

Colintraive & Glendaruel Community Council

Venue:	Colintraive Village Hall
Date & Time:	8 April 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	CR declared an interest regarding the funding application.		
Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed - CR Seconded - MR		
Matters Arising	CDS - still a need to co-opt new councillors, preferably from Colintraive.	A number of public meetings are coming up and this may be an opportunity to recruit new councillors.	CDS
	CDS has written to the church suggesting that a defibrillator be included in the design specification for the renovation, however, he has not yet received a reply.		CDS
	Kilmodan Acre Trust - CDS & MR met with all stakeholders to discuss the way forward and will write to them to confirm final ownership of the various parts.	To update as required.	CDS/MR
	MR has a meeting planned with Loreen to discuss how to take the update of the millennium book forward. Beginning to formulate a method of obtaining the required information and identify who can help with this.	To update as required.	MR

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	<p>CDS - to distribute a draft of the newsletter by the end of the week.</p>		<p>CDS</p>
<p>Police update</p>	<p>No report received.</p>		
<p>Councillor Update</p>	<p>Prior to the meeting Councillor Sinclair had sent CDS the email shown below;</p> <p>I am just contacting you all with a really important Press Release.</p> <p>As you can see the Leader of Argyll and Bute Council will now be recommending that the Council at a special meeting will freeze the Council tax. Just to fully confirm NO cuts to services, No Job Cuts, Not having to use reserves , No cutting of Health and social care Budget , £8 million for roads.</p> <p>I certainly will be using my vote to now freeze the Council Tax at the Special Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Sinclair subsequently confirmed to CDS that the council had voted to keep the council tax at the same rate.</p> <p>CDS again raised the issue of the Colintraive public toilet charges.</p> <p>CDS to write to Cllr Sinclair to maintain pressure to ensure that the bridge replacement at Balliemore remains a priority, for him to raise the concerns regarding the Colintraive toilet charges with the council and for repairs to be carried out on sections of the carriageway that have collapsed on the section of the B836 above Tarsan Dam.</p>		<p>CDS</p>

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Planning	No planning applications received to consider.		
	23/01923/PP. Change of use of land for the siting of 5 glamping pods. CDS has received a reply from Stephen Gove. No objections received and other than noise during construction, the Council's EHO has not raised concerns regarding noise from the occupation of the accommodation. However, the site, if approved, may require a licence and site management will be covered by this.		
	CDS has received a response from Stephen Gove at A&BC Planning regarding the appearance of a number of caravans, hard standing and access roads in Glendaruel. He will carry out a site visit to determine if there appears to be a breach of Planning control.	To keep a watching brief.	CDS
Financial Report	Opening Balance. £16645.75 Payment for hire of GVH for the year. £55 Closing Balance. £16590.75 (08/04/24) CR presented a spreadsheet showing the income and expenditure for the year 2023/24.		CR
Correspondence	SEPA - Potential Vulnerable Areas (PVA) Consultation.	MR & CR to look at the consultation form, complete and distribute to Cllr's before submitting.	MR & CR
	SEPA - Disrupting Criminal Dumpers.	CDS to post on CC website.	CDS

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Housing	Included in Development Trust Update.		CR
Funding Apps	<p>An application was received from Jennifer Davie-Smart to trim the bracken and undergrowth, as well coppicing trees, on the C11 from the hump backed bridge to the hairpin bend.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding if the CC should fund work of this nature and resulted in a decision to refuse the application.</p>	<p>CDS to write to the applicant to inform her of the CC's decision for this and the previous application considered at the March meeting.</p> <p>MC to amend funding application form to clarify that applications to support the normal running costs of a business are unlikely to be supported.</p>	<p>CDS</p> <p>MC</p>
	Neil Black, Col-Glen Shinty Club. Replacement fence around the community playing fields - £1000	Granted	CR
Development Trust Update	Report presented by CR ;		CR
	Planting - Douglas Wilson has ordered seeds and has collected compost from Chris Leigh. Sponsorship form to be finalised.		
	Contact made with MSP. Assistant will look into how to get information about getting electricity to Kilmodan Acre.		
	No response from organisers of Cowal Fest to date.		
	Cowal Way - New guide book has been published and a quantity will be received soon. Decision to be made on how and where to sell them.		

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	<p>Archaeology</p> <p>A turnout of around 45 people attended the presentation of the findings from the dig. Good feedback has been received. Still awaiting the final report which will be shared via websites. The presentation was well received by Cruach Mor Wind Farm Trust who funded the dig.</p>		
	<p>Projects</p> <p>Cost of Living - distribution of funds from CMWF on behalf of CGCC & CMWT.</p> <p>Cost of Living - Warm Spaces (Hub). Final lunch was held today. Everyone was really appreciative and sad that it has ended. Discussion was had about how to be able to continue without funding.</p>		
	<p>Community Housing Event. Sara MacLean attended. Mostly about fuel poverty. There was a presentation about community benefit scheme on Islay. 80% of funding success has been for individual applicants rather than community applications. Local Energy Scotland will give legal advice for negotiations. It was agreed that this is a matter of urgency. CMWFT and Community Council to coordinate. SM sent links from Lochgoilhead who use Place Planning to. ABCAN has just received funding to support four communities to develop Place Planning.</p>		
	<p>Cowal Way - status of Glendaruel/ Glenbranter section will be checked.</p>		

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	<p>Energy Local - update from Iain Waugh. Mount Stuart renewables keen to be involved. Kilfinan Community Forest also keen. IW has asked ABCAN how ready they are to be involved. IW asked if CGDT would be willing to be to act as parent organisation of Secret Coast Energy Local Project or work cooperatively with Tighnabruaich & District Development Trust. It was agreed that CGDT would be willing to make application to Energy Redress Scheme (Inspiralba) to provide funding for a paid advisor either.</p>		
	<p>Housing Survey - date needs to be found for community consultation.</p>		
<p>Rally</p>	<p>CDS informed that letters to those people affected by the stages had been distributed and the rally will be included in the next newsletter. Nothing further from Stephen McKellor. CDS to raise condition of the Shore Road.</p>		<p>CDS</p>

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CalMac Update	<p>MR received a reply from CMAL, via Jenni Minto MSP, regrading the CMAL meeting that took place at The Colintraive Hotel to consult on the proposed Harbour Revision Consolidation Order. In the reply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMAL apologised for the notification/advertising not reaching more members of the community. Also made an offer to re-schedule the meeting if required. - CMAL will consider other mediums to ensure they reach more communities in future. - CMAL clarified that the wording "immunity from nuisance for operators and maintenance" is for seaward matters and not anything to do with landside matters such as roads, marshalling and parking. <p>MR liaised with the complainant following receipt of the reply.</p>		MR
AOCB	<p>MR - Duncan Tyler, Lorne Sinclair & Stephen McKellar are bidding to take over the Bute Estate shooting in ColGlen and have the backing of NFU & NatureScot. It is a local, sustainable bid and they would appreciate support from the CC.</p>	Agreed that MR would write letter of support	MR
Meetings for 2024	<p>13 May - Glendaruel VH 10 June (Inc. AGM) - Colintraive VH</p>	All meetings to start at 7:30	MC