

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in North Connel Hall 19th April 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Breege Smyth (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Ashley Stones (CC), Jill Bowis (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Robin Dodman (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green & Andrew Vennard; Paul Cronin (Sustrans) and approximately 20 community members

- 1. Apologies:** Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Ronnie Campbell (CC), Colin Morrison (CC);
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held in Victory Hall on 1st March were approved, subject to amendment to item 9: 'Community engagement' should read 'Supporting Communities'
- 4. Police report:** Jill: Neighbourhood Watch regularly circulating generic cybercrime warnings etc., but appears not to have reported local thefts – Tim to query with PC Johnstone.
- 5. Matters Arising:** none
- 6. Sustrans NCN78 update:** Paul Cronin (Sustrans) gave a presentation updating the meeting on progress with the project to complete the NCN78 cycle route from Benderloch to Connel. Agreement with the landowner has been achieved in principle, and is being processed through solicitors. The aim is for detailed design to be completed in the coming weeks, construction contracts to be awarded during the summer, and completion for Spring 2019 with construction work being carried out during the off-season. There will be a short path section including a shared access to the site of a ruined boat-house near to the north-east end of the project, to facilitate future development of the site. Following the presentation there was a question and answer session.
- 7. Community Council Elections:** Following the recent election process, a total of ten candidates have been nominated. This is more than the required minimum of 8, and fewer than the maximum of 16, so no election will be held, and the ten nominees will become community councillors from 26th April. An inaugural meeting will be held shortly thereafter to elect office bearers and adopt a constitution & standing orders (see item 13 below).
- 8. Treasurer's report:** NB includes transactions from 18th January due to no treasurer's report in minutes of 1st March meeting, and ends 31st March to align with financial year-end:-

Balance as at 18th January 2018	4,574.58
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Opening bal. General Fund	2,774.58
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<i>less: T McIntyre (hire of N Connel Hall)</i>	<i>(20.00)</i>
<i>A & B Council (hire of Ardchattan PS)</i>	<i>(27.25)</i>

Closing bal. General Fund	2,727.33
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Opening bal. Defibrillator Fund	1,800.00
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<i>less: WEL medical Ltd. (3rd unit)</i>	<i>1,639.50</i>
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Closing bal. Defibrillator Fund	160.50
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Overall closing balance as at 31st March 2018	2,887.83
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9. Secretary's Report: Correspondence received and circulated;-

08/03: Email from owner of Dun na Mara pointing out boundary discrepancy at CC viewpoint and that the existing sign on the gate asserts CC ownership – Lewis kindly offered to alter the sign.

30/03: Sustainable Marine Energy – platform at Falls of Lora to be removed by 31st July; an open evening to update community on the project will be held on 3rd May.

03/04: Email from Hamish Isaac, chair of Victory Hall committee, requesting CC representation at a meeting to discuss the car park. Meeting will be on 10th May.

04/04: A list of local (Connel) surgery holidays from Taynuilt Medical Practice

09/04: Email from Connel CC secretary forwarding comments received about motorbikes using the beach path at Lora View.

- 10. Health matters:** Tony reported on the CPR/defibrillator training/awareness event in Bonawe which was a great success attracting 25 participants. Now looking to organise a similar event in Benderloch. The 3rd defibrillator unit has now been purchased, for installation in North Connel – Tim to enquire with hall committee if it could be mounted on the hall. **Robin** mentioned the new GP contract and said it is causing some concern, particularly among rural GPs.
- 11. Planning:** Permission has been granted for the alterations at the junction opposite Ferlum on the South Shian Road. There are some ongoing concerns about the use of suitable materials for the construction work – details are required to be approved by the Council.
- 12. AOB:** Holes are back in Tralee road – Margaret emailed Malcolm 27th March. Margaret to chase up viewpoint benches with Community Payback. **DJ Barr:** updated current situation with the school crossing. Police have been at the school several times and cautioned several people and charged 1 with speeding offences. The Lochnell Parent Council have received speed survey results. 28 mph average speed during 20mph periods. Transport Scotland are proposing to re-locate 20mph signs to make them more conspicuous – Parent Council to request a further speed survey following this. **Tony:** suggested having a Bonawe liaison meeting as there are a few recent issues to be discussed. **Lachie:** raised the issue of a lack of late buses to Benderloch. CC to write to West Coast Motors.
- 13. Next meeting:** Inaugural meeting of new CC will take place in Victory Hall on 8th May at **7pm** – **note earlier than normal start time.** – apologies in advance from Elaine Robertson. A date for the first meeting of the new CC (to incorporate an AGM) will be set at the inaugural meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:40

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