

APPIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 7 June 2018 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall

Present: Neil Mackie, Charles Steuart Fotheringham, Alison MacCorquodale, David Craig, Linda MacLeod, Cllr. Elaine Robertson, PC Graeme McNiven, Bob Cornish, Roger Evans, David Macneil, Liz Bruce, Cllr. Andrew Vennard, John Landale, Tina Scorgie.

1. Apologies:

Cllr Keiron Green and Paul Zvegintzov.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (1 June 2017) were approved and signed.

3. Convenor's Annual Report

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

Roads

It was noted that the potholes through the winter were particularly bad. However, most of the bad ones now seem to have been repaired. On numerous occasions issues with the road outside our immediate area both at Sutherland's Grove and the accident hotspot at the Butter Churn were raised. Water from Appin Hill crossing the road multiple times at Lettershuna was raised. It was noted that the vegetation on the middle road was cut back by John Jackson rather than the council.

Broadband

Broadband is now available to some postcodes in the area with three of the four green cabinets now live. However, though the green cabinet has been installed in Port Appin, it has yet to receive power and this issue is ongoing. It was suggested that when it finally goes live we should consider a Vodaphone box to boost mobile telephone signal in Port Appin. It is proposed that both Village Halls will be connected to broadband.

Recycling / Rubbish collection

A new recycling point was placed outside the shop in Port Appin. After teething problems, it is generally felt that the new rubbish/recycling arrangements appear now to be working.

Planning

Following refusal of planning permission for the proposed quarry at Glasdrum, the appeal to Scottish Ministers upheld Argyll & Bute's refusal.

Transport

The bus timetable from Oban to Fort William misses the connection on to Inverness. This was raised several times.

Defibrillators

These are in various states of readiness, but it is proposed that there will be one at the surgery at Port Appin, one at Appin Village Hall, one at Linnhe Marine and two in Glen Creran. In addition, it may be possible to get one for the ferry shelter in Port Appin.

Thank you to everybody on the Community Council for fulfilling their various duties and particular thanks must go to David Craig, Lorraine Drysdale and Elaine Venters for all their work before stepping down at the recent Community Council elections.

4. Secretary's Annual Report

Appin Community Council has held 5 meetings since the 2017 AGM – June, September, November, January and March.

The meetings have been well attended by Councillors Elaine Robertson, Keiron Green and Andrew Vennard with steady attendance by members of the community.

We greatly appreciate Elaine's, Keiron's and Andrew'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 appears to be working well.

Website visitors for the year totalled 7552, an average of 629 visits per month, an increase of 9.1% 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 £4133.21.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Following the Community Council elections the inaugural meeting was held on 21/5/18 and the following appointments were confirmed.

Convenor – Charles Steuart Fothringham.

Vice Chair – Alison MacCorquodale.

Treasurer – Paul Zvegintzov .

Secretary (special advisor) – Neil Mackie.

Linda MacLeod – Councillor

Bob Cornish - Councillor

John Landale was Co-opted onto the community council.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next AGM will be in 6th June 2019 in Appin Village Hall.