

# ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Ardchattan Primary School 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Tony Dalgaty (CC, chair for meeting), Tim McIntyre (CC Acting Secretary), Robin Dodman (CC), John Campbell (CC), Margaret Adams (CC), Anne Hilditch (CC), Willie Barnett (CC), Cllr Elaine Robertson; Doug Fontaine (Barcaldine Community Association); Jill Bowis; and 13 members of the public.

**Prior to commencement of the CC meeting, a presentation and Q & A was given by Jayson Drummond, Green Highland Renewables, on the hydro generation scheme being built on the NW side of Loch Etive**

1. **Apologies:** DJ Barr (CC Convenor), Breege Smyth (CC), David Kearns (CC), Cllrs Kieron Green & Andrew Vennard, Caroline Campbell
2. **Declarations of interest:** none
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** held in North Connel Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 were approved.
4. **Police report:**
5. **Matters Arising: Connel Bridge** some road delays currently due to deck works; **Viewpoint:** gate has been replaced, for which the community council is very grateful to Community Payback.
6. **Proposed co-option of Caroline Campbell:** As previously notified to Community Councillors under para. 6.8 of the Scheme, it was proposed by Anne Hilditch that Caroline Campbell be co-opted as a member of Ardchattan Community Council and appointed as Treasurer. The proposal was seconded by John Campbell & agreed unanimously.
7. **Lochnell School Crossing, proposed works:** BEAR have made proposals to improve road safety for children crossing the A828. It was reported that the Parent Council are happy with the proposals. Community Councillors did not have any comments, but welcomed the progress made so far. Willie raised the issue of parents/children crossing from the corner of the Keil Road junction and suggested that this is a dangerous practice due to traffic turning in from the main road, and the blind summit on the bridge.
8. **Ardchattan War Memorial:** Jill continues to gather names and information. Fundraising can begin once the new CC treasurer is in post. Some initial ideas suggested are to use the CC Viewpoint as a location, possibly with a glass memorial structure – full discussion on all options to take place in due course.
9. **Treasurer's Report:** no transactions since last meeting. The current bank balance remains £2,813.28
10. **Secretary's Report:** correspondence since last meeting;-

**31/10 Argyll & Bute Council:** Notification of 'Planning our Future' budget consultation which closes on 16<sup>th</sup> December. – comments were made that the online consultation system is difficult to use, Elaine will report back.

11. **Health Matters:** defibrillator awareness event at N C Hall 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm, run by Tony & John. Barcaldine CA have been contacted to ask for their views on location of defibrillator for Barcaldine.
12. **Planning: New Local Development Plan:** new draft local plan has been published and is out for consultation until 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Housing Allocation for 50 units in Barcaldine, another by old MRC site. CC to ask Elaine to request a meeting with a planning officer or a drop in event.
13. **AOB: Tony:** Following on from the Green Highland Renewables presentation, there will need to be discussions on how best to disburse funds from Loch Etive Hydro in due course, once we have a clearer idea of the amounts to be paid and the start date. **Margaret:** Asked if there is a new Chief Executive in post yet for Argyll & Bute Council. Elaine advised that Pippa Milne

has recently been appointed following a selection process from 19 applicants. **Doug F:** External lighting on new SSF buildings is causing light pollution in the village. Tim to make enquiries. **Robin:** shortcut from bridge to Deirdre has been blocked – Elaine confirmed that it's a right of way, and Connel CC have been in dialogue about it and it will be re-opened. **Tim:** Road to Achinreir in a poor state of repair. Not a Council road. Malcolm Cullen prepared to meet with interested parties arranged by CC to discuss a way forward. Agreed – Tim to progress. **Willie:** There is still a flooding problem on the Tralee road and previously promised action has not materialised. Elaine to take up again with Roads. **Sian:** Bonawe Road in a poor state with dropped edges – Elaine to follow up. **Tony - Ardchattan Centre Update:** the project is progressing, architect preparing some designs, engineer costing repairs to building. Asset transfer in process. Funding so far from Scottish Land Fund. **Jill:** Tralee buyout progressing also.

**14. Next meeting:** January 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Barcaldine PS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:20

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