

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 11 September 2014 at 7.50pm in Appin Village Hall

Present: Alison MacCorquodale, David Craig, Linda MacLeod, Elaine Venters, Councillor Elaine Robertson and 20 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Jane Parkin, Paul Zvegintzov, PC Stuart Johnston

2. Minutes of the last meeting (5/6/14) were approved and signed.

3. 'Re-shaping Care for Older People'

A presentation was made by Caroline Henderson, Acting Clinical Services Manager (Primary Care) and Shaun Davidson, Argyll & Bute Council on 'Re-shaping Care for Older People' – the Scottish Government's new model of care in the community. Future changes in the provision of integrated health and social services provision within Argyll & Bute/NHS Highland region were outlined. The Community will hear more over the next few months when an Argyll & Bute strategic vision document is circulated and an NHS Highland web page is launched covering service provision that puts the person at the centre of his/her care.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 A828 Trunk Road

>No update as yet on water flowing on to the A828 at Village Hall, Appin House Lay-by litter, poor road surface at Kirkton, changes to the 40mph speed limit or options for flashing speed limit signs.

4.2 School Transport/Public Transport

Nothing to report

4.3 Port Appin and other Council roads

>Subsidence on the road above Laich House, Tyneribbie – marked with cones and white paint. Roads Dept have inspected the site and confirm that building work is required once contact has been made with owner of the land below the road.

>Concerns were raised at the meeting regarding difficulty in seeing the road edges due to the height of the grass. Letter to go to A&B Roads Dept requesting verge cutting.

>No update as yet on road surface at Glen Creran or parking at Creagan Bridge roundabout.

4.4 Port Appin Water

Scottish Water's contractor, Corrie Construction, is nearing completion of the works to install new septic tank and outfall pipe. Site is currently being cleared and landscape 'made good'. The Community Council has been copied in to a letter to Scottish Water from the owners of Rock Cottage, Port Appin, who has concerns about the specification of the outfall pipe's sampling chamber on the beach. Other points raised in the letter have already been addressed as part of the site clear-up. CC to monitor response from Scottish Water.

4.5 Broadband

On-going - no update available on Community Broadband project at present.

4.6 Safer Routes to School

Cllr Robertson reported that letters to Kirkton homeowners are being sent to seek their agreement for the footpath to be reinstated and drainage improvement works to be completed. Residents are being asked to sign and return said letters as soon as possible. Work on the Safer Routes to School path needs to be completed by 31 March 2015, otherwise the funding will be lost.

4.7 Recycling

Co-mingled waste collection is planned to come into effect on Wednesday 29 October. This will mean that in a two week cycle, week 1 will see the collection of general waste in the green bin and week 2 will be for the blue bin with paper, card, plastic and tins. Glass is not included in these plans – re-cycle as currently at local points and in Oban. Households will receive info from A&B Council on the changes.

A local resident asked whether there would be any change to the recycling bins located at the Old Station area. I.e. Will any of them be removed when co-mingled collection is in place?

Linda MacLeod passed on thanks from the school to residents who have recycled clothes, pairs of shoes and bags through the collection point at the school, thus raising funds.

5. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the Community Council:

June 2104: Dunollie Vintage Day, Agenda Oban Lorn and Isles Area committee, Supplementary pack to agenda, TIF Lorn arc presentation, Supplementary pack to agenda, Stewards for Queens's baton relay, Supplementary pack 2 to agenda, Area forum events, Community council training OLI, Sunday gig and cake requests, Sunday gig follow up, Community council training OLI, Minutes for Oban Lorn and Isles Area committee, SFRS referral contacts, Minutes for Oban, Lorn and Isles Area planning committee, Queens Baton relay, National planning framework 3, Call for evidence

July 2014: WW1 Drumhead service, Funding alert, WW1 commemorations, Surplus chairs, Customer forum water news update, WW1 Drumhead service, Vacancy Oban Phoenix, planning applications, Local info

August 2014: Resident letter (owners Rock Cottage Port Appin) ref outflow pipe from new septic tank. Funding alert, Agenda Oban Lorn and Isles Area committee, Supplementary pack to agenda, summer walks program, WW1 commemorations Oban, Supplementary pack 2 to agenda, Agenda for Oban Lorn and Isles Area planning committee, Rural hour on environment, Community empowerment bill policy, Community council by-election, Minutes for Oban Lorn and Isles Area committee, planning applications.

September 2014: Funding alert, Agenda for Oban Lorn and Isles Area planning committee, SCT conference 2014 Well being and built environment, Economic summit, winter is coming, Supplementary pack to agenda, CC minutes, re CC minutes, Minutes for Oban Lorn and Isles Area committee, Minutes for Oban Lorn and Isles Area planning committee

6. Treasurer's Report

2013/14 Community Council Accounts have been audited and signed off. No further update available as Treasurer not present at meeting.

7. Any Other Competent Business

7.1 Dangerous Tree at Portnacroish (on-going)

No change. A&B Legal Dept had previously written to Mr Wallace to explain his responsibility to remove the tree and his liability regarding the dangerous tree. Local residents who attended the meeting once more expressed their concerns for their own safety and that of their properties should the tree fall.

7.2 Emergency Plan (on-going)

Now that the Emergency Plan for Appin exists in outline, a small short-term sub committee will be formed to finalise the Plan. An emergency kit bag has now been received from the Community Resilience Project.

7.3 Debris on shore near Creagan Inn

Clear-up completed.

7.4 Jubilee Bridge

Monies due for the bridge renovation project have been received from Active Places.

The Jubilee Bridge renovation project has been entered into the Historical Bridge Award competition. Results will be known in March 2015.

7.5 Clach Thoul Path

Path improvements at the Airds Bay end of the Clach Thoul walk are underway. Claymour Hunter, Betty Turk and Ben Turk are carrying out the work to improve drainage, lay boards and gravel. Appin Community Trust is overseeing the project and 3 tons of gravel has been donated by Glensanda Quarry.

7.6 Additional Information from Cllr Robertson

Cllr Robertson confirmed that there will be a by-election for the election of one Member for the Oban North and Lorn Ward of Argyll and Bute Council on 23rd October 2014.

7.7 Community Council By-Election

A by-election for the Appin Community Council will be held this autumn. The Community Council currently has 3 vacancies for new councillors – we will therefore be looking for nominations in early October. If you would like to help out on the Community Council, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any Councillor - contact details on our website at www.appincommunitycouncil.co.uk

8. Public Questions

No questions received.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is on 13 November 2014 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall.