

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 1st 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 (9th March 2017) were approved.

3. Matters Arising

a) Police Report

- This highlighted the increase in fine/ penalty for using a mobile whilst driving.
- The sign up to the Rural Watch scheme has been very poor in the Appin area. Residents are encourage to register their email address with www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk to receive email alerts.
- Police records show that there has been 11 accidents recorded near the Butter Churn, all have been analysed as driver error, 3 involved local drivers and the remainder were non Argyll residents. Concern was expressed that there must be some explanation as to why it is a black spot and that efforts should be made to look at the road surface, speed limit and camber in order to reduce carnage.

b) A828 Trunk Road

- The North Shain road sign is still pointing downwards and needs repair, although reported about 6 months ago it is still outstanding.
- Barrier repair work noted to be ongoing south of the Butter Churn, it was asked when the wooden fencing at the Butter churn would be replaced, Cllr Elaine Robertson agreed to copy a letter showing when this work would be done.
- The camber on one of the bends being the wrong way and having potential to cause accidents was raised by Paul Zvegintoz, Paul agreed to write to Bear Scotland to raise this issue.
- Signposts for Fasnacloich still outstanding.
- Broken window on the bus stop at the Creagan bridge to be repaired.

c) School Transport/Public Transport

- The Sunday bus service between Oban and Fort William has been stopped, Cllr. Elaine Robertson said that this was because the subsidy from A&B had stopped . It was agreed that the ACC along with the Ardchattan CC write to A&B to reinstate the subsidy to get enable the Sunday service to operate.

d) Port Appin and other Council roads

- Scrub overgrowth on the middle road needs to be cut back, the council are believed to have a programme of work for this in place- still waiting for this work to be done.

e) Broadband and Mobile Phone

- New fibre optic cabinets are presently being installed in Port Appin though the work is behind schedule.

- Bob Cornish will attend a meeting on Fibre Broadband in Glasgow next week run by the Scottish Government.

f) Recycling/Litter

- In response to the lack of provision of a recycling point for customers of the shop, Cllr. Elaine Robertson agreed to organise with the amenities dept. the provision and emptying of a blue bin, this is still outstanding.
- It was raised that the bin provided at the Appin layby (by the entrance to Linnhe Marine) was not seagull proof, it was agreed to discuss with amenities the provision of a bird proof bin.

g) Planning Applications

- Appin Marine, no update from Andrew Barrie of the Planning Department on whether they have applied for retrospective planning permission for the change of use. It was noted that a large quantity of old Tarmac had recently been dumped on the site.
- The planning application for the Quarry in Glen Creran has been submitted, there is no update as to when the planning application will be reviewed by the planning department.

4. Correspondence

- A letter had been received highlighting the state of the play area at Shuna View, Port Appin. Ownership of this play area is thought to be with Argyll Community Housing Association and it is expected that they are responsible for maintaining the fencing and play equipment. Cllr. Elaine Robertson agreed to speak to ACHA to establish that maintenance of equipment and repairs to fencing would be carried out. No update available at this meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

- No significant change from last meeting, the accounts have been prepared and checked prior to the AGM.

6. Any Other Competent Business

The homecare coordinator (Liz Bruce) of the Appin and Lismore Community Care Scheme gave an update on how the scheme was operating. Dr. Ian McNicol also spoke on the progress.

In summary there have been challenges with turnover of carers, matching supply of carers to service demand. Car donated and operational on Lismore. Challenges with interface with A&B Social Work Dept. Cllr. Elaine Robertson and Cllr. Keiron Green agreed to meet with Liz Bruce to iron out these issues.

ACC agreed to write in support of the changes that are needed to the referral system.

It was pointed out that whilst the scheme has just won a national award it could easily fail without support.

- Graffiti was reported to the railway bridge south of Appin, PC Stuart Johnstone requested that any such issue is reported as soon as it is found to the Police on 101.
- The issue of traffic calming within Port Appin was discussed, it was agreed that a 20mph limit would increase road safety within the village, discussion with A&B roads department on how this can be enforced to follow this meeting.
- Carpet Sea Squirt – local businesses have their control plan in place, Notices have been placed in ACC notice boards to highlight awareness.
- The state of the Appin church cemetery was highlighted, whilst the grass is strimmed, the grass cuttings are not collected and the paths are green with weeds. It was felt that there was a vast difference in the standard of care of the cemetery compared to that in Oban. Discussion followed

and Cllr. Elaine Robertson advised that it may be possible to apply for a grant to employ somebody to enhance the care being carried out within the cemetery.

7. Public Questions

- The community flower tubs still require to be replanted, Charles volunteered to discuss with Ronald MacColl.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will take place on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.30pm in Port Appin Village Hall.

Additional Meeting Dates 2.11.17 – Appin Hall.