

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Thursday 1 June 2017 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall

Present: Neil Mackie, Charles Steuart Fotheringham, Alison MacCorquodale, David Craig, Paul Zvegintzov, Lorraine Drysdale, Elaine Venters, Cllr Elaine Robertson, Cllr , Cllr Keiron Green, PC Stuart Johnston, Bob Cornish, Jane Parkin, Beth Parkin, Doreen Evans, Roger Evans, David Macneil, Ian McNicol, Liz Bruce, Johnathan Baxter, Andrew Vennard, Rhona Dun and Mary Gregory.

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (16 June 2016) were approved and signed.

3. Convenor's Annual Report

The Community Council dealt with a range of subjects and actions on the agenda:

Roads

The 50mph speed limit came into effect on the trunk road. A number of road signs have been repaired. The roundabouts either side of the Cregan Bridge are going to be repaired soon. Road closures at Portnacroish to re-lay the road have been ongoing and concluded last night, I think. The road flooding at the Kirk and Creagan Inn has been solved. Again we discussed the number of accidents between the Butter Churn and Sutherlands Grove.

With regard to Port Appin and Council roads, work has been carried out to repair the subsidence at Taychreggan, with the addition of better sightlines through the corner and passing places.

Broadband.

Installation of the fibre optic cable, though behind schedule, has been ongoing with connection to high speed broadband scheduled for some postcodes later this year. We await the actual connection date with interest. For those not able to connect to it a grant aided satellite connection has been suggested.

Recycling / Rubbish Collection

A new regime of collections for both recycling and rubbish has been in place for some time now and after the teething trouble appears to be working well.

Planning

Following a well attended pre-application consultation concerning the proposed Glasdrum quarry at last years AGM, a letter reflecting opposition to it was sent to the developer and Argyll & Bute Council.

Carpet Sea Squirt

This invasive marine species has been found in Loch Creran and a control plan is in place. Any sightings of it should be reported to SNH.

Thankyou to everybody on the Community Council for fulfilling their various duties and anlso to everybody else for their attendance throughout the year.

4. Secretary's Annual Report

Appin Community Council has held 5 meetings since the 2016 AGM – July, September, November, January and March.

The meetings have been well attended by members and Councillors Elaine Robertson and Keiron Green with steady attendance by members of the community. We greatly appreciate Elaine's and Keiron's input and assistance throughout the year.

The Community Council website continues to be the source of information for forthcoming meetings, Minutes of meetings and forthcoming events/items of interest. Two dedicated community council email addresses have been set up and published to enable the Convenor and Secretary to be contacted without personal email addresses being issued, this method of contact appears to be working well.

Website visitors for the year totalled 6919, an average of 576 visits per month, an increase of 12% on previous year.

5. Treasurer's Annual Report

Expenditure in the year included Memorial wreath, hire of hall fees, stationary expenses and annual website hosting and maintenance. The closing balance is £3687.21.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Since there were no resignations/ requests to stand the following office bearers will remain in position.

Convenor – Charles Steuart Fotheringham.

Vice Chair – Paul Zvegintzov.

Treasurer – Paul Zvegintzov .

Secretary – Neil Mackie.

Co-opted for Projects – Bob Cornish.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next AGM will be in 7th June 2018 in Appin Village Hall.