

Minutes of a meeting of Appin Community Council on 11th January 2017

Present: Alison MacCorquodale, Susie Hutchison, David MacNeill, Paul Zvegintzov, Bob Cornish, Charles Steuart Fotheringham

Apologies: Neil Mackie, Elaine Venters

In attendance: Cllrs Kieron Green, Elaine Robertson and Andrew Vennard

1. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Paul seconded by Bob

2. Matters arising

a) Police Report

Speed limit reduction not response to poor driving

Increase to £200 for using mobile phone while driving

Letter has been served regarding abandoned vehicle with a deadline for removal of 19th January.

b) A828 trunk road

Have written to BEAR regarding (frozen) water on the road in various places, including from under telephone cabinet and also separate issue at Butterchurn. No response yet - Chair to contact BT, Elaine to ensure liaison group aware.

Pothole has been temporarily fixed at Sutherland's Grove

We have been advised that we can report road problems on the Traffic Scotland website

Reflective bollards are being put in along the road

c) School Transport/Public Transport

The bus shelter at Creagan has been cleared up.

Elaine is to follow up with West Coast Motors regarding changing the timetable.

d) Port Appin and other Council Roads

On the middle road it was noted that there is one long stretch where there are no passing places. Elaine said it was very difficult to get the council to put additional ones in.

At the junction between the middle and Shian roads there are posts but no signs - Community Council to write into Malcolm Cullen requesting replacements for these, to request sign for Fasnacloich from trunk road and to fix cycle track signage.

Forestry company working alongside Port Appin road have helped clear some drain blockage causing flooding, however needs more work done to stop as much water coming off ground nearby. Elaine and chair to contact Jamie Salmond or Stuart Carmichael roads engineer.

Water coming off driveway to new house in Port Appin - no apparent progress as yet but had been reported to Jamie Torrance by Kieron. Chair to follow up with planning. Also has placed septic tank or soakaway on land now owned by Community Trust which although permitted in deeds requires retrospective planning permission.

e) Broadband

No further developments. One cabinet is still awaiting power. Remaining properties not covered will be part of R100 programme which will be administered by HIE which is to deliver 30mbit/s to all properties by 2021. Possibility Development trust could seek to install broadband into one of the village halls as part of emergency facilities available in those during a power cut.

f) Recycling

No significant issues at present.

g) Planning Applications

Some issues dealt with under roads.

Quarry appeal has been lodged - Community Council has repeated its submission. All previous responses are being taken into account.

3. Correspondence

Nothing not raised already

4. Treasurers Report

£3307.71 in account

5. AOCB

Rhododendrons money available to remove from private property as well as forestry in Glen Creran. Details still to be publicised. This may in due course be made available to the rest of the community council area.

Alison and Tina have submitted application to Care Inspectorate for CARAH care in community - work ongoing regarding administration. In meantime care is continuing to be provided under existing arrangements.

Elaine made contact with a council officer about the Annat Cemetery - may be possibility of partnership working to improve environment if local community willing to help. Elaine to ask officer to meet with local groups to look at progressing this. Additionally, the council are in negotiations to extend the site as it is nearly full.

6. Public Questions

None raised

7. Date of Next meeting

Appin Village Hall - 8th March at 7.30pm