

# ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held in Barcaldine Primary School 4th October 2018 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Robin Dodman (Vice-Convenor), Tim McIntyre (Secretary), Anne Hilditch (Treasurer), Breege Smyth (CC), David Kearns (CC), John Campbell (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Willie Barnett (CC), Sarah Hunt (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green; Pat Douglass (Sustrans), Kostas Vavatsoulas & Ross (Sustrans/Jacobs), Beth Davis (Lochnell PC); Kathie Griffiths (Oban Times); Julie Watson, Headteacher Barcaldine PS; and 2 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Margaret Adams (Convenor), Tony Dalgaty (CC), DJ Barr (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Cllr Andrew Vennard, PCs Jeremy Moore & Stuart Johnstone
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held in North Connel Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> August were approved.
- 4. Sustrans – NCN78 Ledaig update:** All preliminary stages are now complete, tender has been awarded, and construction is expected to start imminently, following some final consultation with the affected landowners. It is hoped the construction will be completed by the end of 2018. Pat Douglass is in post now with Sustrans to work with business & communities to promote and increase traffic and cycle tourism across the NCN78 route along its whole length. New web micro-site dedicated to NCN78 and hosted on VisitScotland is due to go live in early 2019. Julie: Barcaldine PS is already the top school in the UK in the small schools category of the 'Big Pedal'. Kostas advised in response to a question that the construction corridor would have to be closed for much of the construction works. The contractor can accommodate safe passage for particular purposes, but this would disrupt the works. Breege asked if there would be access from the Moss Road End onto the path, through the caravan site? Margaret MacKay asked about maintenance of road section between B845 and cut down to old hall – i.e. part of access to Achinreir houses. CC to ask Sustrans for clarification on these two issues.
- 5. Police report:** Elaine – PC Moore has been following up the request for vehicle recognition cameras on local trunk routes and also over-height protection improvements for Connel Bridge and will update in due course.
- 6. Matters Arising: Breedons** – Robin will contact to organise a liason group meeting.
- 7. Lochnell School trunk road crossing:** DJ Barr had circulated a report of a 'near miss' incident at the crossing recently. A multi-party meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm Lochnell School. Willie & Breege will attend on behalf of the CC, and Willie to invite MSP. Julie requested that Barcaldine PC be involved, as there are similar issues at Barcaldine PS. Elaine – Police have taken an active interest in the issue and will attend also. Breege – can the council fund a lollipop person in the interim? Kieron stated this was not possible, and that responsibility for safe delivery of children to school ultimately lies with parents. Lachie took issue with this and it was asserted that the Council have a moral duty to provide a safe route to school. Elaine & Kieron will take this request back to council. There have been 300 responses to the online survey, which have been collated into a report by Beth Davis.
- 8. Community Engagement Project:** the subcommittee/working group met again recently, however, the project has stalled over the summer and there is a need for the CC as a whole to discuss a way forward.

## 9. Treasurer's report:

<b>Balance as at 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018</b>	<b>5,037.83</b>
<b>Opening bal. General Fund</b>	<b>1,707.33</b>
<i>less: T McIntyre (hire of N Connel Hall) (20.00)</i>	
<i>Donation to Ardchattan Centre project (100.00)</i>	
<b>Closing bal. General Fund</b>	<b>1,587.33</b>
<b>Defibrillator Fund (no change)</b>	<b>160.50</b>
<b>Community Action (no change)</b>	<b>3,170.00</b>
<b>Overall closing balance as at 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	<b>4,917.83</b>

## 10. Secretary's Report: correspondence since last meeting;-

**28/08:** Invite to Resilient Communities Conference 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, Cambuslang

**06/09:** Karen Campbell – confirmation of CC insurance renewal

**20/09:** LPC - invite to meeting on school crossing, 25<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm at school (closed mtg.)

**28/09:** Connel Bridge closures 6<sup>th</sup> Nov for 7 nights, 2200 to 0545

**02/10:** Invite to Community Planning Group meeting Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> November 2pm

**11. Health matters: Defibrillators (update from Tony):** Tony attended the North Connel Hall committee AGM & demonstrated the defibrillator – the committee were keen to see it installed at the hall. Still to finalise location and installation arrangements – there may be some minor costs associated with this. Hoping to hear shortly about funding application for Barcaldine unit. It was suggested that a suitable location for this could be the forestry workshop, subject to agreement.

**12. Planning:** no current issues.

**13. AOB: John** – condition of Moss Road – especially potholes about half way along, and a 'hump' near the A828 end. Kieron mentioned that there's a form on the council website to fill in with such faults. There is more money available in council budget this year for roads capital budget. **Anne** – elderly neighbour knocked over by draught from a lorry on the Bonawe Road in Barcaldine – to be raised at liaison meeting. **Dave** – Glensalloch road also breaking up in places. **Margaret MacKay** – asked if CC could make representation to Forestry Commission about road up to Achinreir – contact is Raymond Mundy.

**14. Next meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm, Victory Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25

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