

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27 July 2016 at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall

Present: Alison MacCorquodale, Elaine Venters, Lorraine Drysdale, PC Alex Ferrier, PC Stuart Johnstone, Penny Cousins, David Macneil, David Craig, Cllr. Kieron Green, Cllr. Elaine Robertson, Linda Macleod, Neil Mackie, Charles Fotheringham.

1. Apologies: Jane Parkin, Paul Zvegintzov.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (24 March 2016) were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 A828 Trunk Road

- The Appin 50mph speed limit is now in force though the Duror signs are still covered.
- The North Shian sign on the A828 has been knocked and is hanging by one bracket, Paul to be asked to contact Bear.
- Discussion on the number of accidents that occur between the Butter Churn and Sutherlands Grove, whilst it is not in our area it is of concern, PC Stuart Johnstone was asked to compile a list of accidents so that justification can be made to request road improvements.
- No update on request to change road sign from Invercreran to Fasnacloich from Creagan Bridge roundabout. Cllr Robertson has been in contact with the roads dept. who agreed to change it.
- No update on potholes reforming at recently repaired road surface at Creagan Roundabout (coming off bridge, direction north).
- Road drain/gulley at bus stop, continually flooding – seems to have been improved following drain cleaning.

3.2 School Transport/Public Transport

- Nothing to report.

3.3 Port Appin and other Council roads

- Subsidence on the road at Taychreggan: Waiting for Openreach to relocate cables, roadworks due to start 4/8/16, traffic using the road will be subject to delays and may wish to consider using an alternative route.
- Glen Creran road, drain by Garden Cottage blocked causing flooding. Email to be sent to Gordon Stone.
- Flooding on the south side of Glen Creran road, work being carried out by the estate.

3.4 Broadband and Mobile Phone

- Planning applications have been made to site 3 green broadband boxes.

3.5 Safer Routes to School

- Nothing to report.

3.6 Recycling/Litter

- The council are moving to a 3 weekly collection for green and blue bins. Progress is being made to sort out the shift patterns and routes, implementation date is not known.
- The community litter pick was attended by 4 people and was carried out in June, multiple rubbish bags were filled, ACC gives its thanks to those taking part.
- Appin school children have produced a leaflet on dog fouling, this seemed to reduce fouling in the Appin area. ACC expresses its thanks to the schoolchildren. Reminder – Cllr. Robertson stated that any public litter-bin in the area can be use for dog poo.

3.7 Planning Applications

- None.
- ACC was advised by Iain McNicol that Appin Co-op has spoken to A&BC to query why local planning application notifications are displayed in Connel Post Office instead of Port Appin Post Office. The Council said it was because Connel's opening hours were longer than Port Appin's, which is not in fact the case. There are many requests by local residents to see plans, which is time consuming for Port Appin Co-op staff and a source of frustration for residents when they are advised to go to Connel. As A&BC would not accept the point being made, the matter has been raised with Cllr Robertson to pursue- nothing to report.

3.8 Invasive Species

- Rhododendron Project – FC at second stage HFL funding application. Application in for grant aid for Glen Creran. Appin to follow.

4. Correspondence

- A&B CPP Bulletin, OLIA Committee meeting, Digital Argyll & Bute update, Network Rail consultation, Local Planning Groups – health and social care, local housing strategy, modern apprentice in youth work, Funding alerts, update on Community Empowerment.

5. Treasurer's Report

- ACC funds stand at £3560.

6. Any Other Competent Business

6.1 Proposed Plans for Homecare Provision.

- Advert has been placed for the post of Coordinator, Carers position will be advertised next. A visit has been made to a long established scheme in the Highlands, another to be planned to one near Dunoon.

6.2 Emergency Response Plan (on-going)

- Co ordinator and deputy to be recruited for the Port Appin area.

6.3 Police Report

- No issues/incidents to report other than 45 incidents (1/4/16 to 26/7/16), which were routine in nature. Static road speed checks will continue in the area.
- A question was raised to ask how Police Scotland planned to enforce the new 50mph speed limit on the A828 when it is implemented. PC Johnston advised that motorists would be sympathetically informed that the new limits are operational.

6.5 Appin Area Flower Displays.

- Enquiries to be made about planting out the mature plants/ trees at the millennium bridge area.

6.6 Community Noticeboards

- Volunteers recruited to freshen up the boards and exterior frames.

6.7 AGM and Office Bearers

- The new Convener and Secretary are now in place, thanks were given to the outgoing post holders.

7. Public Questions

- None.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will take place on Thursday 22 Sept. at 7.30pm in Appin Village Hall.

Further meeting dates are: 23 November 2016, 12 January 2017.