

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm in Port Appin Village Hall

Present: Alison MacCorquodale, David Macneil, David Craig, Cllr. Elaine Robertson, Cllr. Keiron Green, Neil Mackie, Charles Fotheringham, Doreen Evans, Roger Evans, Linda MacLeod, Bob Cornish, John Landale. Elaine Ventners, Lorraine Drysdale, Sarah Brown and PC Stuart Johnstone.

1. Apologies: Paul Zvegintzov

2. Minutes of the last meeting (12 January 2017) were approved.

3. Matters Arising

a) Carpet Sea Squirt

- Sarah Brown a local marine consultant, gave an informative presentation on the spread of the invasive species called Carpet Sea Squirt. The object is to develop a community led plan for the control of this species. A meeting will be held next week to develop the plan with those involved with marine activity in Loch Creran. The Scottish Natural Heritage web site has a reporting tool / link that the public are asked to use so that the spread of this species can be tracked.

b) A828 Trunk Road

- The North Shain road sign is still pointing downwards and needs repair.
- Blocked drain and large puddle associated with it causing northbound traffic to swerve onto the wrong side of the road at the Creggan Inn. Paul to contact Bear Scotland to ask if rectification of this defect can be prioritised.
- It was noted that the Lismore passenger ferry sign has now been erected in Appin after a delay of 6 years.
- Subsidence of the old 828 at the top of Loch Creran ,North Side was raised.

c) School Transport/Public Transport

- Nothing to report.

d) Port Appin and other Council roads

- Scrub overgrowth on the middle road needs to be cut back, the council are believed to have a programme of work for this in place.

e) Broadband and Mobile Phone

- New fibre optic cables are presently being installed in Port Appin though the work is behind schedule.

f) Recycling/Litter

- In response to the lack of provision of a recycling point for customers of the shop, Cllr. Elaine Robertson agreed to organise with the amenities dept. the provision and emptying of a blue bin.

g) Planning Applications

- 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.
- The planning application for the Quarry in Glen Creran has been submitted, there is no update as to when the planning application will be reviewed by the planning department.

h) Police Report

- The community council debrief was provided in a new format with the following categories, Road safety and Enforcement, Major Crime and Terrorism, Violence and Antisocial Behaviour, Public Protection and Acquisition Crime.
- PC Stuart Johnston talked about the rural watch scheme, provided leaflets and encouraged everybody to sign up for email alerts.

4. Correspondence

- A letter had been received highlighting the state of the play area at Shuna View, Port Appin. Ownership of this play area is thought to be with Argyll Community Housing Association and it is expected that they are responsible for maintaining the fencing and play equipment. Cllr. Elaine Robertson agreed to speak to ACHA to establish that maintenance of equipment and repairs to fencing would be carried out.

5. Treasurer's Report

- No significant change from last meeting, accounts to be prepared and checked prior to the AGM on 1/6/17.

6. Any Other Competent Business

a) Proposed Plans for Homecare Provision.

- The homecare coordinator is to be invited to our next CC meeting to provide an update as to how the service is going. A flyer has been delivered locally to try to recruit additional carers.

b) Emergency Response Plan (on-going)

- Nick Horne has volunteered to be the co-ordinator for the Port Appin area.

7. Public Questions

- The community flower tubs still require to be replanted, Charles volunteered to discuss with Ronald MacColl.
- Community litter pick is presently being organised.
- Defibrillator (fitted at the Appin Hall) this was purchased through the surgery and should be registered with the Scottish Ambulance Service.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will take place on Thursday 1st June 2017 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall.

Additional Meeting Dates

7.9.17 – Port Appin Hall.
2.11.17 – Appin Hall.