

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 2nd. November 2017 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall

Present: Neil Mackie, Charles Steuart Fotheringham, Alison MacCorquodale, David Craig, Bob Cornish, Elaine Venters, Paul Zvegintzov, Cllr Elaine Robertson, Cllr Keiron Green, Doreen Evans, Roger Evans, Linda Mcleod.

1. Apologies: Jane Parkin and PC Stuart Johnstone.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (7th September 2017) were approved.

3. Matters Arising

a) Police Report – no update.

b) A828 Trunk Road

- Water is crossing the road into the entrance of the North Shain road, this water needs to be diverted into a drain and the gully's cleared out. There is a danger of aquaplaning or ice during the winter- Paul to raise with Bear.
- The vegetation/ trees branches are obscuring the sight lines on the road approaching Appin from the south, this obstruction makes overtaking dangerous - Paul to raise with Bear.
- Water crossing the road in several areas due to blocked drains on Appin hill by Lettershuna- raising the skid risk during icy conditions – Paul to raise with Bear.
- The North Shian sign still has not been replaced.
- The plan by Bear to block off the access (in order to erect a crash barrier), to the old launching slip opposite the Butterchurn was discussed, no objection was raised.
- The apparent high accident rate on the section of road between the Butterchurn and Barcaldine was discussed, it was thought that a reduction in the speed limit to 50mph would be sensible, also the ACC would like to start recording when accidents occur so that this data can be used to persuade the Council & Bear to carry out improvement work. Anybody spotting an accident can email secretary@appincommunitycouncil.co.uk giving the date/ vehicle type & registration number and photo if possible.

c) School Transport/Public Transport

- The bus shelter glass on the south side of the Creagan bridge is needing replaced- no update as to whether this has been repaired.
- The timetabling of the bus from Oban to Fort William and onward to Inverness means that the Oban bus misses this connection by only a few minutes, Cllr. Elaine Robertson to discuss with West Coast Motors to see if the timings can be improved.

d) Port Appin and other Council roads

- Potholes need attention at Windmill corner Ardtur.
- Road surface very poor when leaving the speed limit in Appin for Port Appin.
- Drainage ditch blocked with gravel (possibly from wash out off the newly created forestry extraction road), water flowing over road at recently repaired section at Tyneribbie, possible ice / skid risk. Photos of this have now been forwarded to the Council Roads Engineer.
- Significant number of potholes in Port Appin between the shop and the Pier House.
- Water run off from the newly installed drive to "Iona" in Port Appin causes flooding to the Skiff Building Shed. Charles to raise with A&B Planning.

e) Broadband and Mobile Phone

- You can now place your order for super fast broadband on the website there is no information when it will be delivered. Houses served by postcode 4DE will have another 4 months to wait.
- Discussion on who will be served in the Appin / Port Appin area and from which box, is it possible to get a plan from BT, Bob Cornish to advise.
- The possibility of the community buying a Vodaphone "box" to connect to the phone cabinet opposite the doctors surgery, which would improve mobile phone connection in Port Appin was discussed.

f) Recycling/Litter

- New collection timetable now in place, it is supposed to improve the collections.
- Dumping of rubbish (outside of the bins) at the recycling site was raised- Paul to discuss a tidy up with the council .

g) Planning Applications

- Discussion on the reservoir built for a Hydro scheme up the glen (Glen Creran)- did it need permission from Planning / SEPA for the reservoir and access road.
- 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 (60 truck loads) of old Tarmac had recently been dumped on the site- Yet again A&B Planning failing to return calls.

4. Correspondence

- Appin Community Development Trust have arranged a public meeting on 29/10/17 to present details of the community transport scheme, ACC asked to advertise this meeting on the ACC website.

5. Treasurer's Report

- No significant change from last meeting.

6. Any Other Competent Business

- .Anchoring in Loch Creran and the existing restrictions were discussed.
- A families memorial plaque on the Clach Thoull walk was discussed.

7. Public Questions

- The phone/ internet outage on 1/9/17 was raised, this was significant as the Appin Health Centre had a medical emergency at midday and were only able to summon an ambulance by driving toward the pier in order to get reception on a mobile phone.
Charles spoke with Stuart Cairns from the Health Centre, he was not concerned that they had to use a mobile phone to summon an ambulance.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will take place on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Port Appin Village Hall.

.Additional meeting dates Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30 pm in Appin Hall
Thursday 7th June 2018 at 7.30pm in Appin Hall (AGM).