

Venue:	Glendaruel Village Hall
Date & Time:	9 June 2025, 7:30pm
Present:	Charles Dixon Spain - Chairman (CDS), Cathleen Russell - Treasurer (CR), Michael Russell (MR), Paul Bulmer (PB), Douglas Wilson (DW), Amy Groom - Secretary (AG)
Apologies:	Cllr William Sinclair (WS)
Argyll & Bute Councillor:	Not present
Community members:	4

Minutes

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Declarations of interest	CDS ongoing interest in Rally		
Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of 12/05/25: Proposed - PB Seconded - DW Minutes of 14/04/25: Proposed - DW Seconded - MR		

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Matters Arising	<p>HR(C)O Colintraive presentation: Presentation confirmed for 8th September as the first item on the agenda, 10 minute presentation then q&a.</p> <p>Signage: The advert sign has been added to the new sign at Colintraive. Bute signs have been fantastic and would recommend their services, with thanks also to Peter McAllister. Sign to be planned for Kilmodan to be located near or on the community shelter as it is a common place for visitors to park and walk from.</p> <p>Kilmodan Acre Trust: All three user groups have agreed to meet. The expenditure required is an annual rental payment to the glebe (£50 annually) which the playpark has paid so far, this should be shared. Church is not willing to discuss change in ownership of the land, it will remain vested in acre trust. Trust could be dissolved but this would be costly and need ownership to be vested.</p>	<p>Email the ColGlen Boat Club to confirm date of presentation</p> <p>Arrange meeting over the summer</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
Police update	<p>A report was received from PC Michael Cunningham, Police Scotland, as follows:</p> <p>Between the dates of /25 and /25 the number of Incidents and Crime Reports raised respectively are 9 and 2.</p> <p>Serious Organised Crime - none Acquisitive Crime - none Road Safety & Road Crime - 1 detected speeding offence Violent Crime - none Public Protection - 1 undetected vandalism, enquiries ongoing</p>		

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Councillor Update	<p>Cllr Sinclair sent his apologies and a report. Balliemore bridge should be close to finished. The Council has taken on board our view that public conveniences should not be monetised and they are looking into it. Road works in progress including works in Strachur on A815 at Primary School junction and work will re-start on widening a section of the A8003 into Tighnabruaich.</p> <p>No work seen as yet to the Coast road in advance of the Rally. CC has observed that on the West road the passing places have been cleared and drainage improved, unknown by whom, and surveying and patching work has been seen to be in progress on the road alongside Loch Fyne.</p>	Raise Coast road with Hugh O'Neill at A&B Council	CDS
Rally Update	<p>MR and CR have been representing the CC at Rally meetings with CR at the last meeting. Rally have provided an information document. Packs are being distributed to all residents on routes this week and extra signage will be in place to confirm the road to Tignabruaich is open. Participants have instructions to be mindful of residents particularly during practice runs. There is a reduction in times routes are in use this year (West Road one day with two hour break and Shore Road one evening) which is an improvement.</p> <p>CC meeting on 7th July will focus on gathering feedback / information. Dunoon CC will put out a survey after the event. ColGlen area raised circa £2,500 for charity last year and it would be of use to have details like this for 2025 Rally to add to community benefit information. In Otter Ferry much of the holiday accommodation has been let to Rally personnel which is of benefit. We plan to gather similar information regarding the ColGlen area.</p> <p>Rally asked if we might host a meeting for all CCs afterwards to discuss their findings in each community. CC representatives in larger area have largely been in agreement during discussions thus far.</p>	<p>Leave copies of document at Colintraive and Glendaruel Halls, and at post office.</p> <p>Fix a date with Rally representative for meeting with all CCs towards the end of July / early August.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>MR</p>
Development Trust Report	Report given in person. The CGDT have been invited to join Cowal Community Energy. Preparing a grant application to SSEN for a charging point and vending machines at the Kilmodan Acre.		CGDT

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	CGDT have let go Charlie (forest ranger) and Amber (general manager) due to lack of funding. Will communicate that people could continue to use the forest walks but they will not be similarly maintained. Issue raised of how quickly the path condition would deteriorate without maintenance, whether signposting should be removed and if insurance policy would still be valid without maintenance being undertaken.	Investigate insurance implications and removing signposts to forest walks.	
CalMac update	Dunoon - Gourock service using one vessel. Bute are discussing summer / winter timetables.		
Planning	Two applications in May awaiting decision. Ref. 25/00765/PP, Seacroft Colintraive PA22 3AS, erection of front and rear extension to dwelling house and formation of front dormer window, no comment. Ref. 25/00697/PP, The Ferry Terminal Colintraive PA22 3AP, erection of temporary modular building for 12 months, no comment. Feorlean forest plan received which contains extensive information, the watercourse and track seem to be protected. MR & CR declare an interest as neighbours, discussion on this to continue after the meeting via email.		
Financial Report April 2025	Opening Balance: £12,673.88 Transactions: Income: £50 Glendaruel Caravan Park (payment for advert on CGCC sign at ferry terminal) Expenditure: £600 Kilmodan Primary School (match funding for P5-7 London trip) £175 Ramj Print (printing community newsletter) £180 Amy Groom (secretarial contract for May) Closing Balance: £11,768.88 £750 remaining in newsletter fund, will cover print run for the current edition, graphics for the newsletter were time consuming.	Seek cost no higher than £250 for printing newsletter. Take up advertising in newsletter in Autumn / Winter edition.	CDS

