

# ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Notes of informal online meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Present:** DJ Barr (CC Convenor), Tim McIntyre (CC Acting Secretary), Tony Dalgaty (CC), Robin Dodman (CC), Breege Smyth (CC), David Kearns (CC); Eilidh Orr (Community Support Co-ordinator); Cllrs Elaine Robertson and Kieron Green; Jill Bowis, Jayne Mulqueen, Muriel Robb, Ali Martin, Elaine Munro, Joy Blakeney.

**Apologies:** Caroline Campbell (CC Treasurer), Colin Morrison (CC)

- 1. Matters Arising:** Elaine requested a correction to the meeting notes point 1. from 18<sup>th</sup> March, namely that there is an Enforcement Officer in post in Oban, also working as a Planning Officer. **Viewpoint:** land re-registration will be required shortly – still to be followed up.
- 2. Speeding on local roads:** DJ has been in touch with police over concerns raised at previous meeting on Bonawe Road. The issue of speeding vehicles on the Keil/South Shian road was also raised – Secretary to contact SSF regarding this as anecdotally it is drivers to/from their site who are driving too fast/carelessly. Councillors also to look again at possibility of reduced speed limit on the Keil road.
- 3. Dog Fouling:** Eilidh has obtained some new signage which she & DJ will arrange to install. Elaine Munro reported that the school pupils are making signage for ‘Wood Hill’ area by old railway bridge behind school and will look to publicise this when ready.
- 4. Gilly’s Path:** Works have now been completed in clearing scrub at the airport path. Despite one or two negative comments online, Community Councillors have received positive feedback from the public. Thanks to the Airport who made an in-kind contribution to the project
- 5. Supporting Communities project:** Eilidh updated the meeting on recent activity including around Gilly’s Path refurbishment and subsequent publicity. Also Easter activities including a further round of ‘Random Acts of Kindness’ which had generated much positive feedback. There have been no further enquiries for support, and the family support provided previously had ended in March. Eilidh has a further two weeks of work left, and will spend some time promoting the CC in a bid to attract new members, and also asked for any ideas for using up the remaining funding. Breege thanked the SC project for supporting the Ardchattan Centre and suggested the possibility of providing support for children transitioning Primary School to High School if required, as the normal procedures may not be fully operational. Eilidh has also been looking into getting a new village centre map produced. DJ offered the CC’s thanks to Eilidh for all the hard work she has put in to the Supporting Communities project over its duration.
- 6. Financial Update:** The bank balance at 5<sup>th</sup> May is **£4,682.02**, made up of General Fund: **2,915.18** (spend since last meeting: **£940** on Gilly’s Path and **£120** on dog waste signage); Defib Fund: **£189.70**; Covid Fund: **£1,577.14** – Caroline estimates that of the Covid fund, approx. **£600** will be spent and the balance returned to HIE
- 7. Planning:** Following representations from residents, and discussion among community councillors by email, an objection was submitted on 21<sup>st</sup> April to Planning Application ref. 21/00557/PP for a boat shed on Loch Etive side.
- 8. AOB: Kieron** outlined the council’s road speed limit policy and felt that Tralee as a village could qualify for a reduced limit, and suggested the CC write to the Roads manager Jim Smith. **School Crossing** traffic calming works have commenced on the A828 – ongoing. **DJ:** many thanks to Council Roads dept. on behalf of CC for the resurfacing works carried out on the Victory Hall car park. Work is also beginning shortly on resurfacing sections of the South Shian road. Ali Martin raised the issue of parents using the informal parking area next to the bench at the end of the Tralee road and the danger this creates for crossing the road at this point. **Tony:** there has been 2 weeks of heavy vehicle traffic up through Bonawe which has been identified as being connected with a hydro project in Glen Etive. Tony has written to the developers asking about the possibility of Community Benefit from this project, which is

separate from the Loch Etive (Green Highland) project recently completed. Defibrillators now all commissioned, and hoping to run some community awareness/training in June/July if restrictions allow. **Breege:** asked about Breedons hours variations and whether they have applied for planning consent. Kieron confirmed that Planning have been notified by Breedons. **Kieron:** raised possibility of a ranger/warden for the area, given significant problems locally, as elsewhere, with 'wild campers' leaving rubbish and mess behind. Eilidh said that Nature Scotland have a fund which community groups can apply to for improving facilities and funding ranger services, and had asked around local businesses but did not get any positive response. Elaine mentioned the possibility of a chemical WC disposal point at the airport and will also enquire about possibility of public toilet facility. Jill said that Appin CC are using Nature Scotland funding for a ranger and could Ardchattan CC do something similar? **DJ** said that he would be standing down as Convenor at the end of July but would remain as a CC member.

It was agreed to hold a further online meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 6.30pm. Invite and code to be sent out nearer the time.