

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 8th. March 2018 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall

**Present:** Neil Mackie, Charles Steuart Fotheringham, Alison MacCorquodale, Elaine Venters, Paul Zvegintzov, Cllr Elaine Robertson, Cllr Keiron Green, Cllr Andrew Vennard, Mary Gregory, Doreen Evans, Roger Evans, John Landale, Susie Huthison and Linda Mcleod.

**1. Apologies:** Bob Cornish

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** (11<sup>th</sup> January 2018) were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

a) Police Report – no update.

b) A828 Trunk Road

- The large number of dangerous and damaging potholes was raised. Cllr Elaine Robertson stated that Argyll and Bute has £8M to spend this year on road improvements/ repairs.

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 vegetation on the “middle road” had been cut back by John Jackson ( not by the council).

e) Broadband and Mobile Phone

- It seem that progress with the Port Appin new broadband cabinet is on hold until the route of a power supply can be resolved. ACC decided to try and organise a meeting with the landowner/ BT and Scottish Hydro to resolve. Action Bob Cornish.

Cllr. Elaine Robertson stated that the other 3 new cabinets had already been made live.

The Appin Development Trust are looking into grants to fund the installation of Broadband in the Appin and PA halls.

f) Recycling/Litter

-No issues raised.

g) Planning Applications

- Glasdrum Mineral Extraction Appeal – the reporter should have visited the site by now but no outcome from this visit is unknown .
- Water run off from the drive to the new house “Iona” in PA is still an issue affecting the Skiff building shed.

h) Rhododendron Control.

-A new plan and funding is in place for eradication from Glen Creran.

i) Emergency Response Plan.

-Defibrillators , Scottish Sea Farms have very generously donated a couple to the community. It is proposed to replace the defective one at Appin hall, but move its location to under the porch. It is planned to seek permission to install a one in the PA ferry waiting room, Cllr Elaine Robertson to ask permission from the A&B Marine department.

This will bring to 6 the number of defibrillators in the Appin area. 1x Linnhe Marine, 1x Appin Hall, 1x PA surgery, 1x PA ferry waiting room, 2x Glen Creran.

Training on their use has to be arranged along with agreement as to who is carrying out maintenance checks.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- Nomination forms for the ACC elections need to be sent in by 22/3/18.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

- ACC have received £500 from the Appin Hydro scheme taking the balance to £3807.71 though payment of the maintenance grant from 2017 is still outstanding from A&B Council.

#### **6. Any Other Competent Business**

- The new GP (Doctors) contract and its implication to rural communities was discussed. There are concerns that the services currently provided by GP's in rural areas will be curtailed and patients will be severely affected as a result. ACC to discuss further how this issue can be raised.  
Action – ACC Convenor.

#### **7. Public Questions**

- The new white local phone directory is available in the PA shop priced at £2.50.

#### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Community Council meeting will be arranged by the newly elected community council and will be advertised on the Appin and PA noticeboard along with the ACC website.