

# ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in North Connel Hall 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Margaret Adams (CC Convenor), Tim McIntyre (CC Secretary), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Willie Barnett (CC), Lachie Strathern (CC), John Campbell (CC); Cllrs Kieron Green and Andrew Vennard; and 6 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** Robin Dodman (CC Vice-Convenor), Anne Hilditch (CC Treasurer), DJ Barr (CC), David Kearns (CC), Breege Smyth (CC), Cllr Elaine Robertson, PC Stuart Johnston, Community Sergeant Chris Edwards
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** held in Ardchattan Primary School on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved.
- 4. Sustrans NCN78 update:** Minor snagging works still to be done on the new Ledaig section, otherwise complete. Evidence of plenty of use already. Replacement cycle traffic counter at school is still not working – Willie has contacted Sustrans to follow this up, and has also been in discussion about signage.
- 5. Police report:** report from PC Johnston – Margaret read out a summary of the content. No new Police issues were raised.
- 6. Matters Arising: Bonawe CC noticeboard:** Ronnie Campbell will discuss with local CC members and arrange to move the noticeboard to a suitable new location, as previously agreed. **Lochnell Crossing:** no recent update; CC to email Bill Dundas (Parent Council) to ask if there has been any progress with surveying etc. **Sealife Centre Site:** sale particulars have been published but no other update. **Bonawe road:** CC still to contact Council & Breedons about road & verge damage. **Tralee Road:** Lachie reported that the road is in a terrible state, with the new tourist season to start soon. CC to contact Malcolm Cullen for an update on his email of 28<sup>th</sup> November regarding a funding bid for improvement works. Also state of B845 in Barcaldine is getting very poor in places above the main road (A828) junction. **War memorial:** Robin has been speaking to War Graves Commission who were positive about being able to assist with a new memorial to replace the one inside the now-closed Achnaba Church. **Beinn Lora:** John Campbell praised the new/upgraded paths on Beinn Lora.
- 7. Community Engagement Project:** Tim had heard back from Barcaldine Community Association who had said that unfortunately, due to lack of volunteer resources & time, they would not be able to take on a community engagement project at this time. It was agreed to close the project and contact Laura MacDonald to arrange return of the funding.
- 8. Treasurer's report: no changes since last meeting:-**

<b>Balance as at 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	<b>4,789.70</b>
<b>General Fund (no change)</b>	<b>1,459.20</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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	<b>4,789.70</b>

- 9. Secretary's Report:** correspondence since last meeting;- (none)

**Margaret gave a brief overview of the activities of the Community Planning Partnership, of which she will be stepping down as Convenor in the near future.**

10. **Health matters:** Defibrillators: Tony in discussion with SSF over procurement of fourth unit. Tim has been in contact with Barcaldine Community Association to consult over a suitable location. Tony also investigating installation and connection for North Connel Hall unit.
11. **Planning:** no current applications. Community members raised a planning issue with a site near to Lora View which is being used as a plant yard, also with 3 static caravans, and 1 large mobile home which has been constructed recently. It was reported that the Planning department are aware of this and that it is allegedly unauthorised development. CC to contact local planning enforcement officer to ask for clarification of the planning situation at the site. **The Haven:** Three passing places, required by the original planning consent between the site & Connel Bridge, are being put all together in one place, agreed with the Planning Dept as a compromise given the difficulties of acquiring land elsewhere on the route. Nearby residents expressed concerned about landscaping design, consisting of a hedge, behind a post & wire fence, which will potentially block the view. CC to ask Planning to clarify this, in particular whether it is a requirement as part of an approved planning application. **Tommy Ferguson:** Travelling Persons Site at Airfield has been re-named 'Bay View' which is the same name as Mr Ferguson's campsite business on the Keil Road, Bayview Caravans. The meeting was in general agreement with Mr Ferguson's concerns that this could cause confusion, particularly for visitors and delivery drivers unfamiliar with the area. Mr Ferguson is already in discussion with ACHA. It was agreed that the CC would write to ACHA also.
12. **AOB: Jimmy Hanlon:** CC noticeboard in Ben Lora Café car park is in a very poor state of repair & is about to fall down again. Jimmy offered to remove it, to which the CC agreed. **Joy Blakeney:** asked if there was any update on a possible presentation by Green Highland Renewables on the proposed hydro schemes on Loch Etive. Tony advised that the project has been delayed but that he will follow up with his project contact for an update.
13. **Next meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm, Barcaldine Primary School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:55

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