

**Minutes of the Ardentenny Community Council Meeting Held in the Village Hall
on the 4th August 2009**

Present

M Bartley D Menzies
D Gower V Kennedy
E Connell B Marshall

Apologies None

Declaration of Interest None

Val opened the meeting and asked if we had all read the minutes and if they were a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were proposed by Dennis and seconded by Val

Action From Previous Minutes

Again some campers seem to be causing damage to the tables at the picnic area although Bruce has not had any complains directed to him.

The current situation with Baron MacInturners Cairn is that the roads dept got in touch with Malcolm and they had a site meeting along with Ceci and Malcolm felt they were helpful and made some good suggestions which were to have the lay-by made deeper and also to have a walkway round the Cairn. A meeting with the Forestry Commission and Mrs Catherine Montgomery to get their thoughts will be the next step. Val thanked Malcolm for the effort he is putting into the project and Bruce suggested involving Historic Scotland and other groups for funding and he said he would also talk to Paul Farrell at the roads dept.

Val had sent an email to Bruce about the poor condition of the road verges and he had tried to deal with this from another source but it seems this is not a priority as far as the roads dept are concerned as the budgets don't stretch to this type of repair at present.

The Community Care questionnaire received was very poor and badly worded and not user friendly. The answers became rants and not relevant to the questions. Dougie will write to Jim Robb at Struan Lodge with our feelings

A reply was received by Dennis from Hannah Dineen regarding a scheme in Tyndrum and she will send details of the volume/power and how it benefits the area. Bruce explained that various agencies have to be involved and it is difficult to get all to agree for example the plan could upset fauna etc and this could be an objection to be addressed.

Kilmun Community Council are trying to build a scheme to use the sewerage and if it goes ahead it would be the first in the country.

Dougie asked Bruce if he had an update on the Community Council review and if the elections are still planned for October. We would also like to know about the proposal to allow office bearers to stand for a maximum of two terms, could somebody be treasurer for two terms and then be secretary and Bruce said he will find out and let us know.

The Forestry Commission replied to Dougie about the Rhododendron in the area behind Ardfin Ave saying that it will be dealt with in the future but is not in any

immediate plans. Bruce suggests writing back and point out that this area is in the middle of the village and not in some remote wood.

Malcolm explained that he does not have the new neighbourhood watch signs yet.

The proposal to build a bridge across Loch Long has not gone down well with the villagers and Dougie will write to Destination Dunoon and Cowal Steering Group with our feelings.

The new private water supply at Glenfinart Caravan Park is still subject to ongoing dialogue although Bruce feels that the cost of this could have been put to better use by going onto the mains supply.

Treasurers Report

Malcolm gave the financial statement showing the bank balance on the 20th July 2009 as £2,269.29 and this figure includes our grant for this year of £300.

Secretaries Report

Some plants have been stolen from the village tub at the notice board and Dougie got an email from Vicky asking if anybody saw anything but it appears not.

Following our request to have a meeting with Jim Downie N/P Ranger and Steve Gillen F/C Ranger to discuss the cleaning up of the Coronation Wood we now have dates to meet and hopefully take this forward.

Dougie has received another email from Sue Laverge who is the Enforcement Officer at the National Park regarding the Glenfinart Caravan Park.

Mr Cartledge has been advised that that all unauthorised development should cease with immediate effect. The NPA solicitor Jamie Hunter will decide what the next step will be if this request is not heeded.

We have not received any details from the NP regarding the modernisation of the new planning system which took place on the 3rd August (The council keep sending details even after Dougie has explained that Ardentinnny comes under the NP)

AOCB

Dennis asked if we had anymore information on the Local Plan and Bruce explained that a new draft plan will be produced in August which will show that they have listened to our concerns and that the proposal to build thirty six houses will be deleted.

The vegetation encroaching onto the road at Rock Cottage is dangerous especially for buses and lorries who have to go into the middle of the road to avoid this. Bruce will get the Council to write to the owner.

Malcolm also mentioned the letter that Steve had in the paper regarding the same problem at Blairmore and Bruce said he will deal with this as well.

Next Meeting 6th October