

# COLINTRAIIVE & GLENDARUEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

**Venue:** Colintraive Hall

**Date & Time:** 9 March 2026, 7.30pm

## Attendance

**Present:** Michael Russell (MR)(Vice Chair), Paul Bulmer (PB) (Treasurer), Rob Groom (RG), Cathleen Russell (CR), Douglas Wilson (DW)

**Apologies:** Charles Dixon-Spain (CDS) (Chair), William Sinclair

**Community Members:** 0

1. **Welcome:** Michael welcomed everyone to meeting and explained that in CDS absence he would chair.

## 2. Declarations of Interest:

None

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minute of previous meeting was agreed.

- **Proposed:** Paul Bulmer
- **Seconded:** Rob Groom

**Actions:** The last minute posted on website was still in draft as it had a couple of items omitted. It will be replaced by the minute that has been agreed at this meeting.

## 4. Matters Arising:

**Funding Applications** CGCC is still waiting for applicants to agree to the terms and conditions for receiving funding. RG to contact Linda Shaw at Kilmodan School.

## Correspondence from Jennifer Davie Smart

The Treasurer reported on an analysis of correspondence received from Jennifer Davie Smart over the past 52 months. He had undertaken this analysis in order to identify her individual requests, complaints and had been able to pin down a total of 85 different issues in a succession of emails, most of which arrived shortly before a CC meeting.

He had then examined each of the issues and had found only one which had any factual basis which was corrected immediately.

DW reported on receiving two letters from Jennifer Davie Smart that day and RG had also received postal copies. The meeting was also aware that she had been emailing the CGDT and the Colintraive Hall.

MWR also informed the meeting that the Cruach Mhòr Wind Farm Trust had been on the receiving end of similar repetitive, persistent and lengthy correspondence and had, at its last meeting, reluctantly classified Jennifer Davie Smart as a vexatious correspondent.

As a result it had informed her that she must only communicate with a given email address and cease using personal addresses and the postal service to copy material to all the Trustees. It also informed her that she would not receive answers to any emails that repeated allegations or questions that had already been answered or which had no merit. These sanctions would be reviewed after a year.

The meeting noted that the actions of Jennifer Davie Smart met the criteria usually applied to vexatious correspondent namely:

- Sending **large volumes of letters or emails** about the same matter.
- **Refusing to accept previous answers or decisions** and repeatedly reopening the issue.
- Making **baseless accusations or personal attacks**.
- Copying correspondence widely to multiple officials or organisations in a “**scatter-gun**” **fashion**.
- Pursuing **unrealistic or unreasonable outcomes** despite explanations

The Community Council therefore unanimously agreed to take a similar step and declare her a vexatious correspondent.

The meeting requested that the Chair write to Jennifer Davie Smart asking her to stop emailing or send material by post, providing her with a single point of contact by email, warning her that she would not receive answers unless she was dealing with matters that had significance and informing her that these sanctions would be reviewed in March 2027.

Individual members of the CC agreed that they would block any unsolicited emails from Jennifer Davie Smart, or throw them away unopened if they came by mail.

Communication from her would only be accepted via the single email address which she would be given.

**Actions:**

Chair to write to Jennifer Davie Smart notifying her of the outcome of discussion at CGCC meeting.  
Chair to set up an email address with which she may contact the CGCC.  
CCGC councillors to block individual communication from her by email or post.  
Review decision in March 2027.

**5. Reports:**

**Police Report:**

None Received

**Rally Report:**

No update at this time as there has not been a meeting. CR reported that local businesses and accommodation providers could advertise on the Rally 2026 - Local Information Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/213173780987126>

**Councillors Report:**

Although not present Councillor Sinclair sent email. See below.

'I have spoken with Fred at our roads department and our teams are out working from Tighnabruaich up to Dunoon.  
I have also noted a number of issues on the B836 especially near the Tarsan Dam which Fred has noted.

As normal please call if there are problems. I am also aware of the cost of heating oil going through the roof.'

CGCC wanted to express its appreciation for the work that has been started on clearing the verges and ditches. They also wanted noted that the road between the CalMac entrance and the Colintraive Hotel had been resurfaced.

## **6 Community Council Administration**

### **Treasurers Report:**

09/02/2026.	Total: £12,395.42
23/02/2026.	-£100. CVH rent for year
09/03/2026.	Total: £12,295.42

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Dunoon Community Council**

DCC are seeking views on the Dunoon-Gourock CalMac route and have proposed a variety of options for discussion. CGCC view was that there should be greater correlation between the Ferry and Train timetables as well as better information about bus times that cover the whole of the Cowal peninsular and Bute

### **Actions:**

MR to inform Dunoon Community Council of our views re timetables.  
CR to contact West Coast Motors for a comprehensive and up to date timetable covering area and post it on Notice board and on CGCC website.

**Complaints:** See Matters Arising re emails from Jennifer Davie Smart.

### **Planning Applications:**

The following planning application was considered:

- Colintraive Ferry Terminal - Erection of SSEN substation and LV switchgear room, erection of 6 subsurface cable ducts and installation of shore power arm. CGCC hope A&BC will consider noise disruption to local residents both during construction and operation. No Comment

## **7. Topical Issues**

### **Place Plan.**

Draft of place plan has been completed. Councillors decision was a meeting is be organised specifically to look at draft prior to it being shared for general comment and submission.

**Actions:** Date of meeting to be organised by CDS.

## **8. Any Other Competent Business:**

**9. Public Questions:**

- None received

**10. Date of Next Meeting:**

- May 11 at 7.30pm in Glendaruel Hall