

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall

Present: Alison MacCorquodale, Lorraine Drysdale,
Lorraine Drysdale, David Macneil, David Craig, Cllr. Kieron Green, Cllr. Elaine Robertson,
Neil Mackie, Charles Fotheringham, Doreen Evans, Roger Evans, Fiona Landale.

1. Apologies: Elaine Ventners, Paul Zvegintzov.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (22 September 2016) were approved.

3. Matters Arising

a) A828 Trunk Road

- The North Shain road sign is still pointing downwards and needs repair.

b) School Transport/Public Transport

- Nothing to report.

c) Port Appin and other Council roads

- The subsidence at Taychreggan has been repaired and just needs white lines and reconnection of the water pipe to complete the scope.

d) Broadband and Mobile Phone

- A full update is available in “The Light” under Appin Community Projects Update. Residents with poor broadband speed may wish to consider a grant assisted satellite installation.

e) Recycling/Litter

- The issue of a lack of glass recycling collection in Port Appin was raised, Cllr Kieron Green agreed to speak with amenities to see what they can offer.
- The planned tri weekly collections of the green (landfill) bins will start next week. Additional recycling bins are available on request.

g) Planning Applications

- Appin Marine was invited to attend this meeting to discuss its operation but failed to do so. It was agreed that the community council should write to A&G Planning Department to visit and assess if any breach of planning consent has taken place.
- The planning application for the Quarry in Glen Creran has been submitted, review of the proposal revealed it to be basically similar to the proposal as presented at the meeting on the 16th June 2016. The application was discussed at length with regard to the impact and benefits or otherwise to the community. The community council agreed to meet again to draft a letter of objection to this planning application.

h) Invasive Species

- Rhododendron Project –Further funding is required to widen the project scope, the ACC to provide a letter supporting the project in order to assist with grant applications, this has been sent.

i) Police Station Closures

- The Taynuilt station has been identified for closure, the Appin station is not on the closure list at this time.

4. Correspondence

- Nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

- ACC funds last stood at £3647.71 though the poppy wreath still has to be paid.

6. Any Other Competent Business

a) Proposed Plans for Homecare Provision.

- 3 carers for Appin and 2 for Lismore have been appointed, training is on going. Admin issues are on going.
- Feedback has been received that some elderly patients were concerned about the handover / introduction of the new service.

b) Emergency Response Plan (on-going)

- Co-ordinator and deputy to be recruited for the Port Appin area.
- The possibility of getting a SSE grant to purchase mobile phone boosters for the halls is to be progressed.

7. Public Questions

- Community Transport Scheme – following the survey it was confirmed that there is demand and support (volunteers) for this service. An application is to be made for grant funding. A letter of support is to be provided by ACC for this. Argyll and Bute Council also to be asked for a letter of support.
- Discussion ongoing about the boundary commission and our representation at Westminster, proposed changes to Argyll and Bute to include part of Lochaber. It is considered that Argyll and Bute area is large enough for our MP to cover already. ACC to write to the Boundary Commission.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will take place on Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall.