

Colintraive & Glendaruel Community Council

Venue	Glendaruel Village Hall
Date & Time	10 February 2025 , 7.30pm
Present	Charles Dixon-Spain(CDS)(Chair), Michael Russell(MWR)(Vice-chair), Cathleen Russell(CR)(Treasurer), Paul Bulmer(PB), Douglas Wilson(DW)
Apologies	None
Argyll & Bute Councillor	William Sinclair (WS)
Community Members	10

Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Actions	Person Responsible
Declarations of Interest	CR funding application for GVH		
Minute of Previous Meeting	Proposed - MWR Seconded - PB		
Matters Arising	Complaints Panel - a complaint was raised against the Community Council Notice Board - text is almost finalised and illustrations selected Visitor Levy - people were encouraged to take part in the survey being conducted by A&BC. Ardtaraig Bridge - see Councillors report	CDS to appear to represent Community Council at hearing	CDS

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Reports	<p>Councillors Report</p> <p>1. Visitors Levy - Councillor Sinclair encouraged people to participate in questionnaire. He is keen to find out how A&BC can support businesses to change their billing procedures. He stated that he would be keen that some of the money be returned directly to tourism businesses.</p> <p>2. Ardaraig Bridge - meeting was informed that the bridge had been knocked down. Meeting was informed that A&BC are now hoping to start the replacement work this financial year. (It had previously been supposed to have been completed by the end of this financial year.)</p> <p>3. Roads - WS reported that there had been potholes everywhere but the shore road has been repaired. CR disputed the state of repair and informed meeting that road was still in very poor condition. WS informed meeting that council had very little money. Various members of the community raised the state of the roads throughout ColGlen. Corner at Dunans (several cars have had multiple punctures /blowouts), Kyles View (where have residents with accessibility difficulties and due to the state to the roads are now housebound). WS asked that the community council send him a list of the sections of road that need to be repaired again.</p> <p>4. Toilets at Colintraive WS stated that the data was not yet available regarding usage of new internet connected turnstiles but the community council was sceptical regarding this approach and repeated its view that project is a failure and that it should revert to being free entry. Community council once again asked WS to make this view clear to his administration colleagues.</p> <p>5. Farm track opposite ferry terminal WS informed meeting that Bute Estate farm road has been repaired. CR reported that the section from the cattle-grid to the road had not been included in those repairs and that it was important that it was completed as there was a resident with mobility issues who had to use this section to access her property. Requested that WS finds out who owns section of road and instruct that it is repaired.</p> <p>6. Clachan BridgeThe repairs to the Clachan Bridge was raised as it continues to deteriorate . WS had no information but DW was able to inform meeting that a design for replacement was currently happening.</p>	<p>2. Councillor Sinclair has been asked to find out what the actual situation is as soon as possible as DW informed the meeting that in discussion with a council official he had been informed that the bridge had been bought, designed and was ready to be lifted into place.</p> <p>3. List of section to roads needing fairs to be created and sent to WS</p> <p>4. WS asked to make views of community known to council.</p> <p>5. WS to look into section of road from cattle-grid to road and find out who is responsible for repairs.</p>	<p>2. WS to inform CDS</p> <p>3.CDS to WS</p> <p>4. WS</p> <p>5. WS</p>
	<p>Police Report</p> <p>1 attempted theft of motor vehicle - enquiry ongoing</p> <p>2 reports of threatening/abuse behaviour - enquiries ongoing</p>		
	<p>Rally Update</p> <p>Wall on shore road repaired - photo sent to community councillors.</p> <p>We were not able to attend last meeting. Just received documentation. Remain concerned about the use of the coast road without a major upgrade and seeking information about the final plans.</p>	<p>Clarification to be sought from rally organisers.</p>	<p>MWR</p>

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	<p>CGDT Report CGDT AGM 2pm 23rd Feb Colintraive All welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Due to capacity, the Board is currently limiting activity to ongoing incomplete, inherited and legacy projects and those pre-agreed in community consultation; focusing on Stronafian Community Forest, building relationships and strengthening local partnership working, and is not pursuing any new projects at this time. · Aim to continue Warm Hubs with the National Lottery funding · Aim to continue Prescription Delivery / payment of volunteer expenses · Stronafian Forest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long term forest plan – update is underway – not been consulted yet ○ Talking to SSE about access track for infrastructure maintenance ○ Charlie been concentrating on damage from Storm Eowyn and also some tasks on Cowal Way ○ · Warmer ColGlen continues with an extension to end March. Now in partnership with TDDT. Possibility of further extension. · Food project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The polytunnel will be leased – advert imminent ○ The vending machines still in storage · EV Charging – hope to make an application in May that could potentially include vending machine housing · New website to be launched at AGM · Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community deer larder feasibility study – CGDT approached for consultation ○ Cruach Mhor Repowering – Cowal Community Renewables have approached CGDT for support for their bid on the lease. Waiting for detailed information. 		
Planning	Southall School House Kilbridemore Forest Track	No comments made	

