

ARDGAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING

Monday 6th April 2009

In Ardgay Hall

Present

Tony Gibbs Chairperson

Iain Shand Secretary

William Maclaren

Philip Olson

Councillor Robbie Rowan tree

David Hannah Vice Chair

Alan Lawrence

Derek Matheson

Marion Turner

Doreen Gibbs Minute Secretary

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 2nd March 2009 were read and approved.

Proposed by David Hannah and seconded by William Maclaren.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter

Iain Shand had written to Campbell Stewart the Area Roads and Community Works Manager confirming approval of the site for the Bus Shelter in the village and the hope that installation will be achieved without further delay in the new financial year.

Christmas Lights

Tony Gibbs said that the lights are currently being stored in the garden at the home of Lynne and Jamie Burgess but we still need some secure storage facility.

Windfarms

a) Achany Windfarm Community Benefit Fund

At the open meeting with the representatives from the SCF held on 31st March in Ardgay Hall, members of the community wishing to serve on the Advisory Panel were asked to complete a nomination form to be forwarded to the SCF for consideration. There will be four seats on the Advisory Panel from each Community area, two members from the Community and two serving members from each Community Council.

Iain Shand and Marion Turner were nominated to be the two representatives from the Ardgay Community Council

b) Beinn Tharsuinn

Derek Matheson questioned the need for a sub-committee to deal with grant applications, as three members of the existing sub-committee are no longer serving Council members. A new sub-committee will have to be appointed if needed.

c) Rockby Sea/Fearn Renewables

No new information to report.

[Action RR to make enquiries](#)

Newsletter

David Hannah produced copies of the spring edition of the newsletter ready for members to deliver within their local areas. A grant of £884 has been received from the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Grant towards the costs.

Included in this edition is a Transport Survey Form, which readers are asked to complete and return.

David Hannah was thanked and congratulated for his work on producing a very professional looking newsletter.

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The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th April in Ardgay Hall.

It is not clear if Lynne Burgess will continue as Chair in the light of her future study commitments.

3. Any Other Business

Tony Gibbs reported that Creich CC had asked for the views of the Ardgay CC on the choice of a name for the new Migdale Hospital. It was unanimously agreed that the new hospital should retain the name of Migdale Hospital; this is also in line with the decision of the Lairg CC.

Toilets

The Toilets in Ardgay Village opened today (6th April) and will remain open until the middle of November.

The Sutherland Summit for Community Councils

The meeting proposed for the 27th April has been cancelled.

Police

Ian Shand said that it is regrettable that a representative from the Police does not attend our meetings although they are sent copies of the agenda and minutes.

Robbie Rowantree felt that pressure on their commitments made it difficult for them to attend on a regular basis.

[Action IS to contact Dornoch Police](#)

Dates of Future Meetings

Alan Lawrence asked if members have any preference to meeting on a different day of the week rather than the traditional first Monday of the month. Members will be asked for their views at the next meeting.

Ardgay Community Website

A discussion took place on the advantages for having our own website. It was agreed that we would look at this again when further information is available.

Ward Forum

Robbie Rowantree informed the committee that the next Ward Forum meeting would be held on Saturday 30th May 2009 at 11.00a.m.in Tongue Hall.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th April 2009 in Ardgay Hall at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.