

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Ardchattan Primary School 17th January 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (CC Convenor), Robin Dodman (CC Vice-Convenor), Anne Hilditch (CC Treasurer), Tim McIntyre (CC Secretary), David Kearns (CC), Breege Smyth (CC), Willie Barnett (CC), John Campbell (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green; Kostas & Claire (Sustrans); and 5 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** DJ Barr (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Colin Morrison (CC), Sarah Hunt (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), Cllr Andrew Vennard, Ronnie Campbell
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held in Victory Hall on 22nd November 2018 were approved.
- 4. Sustrans NCN78 update:** Sustrans representatives attended the meeting to give an update on the project and answer questions. Work is progressing well and is expected to be completed by the end of February. A contract has been awarded to a company to audit all of the Active Links throughout Argyll & Bute, and this can look at other local links, e.g. Moss Road, Dunbeg to Connel, etc. There will be further consultations with the CC looking for feedback and suggestions etc. going forward. Duror section is in progress but has been delayed by presence of knotweed at the site. Elaine mentioned that she has been looking at partnership working between the Council (Safer Routes to School) and Sustrans on projects such as school crossings. Willie asked if the counter at Lochnell School, recently replaced following an accident, could be activated as it is out of action currently. Anne asked about maintenance of the track which is suffering in some places from moss, etc. Willie said that a contractor has been working on the moss recently. CC to ask Sustrans about responsibility for maintenance of the various sections.
- 5. Police report:** none
- 6. Matters Arising: Bonawe CC noticeboard:** local resident asked if the CC noticeboard could be moved to a more prominent location. The meeting was advised that Ronnie Campbell is willing to move the board closer to the entrance of Kenmore Cottages, which was agreed. Tim to contact Ronnie. **Lochnell School Crossing:** no update since last meeting. Willie: cars parking at Tralee Road end are reducing visibility, causing a hazard to children who run out behind them. Car park has been re-surfaced recently and is much improved. Elaine: June Graham has been out to look at school accesses in the area and has distributed safety information to parents. **Sealife Centre:** Willie advised that the site has attracted interest from several potential buyers; selling agent is shortly to publish particulars. **Bonawe Road:** problems with edges breaking up due to increasingly large lorries, this is also causing problems with road and household drainage due to overloading of the road. Verges are also softened, causing minor accidents to become more serious as vehicles sink into the mud. State of Moss Road is also very poor. CC to write to Malcolm Cullen and cc Breedons (Rosemary) and councillors. Also David Adams mentioned that the general quality of repair work is often poor and does not last. Also discussed the previously requested safety audit and cones on Tralee Road.
- 7. Community Engagement Project:** Working group (Margaret, Tim, Anne, John) met with Laura MacDonald and Andrew Baines (Barcaldine Community Association) on 20th Dec to discuss the project. Funding: deadline end of March. Laura advised it would be acceptable to conduct a partial project and return the balance of funding, if an Ardchattan-wide project is not feasible at this time. BCA interested in possibly taking forward a survey/action plan project in Barcaldine, and also there is ongoing community engagement work in Bonawe linked to the Community Centre project.

8. Treasurer's report:

Balance as at 22nd November 2018 4,917.83

General Fund **1,587.33**

less: Hire of Barcaldine PS (28.13)
Donation to Barcaldine PS (100.00)

Closing balance: **1,459.20**

Defibrillator Fund (no change) **160.50**

Community Action (no change) **3,170.00**

Overall closing balance as at 17th January 2019 4,789.70

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

28/11: From Malcolm Cullen regarding Tralee Road resurfacing

29/11: Andrea Moir, A & B Council regarding Defibrillator register

17/12: Oban CC passing on environmental concerns about industrial development at airport

20/12: Laura MacDonald – funding opportunities for community groups

08/01: Norman Hutchison, Transport Scotland, regarding village turning circle

14/01: Melissa Stewart – invitation to apply for administration grant

17/01: Melissa Stewart – support for groups re: Local Place Planning

- 10. Health matters: Robin:** Argyll & Bute HSCP have produced some publicity materials detailing the work of local healthcare facilities in statistical form for the month of December. **Tony:** has advised by email that he has secured funding from Scottish Sea Farms for provisional of the fourth & final community defibrillator, for Barcaldine. Tim has emailed BCA for opinion on suitable locations. No update on North Connel Hall unit. Breege asked about capacity at local care homes following failure to find a space in a recent case. There was also no space at the hospital. There are ongoing staffing shortages which are causing problems with capacity.

- 11. Planning:** no current issues.

- 12. AOB: Margaret/John:** Last service in Achnaba Church is on 27th January. There is a need to find a new location for the Ardchattan War Memorial – plaques are currently on the inside of the church walls. Elaine will make enquiries on who may be able to help with this. Robin will also raise with the next Kirk Session. **Sian: update on school closure process for Ardchattan PS?** Paper for Statutory Consultation to be brought to March Council meeting. Likely to be autumn before a final decision can be expected. **Anne** has looked at noticeboards for North Connel – need to get measurements of existing board. **Elaine:** Campbell Cameron is involved in trying to get a later bus to Benderoch. **Breege:** Is it possible to ring-fence some LEADER funding at this stage? Elaine – money is not allocated by the Council. Elaine will look into this.

- 13. Next meeting:** 28th February 2018 at 7.30pm, North Connel Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:15

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