

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in Ardchattan Primary School 3rd October 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Geoffrey Miller (Vice-convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Lachie Strathern (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), John Campbell (CC), Ronnie Campbell (CC); 8 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Jill Bowis (CC), Sian Griffiths (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Breege Smyth (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Ashley Stones (CC), Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green, Andrew Vennard, Julie MacKenzie, PC Stuart Johnstone;
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held in Victory Hall on 22nd August were approved
- 4. Police report:** none
- 5. Matters Arising: Sustrans Cycle Track Ledaig:** No update – discussions ongoing between Sustrans and landowners. **Health** – Margaret thanked Robin Dodman on behalf of the CC for the work he has done over the years on the Health & Care Forum, from which he has now stood down.
- 6. Tralee Link Path update:** Work has begun in earnest on construction of the new link section between the cycle path and the Keil Road footpath. New passing places are also being constructed as part of the project.
- 7. Closure of trunk roads due to accidents:** letter received from Cairndow CC regarding problems with road closures resulting from motorcycle accidents. In general, there is an increasing problem with unscheduled and often long and highly disruptive closures – comments made including increasing traffic volumes, poor condition of roads, lack of road policing resources, drivers unfamiliar with the conditions, increasing requirement for post-accident investigations (including for insurance purposes) and the lack of local availability of the specialist equipment required. Geoff suggested that Police Scotland are lagging behind other UK forces in the use of newer technologies e.g. dashcam footage as evidence of bad driving or for immediate post-accident investigation allowing quicker re-opening of roads. Agree to write to Cairndow CC to support general principles but disagree with focussing solely on motorcyclists. Campbell Cameron suggested improvements to back road to Connel, e.g. extra passing places etc. to make a more suitable alternative route.
- 8. Treasurer's report:-**

Overall opening balance as at 27th June 2017	2,660.98
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Opening bal. General Fund	2,660.98
<i>less: Compost for tubs</i>	<i>(40.00)</i>
<i>Replacement tubs</i>	<i>(260.00)</i>
<i>Hire of N Connel Hall</i>	<i>(20.00)</i>

Overall closing balance as at 3rd October 2017	2,340.98
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- 9. Secretary's report** – Correspondence since last meeting:-
 - Review of Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils
 - Tidal generator test at Falls of Lora – in place November/December
 - Petard Investments, Bonawe – advise that site will be fenced
 - Home Energy Efficiency Scheme – grants available for insulation etc.

- 10. Health matters: Defibrillator:** Location for the Benderloch unit was discussed and it was felt that Ford Spence Court would be best – CC to write to ACHA (Iona MacPhail). Hoping to organise community information event to make people aware of the defibrillator and how to use it.
- 11. Planning:** Geoff following up continued queries over planning conditions relating to houses west of The Haven. Mr Maxwell & Mr Mattison raised planning relating to wind turbine at Culcharron – visual impact, noise. CC to look at plans and discuss a response.
- 12. AOB: Ardchattan School Building:** open engagement day held on 1st Oct. to discuss community's wishes for the future of the school building. The day was successful with a good attendance and a strong wish to see the building put to community use if possible. Next stage is a meeting with potential funders, advisors and others who have undertaken similar projects, hopefully in November. **Beinn Lora** – forest trails expected to re-open around the end of October. **Anne** – issue of no late bus to Barcaldine raised again by a resident. – pass to councillors & request review. **Lachie** – community buy-out Tralee Beach? Need to register an interest. Suggested we arrange Community Plan meeting to discuss this and other possible projects. Need to take the initiative or lose opportunities. Discuss further at next meeting. **Ronnie:** Annual donation to Club na Càirdean £200 proposed – agreed. **DJ** – waiting on results from speed monitoring equipment which has been in place for a couple of weeks. School pick-up point has been moved into school pitch which has improved things considerably. There has also been a good police presence in the village in the first few weeks of school term.
- 13. Next meeting:** Thursday 16th November 7.30pm Barcaldine Primary School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm

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