

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of informal online meeting 18th March 2021

Present: DJ Barr (CC Convenor), Tim McIntyre (CC Acting Secretary), Caroline Campbell (CC Treasurer), Colin Morrison (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Breege Smyth (CC); Eilidh Orr (Community Support Co-ordinator); Cllrs Elaine Robertson and Kieron Green; Jill Bowis, Duncan Durbin, Doug Fontaine, Jayne Mulqueen.

Apologies: Tony Dalgaty (CC), Anne Hilditch (CC), David Kearns (CC), Cllr Julie McKenzie

- 1. Breedons – Liaison meeting:** An online meeting of the Liaison Group was well attended, and issues discussed included the setting up of a local complaints procedure for reporting incidents. The question of planning consent for variation to working hours conditions was also covered – Breedons implied that talks were taking place with Planning but were not willing to discuss the details of these with the group. Elaine said she was fairly sure that no planning applications were being made, and also that there was currently no Planning Enforcement Officer in post in Oban. Breedons agreed to make sure information on works is passed to Jill for publicising on Facebook etc.
- 2. Speeding on Bonawe Road:** CC members & other attendees have experienced and/or received reports of regular speeding in the 30mph zone on the Bonawe Road. DJ and Kieron to speak to Police contacts about this. Elaine mentioned that monitoring in the past indicated that most speeding occurred during ‘rush hour’ periods, suggesting that local commuters are the main culprits.
- 3. Gilly’s Path:** The airport will be cutting on the North side of the path on the 25th/26th. Treeworks Oban on behalf of the CC will clear 2m on the South side, plus some extra paths through to the beach. Agreement has been obtained from the Council and airport over access for works. New signage re: dog fouling will be needed. Elaine offered congratulations to the CC for organising this. Eilidh hoping to promote the path under the Supporting Communities project once cleared.
- 4. Dog Fouling, Benderloch:** Thanks to Jill for producing signage, DJ to install this. Caroline suggested some additional informative & friendly signage, along the lines of ‘Please help keep the village clean’ and with directions to disposal bins, etc. Caroline & Eilidh to follow this up.
- 5. Viewpoint land registration:** A new registration process is required for land holdings. DJ to look into the process required, Tim to search/enquire after deeds for Viewpoint land.
- 6. Supporting Communities update:** There has not been much activity recently. The funding has been extended to the end of May. The project is providing some support to one family who have passed on their thanks to the CC. Also thanks received from school pupil who has been using the laptop provided for home-schooling. Some projects are planned for around Easter time. A suggestion was made that the demolished village centre noticeboard could perhaps be replaced – options to be discussed with Jimmy.
- 7. AOB: Jill:** advised that there are some significant potholes appearing on the South Shian road. Elaine requested that such issues are reported through the council website. **Financial update:** The General Fund stands at **£3,975.18**; the defibrillator fund at **£189.70**; Covid Fund: **£796.24**; giving a total cash at bank of **£4,961.12** - **£1,500** has been allocated to the Gilly’s Path works, £1k from General Fund, £500 from Covid Fund.

It was agreed to hold a further online meeting on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 6.30pm. Invite and code to be sent out nearer the time.