

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Victory Hall 29th May 2018 at 7.50pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Lachie Strathern (CC), David Kearns (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Breege Smyth (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green, Andrew Vennard; John Campbell and 4 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Robin Dodman (CC), Colin Morrison (CC)
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held in North Connel Hall on 19th April were approved.
- 4. Police report:** PC Stuart Johnstone had emailed a community policing report which was circulated to community councillors. Jill Bowis raised again a query regarding the Rural Watch scheme and confirmed that she had not received an alert following the recent N Connel theft – Tim to go back to PC Johnstone to query again. No other new issues were raised. PC Jeremy Moore attended for a period during the meeting but was called away.
- 5. Matters Arising:** none
- 6. Co-option of John Campbell:** Due notification having been given, Lachie proposed that John Campbell be co-opted to the community council under the terms of section 6.8 of the Scheme. Tony seconded, and the proposal was accepted unanimously. Willie Barnett & DJ Barr intimated that they would be willing to be co-opted and this will be notified and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 7. Victory Hall Carpark:** Margaret attended a meeting of the Victory Hall committee with parent representatives from Lochnell PC also in attendance. This was an initial discussion to consider what options might be available, including possible purchase of the land by a Community Trust. Elaine reminded the meeting that the land had been retained by the Council from the housing asset register upon transfer to ACHA. Lachie argued that the Council should take the lead responsibility for upkeep, as a major use of the car park is serving the school for pick up & drop off of pupils. Elaine pointed out that there are similar demands for such maintenance across the area, and budgets are very limited. She suggested getting Laura MacDonald to facilitate a meeting between all parties, and will write to Hamish Isaac to arrange a meeting. Discussion moved on to the school drop-off/pick up arrangements. Anne said that it is disgraceful that the Council will not provide a safe crossing at the A828 trunk road for children attending the school. Breege agreed and said the Council should make an exception to the general policy of removing crossing patrols due to the particular circumstances with the drop-off arrangements. Council is failing in its duty to provide a safe route to the school. Elaine: Parent Council need to speak to Head Teacher and take the issue to the Education Department. Suggested that CC to write to Louise Connor, Head of Education, and copy correspondence to councillors.
- 8. Supporting Communities Project:** Breege: the CC has been awarded £2,170 by Argyll & Bute Council Supporting Communities budget, with an additional £1,000 to come from CC funds as previously agreed, towards gathering viewpoints from the 4 main communities in Ardchattan, as the first step towards putting together a 10 year Community Plan. The Bonawe group have begun working on their questionnaire for the survey. Margaret pointed out that arrangements should be co-ordinated by and made through the CC as a whole, as we would have to account for the funding which has been allocated. Agreed to set up a sub-committee, initially with Breege, Tim and John, to discuss the way forward with the project and report back to next meeting.

9. **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**

Opening bal. General Fund **2,774.58**

less: *T McIntyre (hire of N Connel Hall)* (20.00)
A & B Council (hire of Ardchattan PS) (27.25)

Closing bal. General Fund **2,727.33**

Opening bal. Defibrillator Fund **1,800.00**

less: *WEL medical Ltd. (3rd unit)* 1,639.50

Closing bal. Defibrillator Fund **160.50**

Overall closing balance as at 31st March 2018 **2,887.83**

10. **Secretary's Report:** Correspondence received and previously circulated;-
24/04: FCS - all connecting roads on/to Beinn Lora now open
25/04: Dun na Mara owner - happy with revised signage
26/04: Tony Kersley - thanks to ACC for support in campaign against quarry
27/04: DJ Barr - results of speed survey on A828 outside Lochnell PS
27/04: Sustainable Marine Energy invite to information event 3rd May
29/05: A & B Council info on 'Simplified Planning Zone' pilot projects Mull/Lochgilhead
Also the CC had received an email from Willie Barnett who has been canvassing locally on the possibility of a community purchase of Tralee Beach, and was seeking support before proceeding further. All present were supportive of the proposal.
11. **Health matters:** Tony & Tim have been in contact with North Connel Hall committee to request siting of the 3rd community defibrillator on the hall building – awaiting confirmation of this. Tony has made an application to the Scottish Sea Farms community fund for purchase of the 4th unit which will be sited in Barcaldine – funding decision expected in August. Tony & David hoping to run a second training/information event at Ford Spence Court in the near future.
12. **Planning:** Dawnfresh – application to site an additional 2 cages at Etive 4, opposite Bonawe – discussion on this but decided to make no comment.
13. **AOB: Bus Service** - Lachie asked again about late buses to Benderloch – Tim to enquire with West Coast Motors. **Tralee Road** – there is an ongoing problem with vehicles driving too fast for the conditions on Tralee Road – most recently liveried SSF pickups. Tim to contact SSF. **Turning Circle** – Jill Bowis pointed out that BEAR had made promises to re-surface the turning circle in July 2017 but this has not been done yet. Tim to chase up.
14. **Next meeting:** 3rd July 2018 at 7.30pm, Ardchattan Primary School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:50

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