

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Victory Hall 22nd August 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoffrey Miller (Vice-convenor), Lachie Strathern (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), , Tony Dalgaty (CC), Ashley Stones (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green, Andrew Vennard, Paul Cronin (Sustrans); 22 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Sian Griffiths (CC), Jill Bowis (CC), Breege Smyth (CC), PC Stuart Johnston (Police Scotland).
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held on 27th June Accepted. (Only amendment to remove Robin Dodman from being in attendance).
- 4. Police report:** Stuart provided a report previously circulated to ACC members. Margaret read out some sections to keep all present informed.
- 5. Matters Arising:** Elaine stated that the information she had previously provided at the last ACC meeting regarding speed monitoring equipment was incorrect. It is not at present located in Kilmelford, as she was informed, but it is in fact still on order. It will be used in Kilmelford when it arrives and then moved to the Tralee Road afterwards.
- 6. Sustrans NCN78 cycle path:** A presentation and background update prior to the handing over of a public petition to ACC was given by Dr Andrew Henderson. Paul Cronin from Sustrans immediately followed this up and explained that there was another option now possible rather than going for the Core Path. Sustrans are to have negotiations with Peter Weir of The North Ledaig Company, who was present at the meeting, re the railway track option. The suggestion is a signed, surfaced route through the Caravan park using the railway track. This may not be tarred but some other surface. There would be signs and speed restrictions. Security of caravan site customers etc would be taken in to account. Paul advised the community would best be advised to give up the pursuit of a Core Path at this present time. This was agreed by those present at the meeting so the petition will be held on file by ACC for now. The A&B Councillors present stated they would support the efforts of Sustrans and North Ledaig Co to reach a decision and that they should be allowed time to achieve this. It was noted that even if the option is successful it will not solve the problems regarding persons crossing the A828 at the Moss Road junction and other identified safety issues which are well known to ACC and were again reinforced by Peter Weir.
- 7. Tralee Link Path update:** ACC were made aware that all permissions from the landowners involved are now in place. Elaine and Kieron confirmed that there is to be an Area Roads meeting to arrange a start date.
- 8. A828 road closures September:** Those present at the meeting generally expressed considerable concern at the proposed project. Many situations that will be affected by the works were raised. Elaine advised that it would be advisable for individuals to keep responding to the consultation by BEAR, even after the closing date given.
- 9. Treasurers report:** In the treasurer's absence this item will be held over until the next meeting for an update.
- 10. Secretary's report:** In the absence of the Secretary, Margaret dealt with two items that she knew had been raised. A letter had been received from a member of the public expressing concern at the state of overhanging trees along the Tralee Road. Lachie was able to confirm that this concern could be justified and that he believed the trees were the responsibility of private landowners. Elaine advised that the council could make them safe if the landowners can't deal with the matter but a charge would be levied. She suggested in the first instance the Area Roads Dept should be contacted for further advice. The second item was with regard to Gilly's path and that ACC had been notified that it is now becoming unkempt because Gilly is no longer able to maintain it. It was suggested that we see if the Community Payback team

could assist with the ongoing maintenance. Elaine confirmed she would check the latest contact details for the team and forward them to ACC.

11. **Health matters:** Tony updated the meeting regarding the defibrillator project. It has been agreed that the second unit will ideally be located outside the Victory Hall Benderloch and Tony is negotiating this. He also confirmed that the funding for a third unit is being explored and that he is also investigating the provision of the relevant training for users.
12. **Planning:** No items were raised.
13. **AOB:** Elaine updated the meeting about the new trust scheme covering leisure and library services plus also the various functions and entertainments imminent in the area. DJ Barr updated the meeting with information he had regarding the ongoing Lochnell School road situation. Elaine followed this by confirming the liaison meeting between A&B Roads, Transport Scotland and BEAR had recently taken place and this item was on the agenda but no minutes were available yet. Members of the public joined in the discussion and it became evident they were unaware of what the situation is. At this point Margaret had to intervene and strongly reinforce what the history is regarding the roads crossings in the village and also advise how the current situation at the school has been brought about. She was supported in her statements by other ACC members. A member of the public raised the problem of antisocial behaviour at the recycling area in the turning circle. It appears late in the evenings youths have been seen removing glass from the bins and smashing them around the location. It was agreed to contact PC Stuart Johnston to try and have the site monitored. It was also noted that the bins need emptying more frequently and Lewis Morrison also pointed out some bins need repairing and possibly renewing. It was agreed that Derek Crooks should be contacted to resolve the problems. Margaret informed the meeting that the turning circle is now due to be resurfaced within this financial year. The latest update from the Forestry Commission regarding the opening of the forestry tracks and providing general forestry access will hopefully now be in October.
14. **Next meeting:** Tuesday 3rd October at Ardchattan Primary School, Bonawe.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm

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