

APPIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 1st. November 2018 at 7.30pm in Port Appin Village.

Present: Neil Mackie, Bob Cornish, Alison MacCorquodale, David Craig, Linda MacLeod, Cllr. Kieron Green, John Landale , Caroline Clark and Paul Zvegintzov.

1. **Apologies:** Charles Fotheringham, Cllr. Elaine Robertson, Cllr. Andrew Vennard.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** (30th August 2018) were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

a) Police Report – No police report was available and no attendance at this meeting.

b) A828 Trunk Road

- The west edge of the plantation straight has areas of subsidence, still an ongoing issue.
- The chevron markers at the Linnhe Marine corner are not lighting up, **Paul** to notify Bear, this is of concern due to to number of accidents that have occurred at this corner in previous years.
- Bus stop by north going carriage of the Creagan bridge – broken glass, can it not be replaced with polycarbonate?
- The very poor road surface (patch on patch) at Highland Title, Duror was raised. **Paul** to write a letter of support to Highland region in order to action repair.
- It was noted that the poor road surface on the south side of the creagan bridge had not been repaired.
- It was noted that the patch repairs at Sutherlands Grove were potholed again.

- The entrance to the North Shian road from the A828 is very tight, this means that traffic has to wait on the main road whilst traffic exits the North Shian road. It was stated that the situation was made even worse by Transport Scotland when the cycle track was created. **Paul** to contact Transport Scotland to see what improvements can be made – no update was available for the meeting.

Sunken manholes on the north going carriageway at Creagan Station, these have recently been fixed after many months of waiting.

c) School Transport/Public Transport – Nothing to report.

d) Port Appin and other Council roads

- It was noted that the pothole at the entrance to the Airds Hotel has still not been repaired.

- It was noted that the road surface from Appin village to the 30MPH sign on the Port Appin road was very poor.

- It was noted that the drain at the timber extraction road above Appin was not clearing causing a large puddle across the road.

Alison to write to Calumn Robertson at A&B Council in his post as Roads Performance Manager.

e) Broadband and Mobile Phone

-Latest update can be found in the Light magazine. Quite a few people are trying EE/4G broadband.

- No new mobile masts are planned for our area. Redundant Ardeeva mast at Appin House – could it be converted to mobile use to improve coverage in the Appin/ PA area. Keiron to forward **Bob** the name of the council Digital Liason Officer

f) Recycling/Litter

- There was discussion on the plan to relocate the waste recycling from Portnacroish to ground at Appin Hall car park. It was thought that the relocation would be beneficial making it easier to access, better for noise pollution and with a concrete base and screening more attractive to use. It was agreed to provide further detail so the CC could formally ask the permission from the Coop to go ahead. This facility is still being designed by Alister McMillan and costed, **John** to update on progress.

-The council's contractor for glass recycling has gone into administration so the collections are now being organized from Helensburgh.

-The Isle of Coll has a glass imploder which reduces the carbon footprint caused by hauling glass, ACC (**Neil**) to contact Coll CC to find out more about it.

g) Planning Applications

- No issues.

h) Community Emergency Response Plan.

-Defibrillators, Scottish Sea Farms have very generously donated a defibrillator, which will be installed on an outside wall at the Port Appin surgery – **still not fitted yet**.

- The defective defibrillator outside the Appin Hall, should it not be removed? Is this cabinet defective or can it be reused? The old one was funded by the Medical Fund of the Community Trust, should they be asked to fund a replacement- action **Bob**.
- Defibrillator training, will training be arranged for the new defibrillators?
- Checking and reporting of the operational status (to the national database) of the defibrillators, who will carry this out.
- It was agreed to proceed with a grant application to SSE for the provision of a generator for Appin hall, this would make the hall a fully functioning emergency response centre during a power outage for the whole community. **Bob** to discuss with the Appin Hall Committee & complete grant application.
- Mobile phone signal booster, Seal and Luing have benefitted from these (provided free!), **Bob** to investigate with Vodaphone- no update.
- Bob and Charles have attended a Resilient Communities meeting

i) Appin Community Noticeboards

- Charles to provide an update on what improvements are required.

j) Battles Over – A Nations Tribute

- The proposed locations for installing the bench were discussed. After some exchange it was decided that Ronnies field below the Castle View Café was a better option. Ronnie to be approached for permission to install. **Neil** to contact.

4. Correspondence

- A petition has been received to build a tunnel under the rest and be thankful- whilst there is support for improvements to this road the tunnel proposal was considered unrealistic.

5. Treasurer's Report

The balance in the account is £4173, though £1473 is funds raised for/ by the community walks brochures.

6. Any Other Competent Business

- Belloch Land Management – following replanting the Forestry Commission only plan to erect strategic deer fencing, clarification to be sought – **Charles** to action, no update.
- The Ringing Stone above Strathappin house, the Forestry Commission to be asked if they could create a footpath / signage to it ,**Charles** to action, no update.
- The ACC accounts for this year are still to be audited, Caroline Clark volunteered to review them for ACC, action **Charles**

7. Public Questions

- Appin Marine – the status of their application for planning permission needs to be clarified, **Neil** to contact A&B Council, Jamie Torrance for an update.
- The Community trust website is being relaunched, should the ACC website be incorporated into it, ACC members to be consulted.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings have been arranged for Thur.10th Jan. 2019 at 7.30 in Appin Hall.