

Colintraive & Glendaruel Community Council

Venue:	Colintraive Village Hall
Date & Time:	12 May 2025, 7:30pm
Present:	Charles Dixon Spain - Chairman (CDS), Cathleen Russell - Treasurer (CR), Michael Russell (MR), Douglas Wilson (DW), Paul Bulmer (PB), Amy Groom - Secretary (AG)
Apologies:	Cllr Gordon Blair (GB)
Argyll & Bute Councillor:	not in attendance
Community members:	3

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Minutes

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Declarations of interest	Ongoing interest in Rally declared by CDS, MR to chair relevant discussions		
Minutes of previous meeting	Proposed - Seconded -		

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<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Digital voice changeover</p>	<p>Gap between dates given - end of January 2027 all services move to digital solution and next proposed service deadline in 2028. Ros McGhee (RM) attended to advise her attempts at contacting BT regarding the telecare service have not yet been successful but is waiting on an email response. Telecare users are advised not to switch to digital service until the end of the changeover period to ensure BT's telecare is compatible. Poses risk to vulnerable people using telecare (17 known), and others who are not and so are not known to service providers, especially if mobile data service is not reliable and/or people may not be able to get to a phone. CDS had similar lack of success in contacting BT but is using Linkdin to reach the board members.</p> <p>No technical detail or resolutions have been offered to the issues. Any meetings held by BT are not local - closest are Rothesay or nearer to Glasgow. BT are contacting some people by telephone but service users may not be best placed to ask technical questions.</p>	<p>Make this a standing item on the agenda.</p> <p>CDS to continue efforts to contact BT board members.</p> <p>Consider ways in which members of the community could assist, e.g. Starlink clusters or 4G signal.</p> <p>Place an article in the next community newsletter asking anyone who uses telecare to contact AG.</p> <p>RM to contact social services to find out numbers of people using telecare in the area.</p>	<p>CDS</p>
<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Signs</p>	<p>Second advertising sign below information sign in Colintraive is not installed yet, when it is there will be contributions made by Glendaruel Caravan Park and the Colintraive Hotel.</p> <p>Seabird sign is to be installed.</p> <p>Requests to install a similar information sign in Glendaruel at Kilmodan Acre.</p>	<p>Draft text for Kilmodan sign, use same map as Colintraive sign with new text and illustrations</p>	<p>MR</p>

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Matters arising:  Resilience	<p>Community Resilience Plan drafted, agreed to conclude cyber attack section and transport section. Cyber attack section could point to CGCC Facebook page as information from Rural Watch is posted there.</p> <p>Map of support clusters is in progress and village halls will have plans for opening when needed. Suggested no more than 15 properties in one support cluster, or a minimum distance where more relevant (e.g. north Glendaruel). Postcode areas can be too varied in size to be used for this.</p> <p>Means of contacting emergency services when communication systems are down - volunteer run radio network could be used, reports of success using it on Bute. Might need a subscription and licence and to attend a training course, as well as equipment. Those with a private boat in the area may already have a licence.</p>	<p>Edit and condense community resilience flyer.</p> <p>Finalise letter to residents and prepare package to distribute with next community newsletter.</p> <p>Discuss process and investigate radio network possibilities with RM and her contact. Rm also to speak to contact on Gigha for information.</p> <p>Add section to website and publish Rural Watch documents</p>	<p>DW &amp; CR</p> <p>DW</p> <p>AG</p>
Police update	<p>A report was received from PC Michael Cunningham, Police Scotland, as follows;</p> <p>Between the dates of 10/03/25 and 14/04/25 the number of Incidents and Crime Reports raised respectively are 1 and 1.</p> <p>Serious Organised Crime - none Acquisitive Crime - 1 Road Safety &amp; Road Crime - none Violent Crime - none Public Protection - none</p> <p>Reports of thefts in Tighnabruaich, property(ies) entered and prescription medication taken.</p>	<p>Ask Police for appropriate words to communicate with the public to highlight the importance of securing their properties. Consider approaching a local paper.</p>	<p>DW</p>

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Councillor Update	<p>No A&amp;B Councillor present.</p> <p>No timetable known for improvement works to the Shore Road.</p> <p>Balliemore bridge works are in progress with a target completion date of 14th July.</p>	<p>Enquire about Cllr McNeilly attending a future meeting.</p> <p>Actions discussed at April's meeting:</p> <p>Cllr Gordon Blair to arrange a visit with roads department.</p> <p>Cllr William Sinclair to contact Maths Campbell-Sturgess.</p>	AG

