

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7th. June 2018 at 7.30pm in Appin Village.

Present: Neil Mackie, Charles Steuart Fotheringham, Alison MacCorquodale, David Craig, Linda MacLeod, Cllr. Elaine Robertson, PC Graeme McNiven, Bob Cornish, Roger Evans, David Macneil, Liz Bruce, Cllr. Andrew Vennard, John Landale, Tina Scorgie.

1. Apologies: Cllr. Keiron Green & Paul Zvegintzov.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (8th March 2018) were approved.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Police Report – 40 recorded incidents since 1/2/18 most of which have been related to road traffic and assisting members of the public.
- Crime prevention surveys are offered free of charge by the Police.
 - Rural watch, only 9 members in the Appin area, some home insurers offer a 15% discount to members!
 - Operation Monarda is focusing on door step crime.
 - Recent thefts from sheds and outhouses in the Oban area.
- 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.
 - Illuminated road signs not working at Linnhe Marine entrance and 20 mph signs on the North going lane at Barcaldine school.
 - Bus stop by north going carriage of the Creagan bridge – broken glass.
 - Safety bollards have been destroyed on the north going lane where the cycle track crosses in Appin.
- 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 “ middle road” will be used for timber extraction in the near future.
 - The laybys need to be scraped to improve their definition and brambles and vegetation chopped back on the North Shian road.
- e) Broadband and Mobile Phone
- The Port Appin new fibre broadband cabinet has now got a power supply!
 - The mobile masts can now provide a 4G service, the internet can be accessed using EE or Vodafone for those that have reception and no access to fibre.
 - The Appin Development Trust are looking into grants to fund the installation of Broadband in the Appin and PA halls.
- 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 that the new recycling site should be drawn up and costed before the next ACC meeting.
 - It was queried how often the bins were emptied at Portnacroish as they have recently been overflowing – Cllr Elaine Robertson confirmed it was fortnightly.

g) Planning Applications

- Glasdrum Mineral Extraction Appeal – the appeal was rejected and no re-appeal was made within 6 week time period.

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.

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

4. Correspondence

- The Battles Over- a nations tribute 11/11/18. It was decided to agree ACC participation at the next meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

The balance in the account is £4133.21, though £1473 is funds raised for/ by the community walks brochures.

6. Any Other Competent Business

- A meeting is to be held on 29/6/18 on the topic of Compassionate Communities. Ian McNicol to provide details.
- Belloch Land Management – following replanting the Forestry Commission only plan to erect strategic deer fencing, clarification to be sought.
- The Ringing Stone above Strathappin house, the Forestry Commission to be asked if they could create a footpath / signage to it.

7. Public Questions

- Until recently the graveyard was badly overgrown, the council appear to be failing to keep it tidy. Discussion followed on the possibility of the community trust taking on some of the maintenance.
- The expansion of the graveyard, a progress report is to be sought from the council.
- Monitoring of compliance with the new 50MPH speed limits 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.30th Aug 2018 at 7.30 in Port Appin Hall and Thur. 1st November 2018 at 7.30 in Port Appin Hall.