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Correspondence	<p>Convener of Kilfinan CC has suggested holding a joint meeting regarding various topics including WiFi, resilience planning, digital changeover, transport, non attendance of County Councillors.</p> <p>Email enquiry about verge trimming / branches and brambles timetable and whether this could be arranged to coincide with preparing for the Rally. Objection to requesting verge trimming any earlier than the Autumn due to potential impact on wildlife although branches and brambles no objection.</p> <p>Email enquiry regarding including section for public questions after AOCB in agenda to comply with standing orders. Present practice is to seek questions after every agenda item including AOCB which is open to the floor for questions so feeling was this is sufficiently covered.</p> <p>Attendance in person is encouraged and expected for those wishing to raise any questions.</p> <p>Email enquiry about grant for just over £900 to fund projector with the question of which organisation received the funding. This enquiry has been resolved.</p> <p>CC has sought advice from A&B Council on how to handle repeated correspondence. They have suggested we maintain a standard response of thank you for the enquiry, this will be discussed at the next meeting. Such correspondence is to be referred to as issues raised. There is a threshold of three complaints received before the CC must self-refer to the complaints panel.</p>	<p>Seek date in the Autumn for joint meeting with Kilfinan CC</p> <p>Raise with A&B Council when this might be timetabled.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>CDS</p>

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Funding Apps	<p>Application to fund a pop up cafe at Rally on 21st June, including £600 for equipment hire, preparing field, purchasing food and consumables. Colintraive Church and Sandbank School Gaelic unit to benefit charitably</p> <p>It was felt that the equipment could be borrowed and the cost of consumables be repaid from income. No breakdown of costs was given in the application to support the total £600.</p> <p>Not agreed on the basis that the application is not fully completed, we would need a full breakdown of the costs to make a decision. Rally have recently communicated they should be funding events directly relating to the rally.</p>	Draft response based on collective discussion.	CDS
Topical Issues - Resilience	<p>Letter to community has been prepared and an advice leaflet which is awaiting graphics. DW and CR are finalising resilience plan with thanks to CDS for graphics. Cluster groups of 12-18 properties (22 where some are known to be regularly unoccupied) divided largely by roads or rivers, with one person appointed to check in on residents in each group.</p> <p>Discussion had around the Colintraive Hall committee being the point of contact for properties in Colintraive from the Shore Road onwards. In recent extreme weather the Hall supported residents as far as Stronafian. The resilience plan should be updated annually and the Hall committee involvement could lessen this responsibility and increase day-to-day assistance / immediately local knowledge. It was felt this could be more relevant in Colintraive as Glendaruel is more spread out and perhaps more in need of cluster support.</p> <p>Looking at Bute's solution to resilience communication as they have a radio system, a satellite phone at each ColGlen village hall might be required. There are also persons with Starlink who could assist and the ferry radio at Colintraive.</p> <p>Instance of Glendaruel resident in need of assistance being unknown until communication from person in Toward demonstrates need for support clusters.</p>	<p>One more property to add to Southall cluster.</p> <p>Suggested could split the two clusters of 22 properties into three.</p> <p>Keep cluster groups and use Colintraive Hall committee convener as point of contact in Colintraive.</p>	DW and CR

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Topical Issues - Digital Switchover	<p>There is a call out in the coming newsletter to telecare users to contact CC to assist assessment of impact. Noted that Kintyre went through the switchover and users had no service, felt that a wider network of communities needed to raise the issue. There is limited access to satellite (Starlink) via residential users lending to village halls. An extra battery can be purchased to provide 12 hours service in the event of a power cut. CDS has been contacting telecoms contacts but it seems to be a difficult path forwards and it is the more vulnerable people who rely on the wired technology.</p> <p>Noted that those on older electricity meters are having to switch to new style meters.</p>	Contact Jenny Minto's office.	CDS
Topical Issues - Harbour Order Consultation	This will be the focus of the CC meeting on 8th September with a presentation at the start of the meeting followed by Q&A session.		
Topical Issues - Local Place Plan	CDS and Sara Maclean are working on a draft to be presented to the community.		
AOCB	<p>A&B Councillors not in attendance, although apology from Cllr Sinclair and brief report. Noted that we have facility to set up virtual link on projector screen at both halls.</p> <p>Publicise meetings - hope to continue to build on community attendance. Hope to have a new councillor shortly as Rob Groom has applied and the CC are happy to co-opt him.</p> <p>The new cluster areas and emergency leaflet should be included with the newsletter.</p>	<p>Write to leader of Council regarding county Councillor attendance and CC' councillors.</p> <p>Email Rob and invite him to attend on 7th July.</p>	CDS
Meetings for 2025	<p>7th July 2025, Colintraive Hall (Rally)</p> <p>8th September 2025, Glendaruel Hall (Harbour Order presentation)</p>	All meetings to start at 7:30pm	