# ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 29 October 2026, at 19.00
within The Ardchattan Centre, Bonawe
**Draft PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES to be approved**

Website with Community Councillor details, news past minutes and accounts

Present: David Orr (Convenor) Jane Sayer (Vice Convenor) Helen Hope (Treasurer) Sine MacKay (Secretary) Caroline Campbell, Duncan Durbin, Steven Groom, Helen Hope, Jim MacKay, Diane McLean, Allan Morrison, Jane Nichols, Pamela Reeves,

7 members of public

Jill Bowis (admin)

Kieron Green (ABC)

Apologies: Moira Newiss(CC),

Declarations of Interest: None.

Draft Minutes of meeting: 25th September 2026 approved and signed

Proposed Jane Sayer

Seconded Allan Morrison

Secretary's Report: none

Police report : online nothing of note in our area – available on website

Treasurer's Report: online

Barrs Hydro Funding applications

- Ardchattan Centre, £700 winter warmer programme – facilities, equipment and free events – approved by sub committee. –TAC expressed gratitude to the ACC for their continued funding for community activities.

Matters Arising:

- Breedons Liaison Group – Duncan – no further liaison, to find past agreement to update. Discussion about the upcoming public hearing on future use permissions. Duncan to arrange for Breedons to update their list of contacts in their correspondence.
- Bear/Transport Scotland – Duncan – letter drafted to contact BEAR on bridge and Rockface. Response updated that each are in various stages of development and planning so no new information. They are prepared to come to meetings in future.
- Loch Creran Pressures & Activities Group : Jane Sayer, Moira Newiss
- Barrs Hydro Funding – as discussed earlier, sub committee confirmed.
- War Memorial – ACC can only handle a project if under £30,000 otherwise it has to be an independent group, community members Donnie Campbell and Joan Barr joined the sub committee, Helen Hope came off.
- Gillies Path gorse removal – The quotations have been received and the project has been agreed with Oban Airport to go ahead.
- Maintenance of CC area at Dun na Mara – no action required
- Maintenance of flower & tree planters – BCA to be asked to apply for funds. Discussion on upgrading the rest of the barrels around the community.
    - planting Margaret Adams memorial tree - Jill find a tree for Dun na mara

- Maintenance of cycle path – Jane Sayer has been in touch with Sustrans, is joining as a path volunteer and coordinate local community links. Ledaig Caravan site are clearing and actively maintaining the path and sides in their area.
- Bridge Artwork on cycle path – Update - suggestion to move forward with a second piece, representing Mr Gowdies work, with the same artists and at the same cost as last time (£1700). Steven Groom to coordinate the preparation, and protection of works. Agreed.
- Bike Shelter maintenance fund has £2400. Cycle Friendly Scotland happy that money can be spent on anything related to cycling etc. Suggestions - Training, cycle clubs, power washer, Retain £200 pay for replacement tools.
  Council continue pay the all risks funding from our funding pot. £75 a year from £1600 insurance fund.
- Christmas tree & lighting – Sun 6th confirmed
- Tractor run 29th Nov
- Defibrilator Management/Training – no update SG to contact previous coordinator.
- Community Resilience – Discussion about old report and equipment, and more recent hyperlocal groups. Proposal to ask Council Climate Change officer to meet and also to organise showing the Peoples Emergency film in each of our 4 areas (see recent Dalavich and Kilchrenan CC) Helen Hope to take on Community Resilence role.
- Admin
  - Posters distributed, will share for anyone else to put up.
- Planning Applications
  - None to discuss
- Future of Local Government Consultation
  - No response from ACC
- Rest and be Thankful Campaign by MP
  - Brendan O Hara – no response from ACC
- Future Traffic Lights at Connel Junction – discussion with members of public and councillor giving information about the proposals, timeline, and issues. DO to contact Connel CC establish their opinion.
- Access to Tralee beach
  - Discussion about the access to the beach along the Keil Croft road. Refer to Access Manager for Argyll & Bute Council, Jolyon Gritten
- Airport upgrades
  - Airport to be shut for a week for works around the Depot and shed for helicopter and new connecting airstrip.
  - Concerns raised again about the sand martin breeding area that has now gone.

Any Other Business:

- Bonawe Play Park – no one here
- Tom Perkins and John Campbell to be co-opted as Community Councillors subject to completion of application process
- Request from Barcaldine – Deer warning signs at old Beaver timber entrance – like Appin – road dept say minimum deer reporting not been met - Possibly BCA to talk to Appin Trust about theirs.

- Traffic survey 20 mile an hour limit in Benderloch - discussion - new traffic survey being undertaken, update from Kieron Green on survey and statutory process begin soon to consult with public with a view to making this permanent.
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Date / Place of Next Meeting:

- 10th Dec - Barcaldine – Scottish Seafood Hatchery conference room
- 7th Jan - North Connel
- 25th Feb - Benderloch - Victory Hall

Meeting closesd at 20.42