

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Campbell Memorial Hall 5th September 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Margaret Adams (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Tim McIntyre (Acting Secretary), Breege Smyth (CC), DJ Barr (CC), Anne Hilditch (CC), David Kearns (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), John Campbell (CC); Cllrs Elaine Robertson, Kieron Green and Andrew Vennard; Jill Bowis

- 1. Apologies:** Colin Morrison (CC), Willy Barnett (CC)
- 2. Election of Office Bearers:** It was agreed to appoint DJ Barr as Convenor (proposed by Margaret, seconded by Tim, approved unanimously) and Tony Dalgaty as Vice-Convenor (Proposed by Margaret, seconded by Robin, approved unanimously). There were no nominations for the roles of Secretary or Treasurer. Tim agreed to continue as 'Acting Secretary' until the May 2020 AGM. It was agreed that the CC could continue to approve and process any necessary financial transactions with existing authorised signatories, pending the election of a new treasurer as soon as possible.
- 3. Financial report:**

Balance as at 30th May 2019	<u>2,813.28</u>
General Fund (no change)	2,522.78
Defibrillator Fund (no change)	290.50
Overall closing balance as at 5th September 2019	<u>2,813.28</u>

- 4. AOB:** A range of ongoing and outstanding issues were noted for further discussion;-
Participation: It was suggested that the CC identify other community groups in the area and issue a specific invitation to their leaders to attend CC meetings. Also suggested the possibility of organising community action projects, e.g. Gilly's Path at North Connel.
War Memorial: Robin noted that the War Memorial from the now-closed Achnaba Church has been moved temporarily to St. Modans, but that a permanent new memorial would need to be built in a suitable location, and would be a community project rather than church. Jill pointed out that there are names of Ardchattan war dead in other nearby churches (e.g. St. Conan's) which could be brought together in a new Ardchattan memorial.
North Connel new noticeboard: still to be installed – John Campbell volunteered to assist with this.
Benderloch noticeboard: New one required, to replace the old board which was demolished last year.
Bonawe noticeboard: Tony & John to investigate getting it moved to a new location closer to the road, as previously agreed.
Facebook: Jill suggested setting up a facebook discussion group for local issues, similar to those in operation in other local villages – DJ & Jill to look at getting this done.
Lochnell School Crossing: Little progress to report, still awaiting final plans from BEAR
Lochnell School Head Teacher: Acting Head still in post – recruitment under way for a permanent candidate.
Tralee Road: There are still issues with flooding – DJ to contact Malcolm Cullen, Argyll & Bute Council, to discuss
Defibrillators update: North Connel unit now installed at the hall by Tony & John and in operation. Barcaldine unit has been delivered and is awaiting a decision on location. Tony has now completed registration of the three installed units with the Scottish Ambulance Service.
Green Highland Hydro Project, Loch Etive: Tony is in contact with GHR and they are keen to attend a CC meeting in the near future to give a presentation & update on the project. David reported that there have been some issues with HGV & other traffic relating to the project, not

following good practice in terms of convoying, safe & considerate driving. Tony to pass these concerns back to GHR.

Ardchattan Primary School: Cllr Vennard advised that the Community Services Committee had recently approved the recommendation to close the school on 31st October, and this would go ahead, subject to the Scottish Government not 'calling in' the decision. Breege thanked the councillors for their support for the proposal to transfer the school building assets to the community which can now be progressed.

Local Development Plan: Cllr Green advised that the new 'LDP2' would go out for consultation in October/November

5. **Next meeting:** 3rd October, 7.30pm, Ardchattan Primary School

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:35

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