

APPIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 30th. August 2018 at 7.30pm in Appin Village.

Present: Neil Mackie, Charles Steuart Fotheringham, Alison MacCorquodale, David Craig, Linda MacLeod, Cllr. Elaine Robertson, Cllr Kieron Green, Cllr. Andrew Vennard, PC Stuart Johnston, Bob Cornish, David Macneil, Liz Bruce, Hugh Major, John Landale, Tina Scorgie, Ian McNicol and Paul Zvegintzov.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (7th June 2018) were approved.

3. Matters Arising

a) Police Report – It was stated that since 1/7/18 there have been 23 traffic incidents and the traffic Police in Oban are putting a case together for road improvements.

b) A828 Trunk Road

- The west edge of the plantation straight has areas of subsidence.
- Sunken manholes on the north going carriageway at Creagan Station.
- Bus stop by north going carriage of the Creagan bridge – broken glass, can it not be replaced with polycarbonate?
- Safety bollards have been destroyed on the north going lane where the cycle track crosses in Appin.

The above defects were recorded at our previous meeting but no repairs have been made, **Paul** to contact Bear to arrange a meeting.

- 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.

c) School Transport/Public Transport

- 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 informed the attendees that by taking the Appin School Bus to the meeting point then changing onto the West Coast Motors bus it was possible to reach FW in time to catch the Inverness bus.

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.
- The lay-bys need to be scraped to improve their definition and brambles and vegetation chopped back on the North Shian road.
- Cllr Elaine Robertson stated that A&B Council think the roads are in a good state and the public need to complain more if they find defects. The council has a facility for reporting potholes on the website.

e) Broadband and Mobile Phone

- The Appin Development Trust are looking into grants to fund the installation and use of Broadband in the Appin and PA halls, this should be paid for by grant from the Compassionate Communities Fund.

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 and costed.

- An additional green glass bin has been provided for Portnacroish with assistance from Cllr. Elaine Robertson.
- If you have experienced a missed bin collection, please check the A&B website for a revised collection time.

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.

It is proposed to ask Scottish sea Farms for a second one to replace the defective unit at the Appin hall – action **Charles**.

It was agreed to use the income to ACC from the Appin Hydro scheme to maintain these units and provide training.

- 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.

i) Appin Community Housing Needs Assessment

- William Langdon and Katie Ann Macleod gave a presentation on assessing the housing needs for the Appin area.

It was reported that within the Appin postcode area there are 318 homes, 51 of which are second / holiday homes and only 9 are social rented stock. A & B Council need to assess the housing need and are asking ACC to help with a local survey.

4. Correspondence

- The Battles Over- a nations tribute 11/11/18. It was decided to go ahead with the purchase of a WW1 memorial bench, the community will be asked for suggestions as to where it should be located.

5. Treasurer's Report

The balance in the account is £4143, 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.
- The Ringing Stone above Strathappin house, the Forestry Commission to be asked if they could create a footpath / signage to it ,**Charles** to action.

7. Public Questions

- Until recently the graveyard was badly overgrown but was strimmed by Stuart Carmichael in his own time, the council appear to be failing in their responsibility to keep it tidy. Cllr Elaine Robertson explained that the Council gravediggers were responsible for the maintenance of the graveyard along with grave digging and recently there had been a high demand for the latter service. It was agreed at the meeting that Argyll and Bute would come back to the community council with some suggestions on how the council and the community might work together to manage the ongoing maintenance of the graveyard.
- The expansion of the graveyard, a progress report is to be sought from the council- still ongoing.
- Monitoring of compliance with the new 50MPH speed limitas on the A828, concern was raised that some motorists were not heeding the new limit, this was raised with PC Graeme McNiven. He said he would raise this issue with the Police Scotland traffic unit.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings have been arranged for Thur.1st Nov. 2018 at 7.30 in Port Appin Hall and Thur. 10th January 2018 at 7.30 in Appin Hall.