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Community Council administration	<p>Financial</p> <p>Opening Balance: £14,943.75 Closing Balance: £13,343.85</p> <p>Transactions: Income: £430.00</p> <p>Expenditure: £1,000 CGDT Prescription support £30 Hall Hire GVH £,1000 Tanzania support for DGS pupil</p>		CR
	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ABCAN are organising community meetings for March to discuss findings from discussion prior to producing final Place Plan to inform A&BC own planning 2. R100 - survey for residents not yet connected to the R100. CDS encouraged as many as possible to undertake this survey to put some pressure on Government to include this area and improve our connectivity. survey123.arcgis.com 3. Take a breathing space. CDS to ask Jennifer Davie-Smart for more information. 4. Council Budget - community are being asked to complete council budget survey about what services they wish to protect from future cuts. 5. STV are seeking an introduction to our mailing list. 		3.CDS
	<p>Funding Applications</p> <p>Funding Requests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £1000 to support pupil from DGS going to Tanzania. This is normally supported by CMWFT but due to circumstance beyond the control of the trustees they were unable to access their bank accounts. The CGCC received an urgent request for funding and decided via email to support pupil on this occasion as the school trip was about to depart for Tanzania. 2. GVH application for £909.99 to partly fund a screen and projector for hall as part of a health and wellbeing project to enable greater accessibility. Discussion took place regarding 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application for funding Tanzania trip granted. Request that the formal application is completed. 2. Application granted but it was agreed that there be further discussion between GVH and CGCC as PB felt a more expensive option might be desirable. 	CR

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Topical Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resilience. 2. Thanks to everyone who helped support friends and neighbours and especially to the Colintrave Hotel who supplied food to CVH which managed to open and had some connectivity but no heating. Particular thanks to Ros and CVH committee for enabling this. Praise was given to the SSEN workforce who worked very hard to get everyone reconnected as quickly as possible. The Scottish Water employee, Steven Swanston, was also praised for working hard in very difficult conditions to clear the air lock and restore supply. People trying to report the water outage to the official Scottish Water notification line did not have a satisfactory experience. 3. Each community councillor shared their experiences and observations. The main themes were lack of power, water and connectivity. Emergency services were hampered because of access and connectivity. 4. Mobile companies had insufficient back up and the majority of the area was without any means of connectivity. 5. The corridors through the forests where the electricity lines run need to be kept clear. 6. Trees growing along the roadside - many roads were blocked with fallen trees. A&BC need to clear roadsides. 7. No contact with A&BC to find out situation and food vans for the area were situated originally at the Coal Pier in Dunoon. 8. Vulnerable people were left with no support from the authorities. 9. Need to improve both personal and community resilience, encourage people to join the priority register, plan for halls based on its surrounding community and what's available. Larger generators for each hall. Satellite phones for each hall for emergency use. 10. Although information had been issued in the past it was decided that this needs to be updated and some of the community volunteered to help undertake this task. 	Working group to be formed.	CR
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Defibrillator. Congratulations to Brownies/Guides - they have raised the money, received the Defibrillator and are waiting for it to be installed. 		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Post Code Inappropriate use of local post code - a company has used live information (people's actual names, addresses and bank details) in a training programme in this area. This has been ongoing for some time and in spite of the company concerned apologising to the people concerned it has not stopped. These residents are having transactions set up that are linked to their names and addresses. Please be aware and carefully check your bank transactions. 		

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AOCB	<p>1. Dates for future meetings were unable to be set as WS left meeting early and had previously requested a change of date or suit his diary.</p> <p>2. Thanks from CVH for part funding Christmas Meal. A charitable collection was made for Shelter</p>	1. To be discussed at next meeting	
DONM	Joint meeting with Bute Community Council, Colintrave Village Hall, 6pm		