

# ARDCHATTAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Victory Hall, Benderloch, 4th May 2023 at 7.45pm

**Present:** DJ Barr (CC Vice-Convenor), Michelle McEwan (CC Secretary), Yvonne Cambell (CC Treasurer), Caroline Campbell (CC), Elaine Munro (CC), Diane MacLean (CC), John Campbell (CC), David Orr (CC) Cllr Kieron Green and Cllr Luna Martin 6/members of the public.

- 1. Apologies:** John MacTavish (CC), Ali Martin(CC), Alan Morrison (CC), Steven Groom (CC)
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting held at Ardchattan Centre, Bonawe on 9th March 2023, previously circulated:** Agreed
- 4. Matters Arising:** Defibrillator handover - John MacTavish liaises with Tony Dalgaty. P7 school trip - Funds paid to hardship fund. Eilidh Orr to coordinate Social media accounts for
- 5. Recycling/Rubbish Area:** No new reports. Cleaning of signs discussed.
- 6. Ardchattaan War Memorial:** DJ updates on need to find a suitable site.
- 7. Replacement of bench a North Connel/Bonwae Rd:** DJ updates on progress.
- 8. Funding Applications:** MM updates on current applications. Successful application with Big Lottery for £1000 to help celebrate Coronation events. Current Application with Argyll & Bute Council Supporting Communities Fund for £2000 to Feel Good Fund to help support events.
- 9. Coronation Events** - Update on planned activities to celebrate coronation - Lochnell & Barcaldine Primary School pupils & Staff to receive ice cream from Highland Fold on Friday 5th May to mark the occasion with Etive care home residents receiving ice cream on Monday 8th May. Decorations to be put up in the village of Benderloch and unveiling of plaque on coronation Stone at a later date .
- 10. Future Events:** DM & EM update on ideas for future community events - ideas include beach clean and Talent night.

## **11. Treasurer's Report:**

**Balance on 7/3/23** **£6051.02**

### **Barrs Hydro Fund**

Opening balance			£2930.80
Income	20/4/25	Loch Etive Community Benefit Fund	£11,350.85
Expenditure	16/4/23	Lochnell School Grant Fund	£256.42
Closing balance			£14,025.23

### **General Fund**

Opening Balance			£3120.22
Income			
Expenditure	10 Planters for Adopt a Planter campaign		£184.00
	(£230 in total - £46 from Coronation Funding)		

Closing Balance			£2936.22
<b>Feel Good Fund</b>			
Opening Balance			£0
Income		Donation from Barcaldine Castle	£100.00
Expenditure	06/04/23	Lamp post plaques	£51.59
	06/04/23	Ebay coronation bunting	£43.20

Closing balance £5.21

### **Coronation Fund**

Opening Balance			£0
Income	14/4/23	National Lottery Grant	£1000
Expenditure	14/4/23	Tapes - for decoration	£87.60
	14/4/23	Amazon - assorted decorations	£95.00
	14/4/23	Brunel engraving - plaque	£187.02
	14/4/23	10 planters - Donald Bowness	£46.00
		(£230 total - £184 general fund)	
	1/5/23	Homebase - compost, flowers, gravel.	£67.50

Closing balance £516.79

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Barrs Hydro Fund	£14,025.23
General Fund	£2936.22
Feel Good Fund	£5.21
Coronation Fund	£516.79

**10. Secretary's Report:** MM updates on communications received over last month - generally on planning and funding requests. Delivers findings relating to area from Police report; 17 calls in period of these top three 1) Road Traffic Related (4 calls) 2) Public Nuisance (3 calls) 3) House Breaking (1 calls) of these calls - translated to 5 crimes recorded. Updates on Connel bridge closures - reads statement from Hugh Buchchan. 'As update the deck replacement is programmed to commence in Autumn 2024 (depending on budgets) and is planned to use a series of night closures only with pedestrian access given at all times using the temporary walkway, currently being installed.'

**11. Planning:** DJ advises planning applications have been circulated.

**12. AOB: J. Miller:** Concerns over the safety of bridge access to pedestrians - trespassing. Feed concern back to Bear **B & T Davies:** Highlights the pupils concern & distress over the tree felling at Lochnell Primary - Luna acknowledges this and questions why school where not informed and local contractors not used. Jill Bowis questions legality of fell if nesting birds in place. **Kieron:** Advises on Council

advisory note on Councillors contacting council members followings questions on contacting members of ABC staff, and reads the following ‘We are keen to build good communication with our community councils and would advise that the centralised inbox is the best way forward to allow us to ensure that your enquiries are tracked and monitored efficiently and you receive timeous responses’.

**12. Date of next meeting – 22nd June 2023**

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:45***

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