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Rally Update	<p>MR took Chair for this update.</p> <p>At the latest Rally meeting they were waiting to hear on being granted a licence. The Shore Road and West Road stages are essentially reduced to a single day although we would like to see a further reduction in use next year. Waiting on works to the Shore Road to see if its condition is enough improved for use. Contact details are to be provided for local residents to speak to rally organisers.</p> <p>Correspondence received from the Secretary of Kilfinan Community Council regarding our position on the Rally which we believed was mis-represented in their document. We were not minded to change our view of this matter but we were glad that the Chair of the Kilfinan CC had agreed that we should move on to find positive ways to work together.</p> <p>Rally organisers have made clear that the funding application made to us regarding strimming the verges is a matter for them or A&amp;B Council and not for us to fund, and they will contact the applicant.</p>	<p>Other items to discuss with Chair of KCC resulting from correspondence.</p> <p>Monitor effect of reductions in usage over the event and see that the promised enhance signage is displayed.</p>	MR
Development Trust Report	<p>No report made - no representative present.</p> <p>Enquiry from member of public walking in community wood regarding many trees being marked as if for felling after storm damage and expressed concern whether this was done by an appropriate professional.</p>	<p>Speak to Chris Leigh of CGDT to find out more.</p>	DW

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CalMac update	<p>The contract for the West Coast ferry services has been awarded to CalMac for the next 8 years. This is a public service contract (rather than a commercial contract) which might give more focus to delivery and customer service, and they have published a statement online.</p> <p>A number of new vessels are expected over the next 4 years, at present Cmal holds and is responsible for the vessels and CalMav operates the service.</p>		MR
Planning	No applications to consider		CDS
Financial Report April 2025	<p>Opening Balance: £11,953.88            Transactions: £1,000            (income from repayment of grant made to CMWFT for Tanzania trip)            Expenditure: £280            (AG secretarial contract)            Closing Balance: £12,673.88</p>		CR

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Correspondence	<p>Four items of correspondence received from one individual (total seven in less than a month), including general enquiries and more specific complaints. Following process to provide a standard response that enquiries will be discussed at the next meeting and a response given thereafter with details minuted.</p> <p>The correspondent has been invited to attend meetings to address concerns in person and offered a Zoom call with CDS for a meeting outside of public view, with no take up of either.</p> <p>Draft letter to correspondent circulated and agreed.</p> <p>Agreed to work towards a policy addition to the CGCC constitution on responding to complaints.</p>	<p>Seek advice from A&amp;B Council on the best practice when dealing with persistent correspondents which stretch the ability of the organisation to respond either because of content or regularity or both.</p> <p>Send agreed letter to correspondent in response to all enquiries.</p>	CDS
Funding Apps	<p>Kilmodan Primary School - £600 sought towards London trip for P5-7 children, who will organise logistics of the trip as well as fundraise themselves.</p>	<p>Application approved with request for feedback in the form of a written article for the autumn/winter community newsletter by P5-7 children.</p>	AG
Topical Issues - Community Council Scheme Review	<p>It was noted that some of the issues arising from the recent complaint made by a community member which had led to a hearing of the Argyll &amp; Bute Community Council review Panel where dealt with in the review of the scheme now underway, including <i>de minimus</i> outcomes and the need for more than a single complaint to trigger the process. This was seen as a positive step forward after a process which was unsatisfactory for all involved.</p>		CDS

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<p>Topical Issues - Cruach Mhor Windfarm / Cowal Community Energy</p>	<p>Forestry and Land Scotland would not provide any further details whilst contract is under negotiation.</p> <p>Argyllshire Advertiser is taking up the news story in response to press release. FLS comment to the Advertiser is that they had spoken to the community, however this was the community bidder, not the local residents.</p> <p>The present community benefit payment could be significantly increased after re-powering, based on similar sites, although a change in operator could leave a gap in funding.</p> <p>Discussion on details of lease and planning permission process, limits on turbine height due to view from historical feature, and possible effect on Council water charge.</p>	<p>Seeking meeting with CEO of FLS.</p> <p>Continue to pursue FLS for details on the future of the windfarm.</p>	<p>CDS</p>
<p>Topical Issues - Local Place Plan</p>	<p>Agreed to include the windfarm re-powering. Draft expected today from Abcan team but not received as yet.</p> <p>Next steps are steering group, further draft, format for presentation to community, timescale 2-3 months.</p> <p>Suggestions received may not always fit into final local place plan but all have a place in the plan for our local area.</p>		<p>CDS</p>
<p>Topical Issues - Harbour Order Consultation</p>	<p>Presentation to CGCC meeting suggested.</p>	<p>Invite to present at AGM on 9th June.</p>	<p>MR</p>

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AOCB: Attendance	To publicise meetings via Facebook adverts an account is needed.  Set a theme for each meeting to encourage attendance.	Setup advertising account for CGCC.  Next meeting (AGM) will be Harbour Order Consultation (if in attendance to present), if not Resilience.	CDS
AOCB: Kilmodan Acre Trust	Ongoing correspondence with three user organisations (Glendaruel playpark, ColGlen Shinty team and ColGlen growers) as the Church are not prepared to sell any part of the Glebe.		MR
AOCB: Community Benefit survey	Survey invitation received regarding natural capital community benefit.	Respond to survey.	MR
AOCB: Cruach Mhor Windfarm Trust	The Trust has carried out elections and three new Trustees are appointed, formal election at next meeting Wednesday 14th May at Colintraive following AGM which all are welcome to attend to support new Trustees and thank retiring Chair Alex McNaughton.		CDS
Meetings for 2025	9th June (inc. AGM) - Glendaruel VH 7th July (following Rally) - Colintraive VH 8th September - Glendaruel VH	All meetings to start at 7:30	