Venue:	Glendaruel Village Hall	
Date & Time:	8 January 2024, 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:	Not in attendance	
Community members:	0	

# Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Actions	Person Responsible
Apologies	Paul Bulmer ( <b>PB</b> )		
Declarations of interest	<b>MR</b> has been nominated as the next Chair of the Scottish Land Commission and will take up the post on 1 February.		
Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed - <b>CR</b> Seconded - <b>MR</b>		
Matters Arising	<b>MR</b> - still a need to co-opt new councillors, preferably from Colintraive. <b>MR</b> has approached a potential candidate but they declined the offer. <b>CDS</b> to act as point of contact for any further interest.		CDS
	<b>CDS</b> has had a number of informal conversations in Colintraive regarding any future proposal for a fixed link with Bute. All generally positive, <b>MR</b> will speak to Bute CC and MSP about this and report back.		MR
	Defibrillator at the Clachan - <b>CDS</b> has submitted the application for the defibrillator.	<b>CDS</b> to continue to update on progress.	CDS

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	MR has had no further contact with Derick Rodger regarding the 25 year update to the millennium book. MR to produce a proposed template for residents to complete. CDS is interested to using his publishing knowledge to assist in producing the updated book.	<b>MR</b> to update as required.	MR
	Fibre & Broadband - <b>MR</b> reported no further progress.	<b>MR</b> to update as required.	MR
	<b>CR</b> informed that Bute Estates had payed grant monies via electronic transfer.		CR
	<b>CDS</b> completed the Scottish Water survey by phone. Confirmed that people generally happy if on mains water but not if on a private water supply and raised the Ormidale House and neighbouring properties situation.		CDS
	<b>CDS</b> still to be interviewed for tourism project.		
Police update	A report was received from PS Eddie McGunnigal, Police Scotland, as follows;		
	Between the dates of 04/12/23 and 08/01/24 the number of Incidents and Crime Reports raised respectively are 9 and 0.		
	Serious Organised Crime; No incidents		
	Acquisitive Crime; No incidents		
	Road Safety & Road Crime; Calls in relation to fallen trees and minor collisions with deer. Issues with the snow and a vehicle left in a passing place due to damage.		
	Violent Crime; No incidents		
	Public Protection; Calls regarding planned shoots.		

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Councillor Update	In the absence of Councillor Sinclair, <b>CDS</b> will contact him for an update on the issues raised on 4/12/23 and specifically the condition of the roads and the charge for the use of the public toilets in Colintraive		
Planning	No new applications to consider. Concerns have been raised regarding the number of caravans (4/5) that have appeared in Glendaruel. Agreed that <b>CDS</b> to contact Stephen Gove regarding any planning issues that may be involved.	<b>CDS</b> to contact Stephen Gove (A&BC)	CDS
	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> has confirmed that the applicant will pay close attention to all of the identified archeology.	CDS
	23/01923/PP. Change of use of land for the siting of 5 glamping pods. <b>CDS</b> has written to Stephen Gove again, but has not received a reply.	<b>CDS</b> to press Stephen Gove for a response.	CDS
Financial Report	Opening Balance.£13245.75Income Mount Stewart Estates£3500Closing Balance. (08/01/24)£16745.75		CR
Correspondence	None		
Housing	Included in Development Trust Update		
Funding Apps	None		

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Public Consultation for the next Clyde & Hebrides Ferry Services Contract	Discussion took place regarding the consultation and if CC wanted to respond. Agreed that CC would respond regarding the one ferry that we have an interest in and highlight the need to ensure the service does not deteriorate, that it operates evenings as well as mornings and that there is an improvement in the service record.	<b>MR</b> to draft responsible and circulate to the group for agreement and submission prior to the next meeting.	Responsible MR
Development Trust Update	December 2023 Report presented by <b>CR;</b>		CR
	Stronafian Forest - archeology report still to be received.		
	Community Housing Trust update - draft report to be received mid January 2024.		
	Cost of Living - funding received, letter being prepared for the community and applications to be made mid January to mid February. Every household to receive £150, no late-comers will be accepted this year. Letter needs to be delivered to every household.		
	Community Led Plans - CGDT and CC can cooperate on this under the theme of Climate Change/ Resilience. Funding may be available to support this. This will take 3 or 4 years to complete, then A&B Council are obliged to take notice.		
	InspirAlba Funding - Ros's contract is too be extended by six months, possibly twelve.		
	Poly Tunnel fencing - fencing has been sourced by Charlie Collins for the poly tunnel area. Area will be used for planting fruit trees and the community will be asked if they wish to sponsor or part sponsor a tree.		

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	St Andrews Day Lunch - very successful with almost 60 people attending, including the school.		
Rally	Nothing to report. <b>CDS</b> has emailed Steven MacKellar.	<b>CDS</b> to discuss with Steven MacKellar.	CDS
CalMac Update	<b>MR</b> reported numerous issues and that the Bute Ferry Group was very active in pursuing these. Summer timetable has been agreed which is identical to the existing one, although Bute Ferry Group would like an extra sailing. A new boat is due into service this year which should hopefully alleviate some of the maintenance related problems. <b>CDS</b> asked if Bute Ferry Group should be asked for thoughts on a fixed link.		MR
AOCB	<b>MR</b> discussed his nomination as Chair of the Scottish Land Commission. The Commission hold a monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month in Inverness. As <b>MR</b> would need to travel up the evening before, he would not be able to attend the CC meetings on the first Monday. Agreed that CC would change the dates of the meetings to the second Monday of the month to allow <b>MR's</b> attendance. The amended meeting schedule would therefore start with the February meeting moving to the 12th.	<b>CDS</b> to advertise date changes via social media and CC website. <b>MC</b> to notify Melissa Stewart at Argyll & Bute Council of proposed date changes.	CDS
Meetings for 2024	12 February - Colintraive VH 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