

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Victory Hall 28th October 2021 at 6.50pm, following AGM

Present: Tim McIntyre (CC Acting Secretary), Caroline Campbell (CC Treasurer), John Campbell (CC), DJ Barr (CC, from 1920) Cllr Elaine Robertson; and 6 members of the community.

- 1. Apologies:** Robin Dodman (CC), Breege Smyth (CC), Tony Dalgaty (CC), David Kearns (CC), Anne Hilditch (CC); Cllr Kieron Green
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none
- 3. Police report:** A report was received by email from PC Faye Stewart detailing Police incidents in the area, and with a seasonal fraud warning due to the increasing prevalence of internet & telephone-based fraud activity.
- 4. Matters Arising:** It was noted that during the Covid period when normal CC meetings have not been possible, the CC has continued to meet informally online and involve members of the community in these meetings also, and informal notes have been taken and acted on. **Public toilets, Benderloch:** Tim to write to Fergus Murray (A & B Council) to enquire about possibility of providing toilet facilities for the village. **Camper van waste disposal:** Elaine has been assured that a facility will be in place adjacent to the Airport in time for next season. **Airport Business Park:** following a lengthy period of inactivity on this development, Elaine advised that options are being re-appraised, and she will request an update on this for the CC. **Connel Bridge:** Elaine has spoken to the BEAR engineer who will be happy to provide information to the CC on the works required.
- 5. Culcharron Quarry Liaison** – Elaine has been in contact with Gavin Mennie from Breedons, who has indicated a willingness to meet with CC members with a view to setting up an ongoing liaison arrangement, similar to that in place for Bonawe. CC to follow this up once a sub-committee can be formed to deal with it.
- 6. CC Elections 2022:** The Council has advised that the next full Community Council elections will take place in October 2022 – detailed timetable to be advised nearer the time, and following a review of the Scheme for Establishment of CCs
- 7. Hydro Funding** – it was noted that the CC was expecting to start receiving a funding income stream from the Loch Etive Hydro projects, some time in early 2022, and that we would need to put in place arrangements for dealing with this. Tony Dalgaty has kindly offered to continue liaising with Green Highland Renewables on behalf of the CC. Tim to ask Tony if an update can be provided on the timing, frequency and amounts to be paid, and any requirements the CC needs to meet to enable the payments to start.
- 8. Treasurer's Report: Bank balance currently 2,824.26** of which 52.96 is allocated as Defibrillator Fund – recent expenditure of £143.88 on the annual Zoom licence renewal.
- 9. Secretary's Report:** Details on upcoming Trunk Road Network planned maintenance had been received and noted.
- 10. Planning:** There were no new significant Planning Applications in the CC area. Scottish Sea Farms had recently conducted a pre-application consultation exercise involving visits/tours of the hatchery plant at Barcaldine, and would shortly be submitting an application to construct further new buildings on the shore-side of the existing structure, for the purpose of growing the salmon smolts to a larger size before moving to sea cages.
- 11. AOB: Speed Limit, Tralee Road** – this was discussed, and agreed that this should be taken up again as an active issue by the CC. **Elaine Munro** reported that dog fouling signs made by school children had been removed, by persons unknown, from the area behind the school, and it was agreed that the CC could fund getting some more durable signs made. **Elaine Robertson** outlined the City Status bid by Oban, and set out some of the anticipated benefits to the town & surrounding area. **Jill** suggested that the CC look to set up a liaison arrangement with the local Medical Practice – Tim to ask other local CCs what arrangements if any they have for this. **Caroline** advised that the CC had received a kind offer of a donation from a member of the

community – discussion of how this should be spent continued to the next meeting. **Tim** gave a short appreciation of Colin Morrison, member of Ardchattan Community Council, who sadly passed away recently. Colin’s input to the CC, particularly in his area of expertise on quarry matters, had always been valuable and appreciated, and he would be much missed by all. The CC also extends its sincere condolences to Breege. **John** raised the issue of a new War Memorial for the parish, which had been under active consideration until interrupted by the pandemic. This to be continued to the next meeting. **DJ** advised that the road painting works at the School Crossing were now complete, and there were now just some civil works outstanding to complete the project.

- 12. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7th December, 7.30pm – venue to be decided.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:30

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