

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in North Connel Hall 23rd August 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), David Kearns (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), John Campbell (CC), DJ Barr (CC), Willie Barnett (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Andrew Vennard, Kieron Green; PC Jeremy Moore; and 3 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Robin Dodman (Vice-Convenor), Breege Smyth (CC), Sarah Hunt (CC)
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held in Ardchattan Primary School on 3rd July were approved.
- 4. Police report:** Report issued by PC Johnston in advance of meeting, outlining recent issues mainly of a routine nature/traffic incidents. PC Moore noted that the main source of acquisitive crime nowadays is cyber-based. Discussion on theft of farm equipment, especially quad bikes – there is some evidence they may be ‘stolen to order’. Would road cameras help? PC Moore said the force has been requesting vehicle-recognition cameras for some time, and will find out how the CC might best make representations requesting these. Lachie pointed out that property tagging systems, e.g. Datatag, can help to trace stolen goods and also make them less attractive and valuable to thieves. Margaret noted that the recent closure of Connel Bridge due to an overheight vehicle accident was not posted on the Traffic Scotland website for 40 mins. PC Moore said that this normally is done very quickly but there was another incident elsewhere being dealt with. All reported incidents have to be verified before being posted online.
- 5. Matters Arising: Bonawe bin:** Kieron said that a larger bin has been provided some weeks ago at Bonawe, to alleviate littering/rubbish dumping problems. David reported that the new bin appears to be working well and there have been no over-flowing problems as yet. CC to write to Derek Crooks to thank his department for providing this. **Roads:** request raised to have a ‘dead end’ sign erected on the Bonawe road at Inveresragan. CC to write to roads dept.
- 6. Community Engagement Project:** A brief report produced by the working group (Breege, David, Anne & Tim) and circulated to CC members was discussed. It was agreed that the CC should proceed with the project as detailed in the report.
- 7. Treasurer’s report:**

Balance as at 31st March 2018		2,887.83
	Opening bal. General Fund	2,727.33
<i>less:</i>	<i>T McIntyre (hire of N Connel Hall)</i>	<i>(20.00)</i>
	<i>Transfer to Community Action Fund</i>	<i>(1,000.00)</i>
	Closing bal. General Fund	1,707.33
	Defibrillator Fund (no change)	160.50
	New fund: Community Action	
<i>rec'd:</i>	<i>Funds received, Argyll & Bute Council</i>	<i>2,170.00</i>
	<i>Transfer from General Fund</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
	Closing bal. Community Action	3,170.00
Overall closing balance as at 23rd August 2018		5,037.83

8. **Secretary's Report:** correspondence since last meeting;-
Cycle track, Ledaig section: Planning application was submitted in mid-July. Sustrans have advised (23rd Aug) that the project is now in procurement phase, and hopefully a contractor will be appointed in September. Agreed that CC write in support of Planning Application.
Rural Broadband: a petition was circulated to CC members seeking government support for providing broadband in remote rural areas.
West Highland Housing Association: invitation to meeting to discuss new housing project in Barcaldine – Margaret & Anne attended on behalf of the CC. Kieron suggested that the CC should seek early engagement with the developer on future phases of private development at the site.
Ardchattan Community Centre: CC received a request for some funding to assist with promotion of community events to gather support for the project. CC agreed to provide £100 from the General Fund for this exciting project. Kieron advised that the 'pre-consultation' on formally closing the school was now complete, with Statutory Consultation to follow shortly.
Benderloch Recycling: There have been some problems with rubbish dumping over the summer – the council have recently carried out a clear-up of the area.
9. **Health matters: Margaret (from CPG meeting):** In-house nursing at the Lynn of Lorne has been discontinued, and nursing care is now being provided by Community Nursing service.
Defibrillators (Tony): British Heart Foundation is setting up a national database of all defibrillators in early 2019, which will link to the Ambulance/999 service. Funding application for the fourth unit, for Barcaldine, is still pending, as is location agreement for North Connel Hall. Tony had the North Connel unit at the meeting and gave a brief demonstration on how it works. Tony & David planning to organise an awareness/training event in Benderloch in the near future.
10. **Planning:** no current issues – planning application for the Ledaig section of the NCN78 cycle path is still in progress. The Etive 4 (Dawnfresh) extension has been consented.
11. **AOB: Breedons:** it was suggested that a liaison group meeting should be held soon, as there are a few issues to be raised. CC to contact Breedons to arrange a date. **Oban Parking:** there was some discussion about the new parking charge regime in Oban and the high costs of day parking which is a particular issue for those travelling to work in the town from outlying communities. Councillors pointed out that season tickets are available which reduce the cost to as little as £1.30 per day – comment was made that this could be better publicised. It was felt that the main problem is a shortage of long-stay parking at reasonable cost. PC Moore suggested that the town should be considering the development of a Park & Ride scheme to solve some of the ongoing traffic & parking issues. **Road verges:** Tony offered praise for the verge cutting service on the Bonawe Road this season. John asked if the knotweed treatment was being kept up to date on the Bonawe Road. **School Crossing:** DJ had written to the Police to thank them for assistance with patrolling at the crossing, and hoping for ongoing support – PC Moore to follow this up. **Joy Blakeney** asked if the developer of the hydro scheme on Loch Etive could be invited to give a presentation to the CC. Tony is in contact with the developers and will take this forward.
12. **Next meeting:** 4th October 2018 at 7.30pm, Barcaldine Primary School

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

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