

ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Victory Hall, Benderloch on 23rd June 2022 following AGM at 7.30pm

Present: 14: DJ Barr (CC Acting Convenor), Tim McIntyre (CC Acting Secretary), Caroline Campbell (CC Treasurer), Robin Dodman (CC), Gerry Boyle (CC), Diane MacLean (CC), John Campbell; Cllrs Kieron Green, Luna Martin & Andrew Vennard; and 4 members of the community – Jill Bowis, Donnie Campbell, Beth Davies, Joy Blakeney.

1. **Apologies:** Breege Smyth (CC), Ali Martin (CC), Elaine Munro (CC), Cllr Julie McKenzie
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held in Ardchattan Centre on 12th May 2022, previously circulated:** were agreed & approved
4. **Matters Arising:**
Bonawe deer: DJ had offered to chair a public meeting to discuss the issues, however the estate was not willing to have a public meeting. **Kieron:** campervan waste disposal is not happening at the airport due to local opposition. Work is ongoing with BIDS to find a location in Oban. Flashing school signs at Barcaldine has been repaired – Kieron spoke to BEAR. **Lochnell School Crossing:** there have been reports that the Council is recruiting school crossing patrols at 4 sites in A & B, but not Benderloch. Kieron advised these are existing crossings being replaced, and there is no budget set for new crossings (e.g. Benderloch). CC/Parent Council to write to Douglas Hendry requesting that it be put before next transport budget. **Turning Circle** – Tim to provide historical info to DJ/Julie so this can be taken up again.
5. **Ardchattan War Memorial:** Donnie has obtained a costing for the building of the memorial from Ronnie Campbell, based on donation of stone from Breedons. Discussion on possible locations included Achnaba cemetery, Victory Hall Carpark or on land nearby. DJ, John & Donnie will investigate these options and others, and report back to the CC. Caroline advised that lottery funding may be available and is happy to do applications etc. Will need also to get a quote for the engraved stone plate – Caroline will look into this, based on list of names from existing memorial located in St. Modan's church.
6. **Benderloch Cycle Shelter:** Kieron has enquired with the relevant departments, and all happy with the proposal. Local parent (Susie Wilson) has produced a document with detailed proposals. Planning may not be required, but advised to ask Planning Dept. to confirm.
7. **Hydro Funding:** John enquired about funding promised from Dawnfresh following planning permission for Site 6 at Sailean Ruadh. Committee meeting to be held before next CC meeting to discuss allocation of funding.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** The current overall balance is £13,658.06 – expenditure since last meeting of £20 for hire of Archattan Centre for meeting; and income of £216 – donation from Mr Bruce towards the map board for Benderloch centre.
9. **Secretary's Report:** no correspondence to report
10. **Planning: Haulage yard at Culcharron** – no representations received.
11. **AOB: Joy:** has investigated option for portable hearing loop – local disbanding NT group has gifted a system which can be used. She will get familiar with the system & advise. Maybe try at next CC meeting? **Jill:** met coordinator for North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme who wondered if it's worth investigating further for Ardchattan. Request for posters to be displayed for CC meetings again. Jill spoke to Victory Hall Committee about WiFi – SSEN have funding as they're keen to get resilience hubs set up. Could ACC help VHC get this done? Kieron suggested including getting generator hook-ups included in the project, to help the funding application. **Diane:** School parking – there is still dangerous parking happening near the school and there was a recent near miss at the Tralee road junction. Beth advised that the Parent Council has tried road safety campaigns with parents but these have not been well received. There is no longer a Council Road Safety Officer to discuss with pupils. School role is 156

including nursery. Grass cutting at Achnaba is insufficient – due to council cuts. Inadequate emptying of general rubbish bins at recycling area. Kieron suggested could commercial (weekly) run empty these. **Luna:** Memorial for Stanley the stag following successful fundraiser – any suggestions on this to Luna. **Beth:** update on education transformation programme – FOI work done by CCs/PCs to clear up some of the unanswered questions which revealed some disturbing details. Including suggestion that schools are denoted as ‘separate buildings’ not schools. No admin staff in schools. Janitors no longer attached to individual schools. Sought legal advice to confirm there was no need to consult with communities. Lengthy discussion on process, consultation, etc. Gerry felt the proposals have merit but the process may be lacking.

12. Next Meeting: Venue TBC 15th September 7.30pm (NB subsequently brought forward to 23rd August, Victory Hall, to accommodate a Planning Application)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:15

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