, relocation of existing oil tank and installation of replacement underground clay drainage pipes.	No comments .	
	Also a scoping application for woodland at Southall Farm and an application for peatland restoration at Na Iona Min Strath-nan-lub which are both determined by Scottish Land and Forestry.	No comments.	
	23/01923/PP. Change of use of land for the siting of 5 glamping pods. CDS has written to Stephen Gove again, but has not received a reply.	CDS to press Stephen Gove for a response.	CDS
	CDS is still awaiting a response from A&BC Planning regarding the appearance of a number of caravans, hard standing and access roads in Glendaruel. However, he has spoken with the owner of the caravans to determine what he proposes to do with them. At the moment, the suggestion appears to be that they are being stored pending redeployment.	To keep a watching brief and await a response from A&BC.	CDS
Financial Report	Opening Balance. £16745.75 No transactions during this period. Closing Balance. £16745.75 (12/02/24)		CR
Correspondence	Request received from Helensburgh CC to sign a petition currently lodged with Scottish Government. Namely; Prioritise Local Participation in Planning Decisions.	Agreed to sign and support.	CR

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Housing	<p>CR - Met as a group and have made some amendments to the consultation report - correct spelling mistakes and remove sentence regarding Forest Crofts/ Woodland Crofts. Next step is for a meeting with the Housing Group and John Forbes, followed by John holding a Community Meeting with CC and the Housing Group. A glossary of terms will be added to the document.</p> <p>CDS - include an article on the housing consultation in the next newsletter.</p>		<p>CR</p> <p>CDS</p>
Funding Apps	None		
Kilmodan Acre Trust	<p>MR & CDS met with David Mitchell and all agreed that the Trust had run its course (established to manage land part owned by the Council and the Church and allows the Play Park and Shinty Pitch to exist). Trustees agreed that the Trust be wound up and responsibilities past to an existing body. Limited number of local bodies capable of doing this, but include the Windfarm Trust, Development Trust, Shinty Club and Community Council.</p>	<p>Agreed that the Development Trust would be the most suitable body to assume responsibility.</p>	MR/CDS
Development Trust Update	<p>January 2024 Report presented by CR;</p>		CR
	<p>There has been no board meeting since last CGCC meeting.</p>		
	<p>The CGDT AGM was held on 21 January. A draft of the meeting was discussed and the highlights are shown below, as this draft has not been approved by an AGM.</p>		

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	<p>Achievements: setting up warm spaces hub, community polytunnel and pop-up markets, cost of living grant distribution, Warmer ColGlen project, Housing Survey, Archaeological Dig.</p> <p>Challenges: Flooding (resilience plan needs to be updated), income generation, lack of board members, permanent site for vending machines.</p> <p>Strategic focus: Cost of Living grant (£150) distribution from 24th January, Housing survey report and community consultation. Warmer ColGlen project to continue for a few more month. Community Polytunnel and orchard.</p>		
Rally	<p>Steven MacKellar has agreed to report back to the CC. CDS to include an article in the next newsletter including photos, stages etc.</p>		CDS
CalMac Update	<p>MR - consultation response submitted.</p>		MR
AOCB	<p>MR informed that the next Across the Loch podcast would be available early week beginning 19 February.</p>		MR

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	<p>MR presented a proposal for an update of the GolGlen Millennium Book as follows;</p> <p>1. In July 2001 the Community Council arranged for, and subsidised the publication by the then locally based company Argyll Publishing of a book entitled "<i>Colintraive & Glendaruel - a pictorial record at the Millennium.</i>"</p> <p>2. This was, as the introduction says, the "<i>culmination of a Millennium project to record for this and future generations the people in the communities of Colintraive and Glendaruel</i>". It was funded under the "Awards for All " programme and the photography was undertaken by Iain MacLeod, who at one time was the editor and publisher of <i>The Buteman</i>.</p> <p>3. The book was well received and is often discussed. One of the frequent remarks about it is that so much has changed in the period since it was published and out of one such conversation has come this proposal to revisit the project and produce an updated book, 25 years after the original appeared.</p> <p>4. The book is, by the admission of the Community Council Secretary at the time, Bridget Paterson, not complete nor geographically ordered. Around 90% of those resident are included and there is some text and a few pictures of local landmarks. However there is no map included and therefore it is difficult to work out who actually lives in what part of the area.</p>	<p>Agreed that MR would form a steering group, as per point 7, to progress the project.</p>	<p>MR</p>

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	<p>5. Given the interest in the original book and the desirability of taking a further snapshot of the area , not least to promote it as a good place to live , work and visit, it is proposed that the Community Council commit in principle to a new publication and discuss how the project might be organised, the photographs obtained and the text and pictures put together.</p> <p>6. Derek Roger of Argyll Publishing has left the area and the company is not presently active. Contact with him last year resulted in him confirming that he did not have the original proofs or the project computer files but he expressed an interest in being involved in any new publication. However it has not been possible to contact him in the last few months.</p> <p>7. It is therefore proposed that a small steering group be formed, convened by a member of the Community Council and consisting of individuals who might be able to contribute skills to the project, and that this group bring forward a costed proposal as soon as convenient to do so. The CC should also consider what funding could be obtained to allow the project to be completed by the end of 2025.</p> <p>CDS offered to obtain publishing costs, via Amazon Publishing, for various formats and print numbers</p>		CDS
	CR - CC support for Tighnabruaich Primary School and their project on Water & Wastewater (Scottish Rural Action).	Agreed to acknowledge and support the project.	CR

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Meetings for 2024	11 March - Glendaruel VH 8 April - Colintraive VH 13 May - Glendaruel 10 June (Inc. AGM) - Colintraive VH	All meetings to start at 7:30	MC