

ARDGAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING

Monday 27th April 2009

In Ardgay Hall

Present:-

Tony Gibbs (Chairperson)

Iain Shand (Secretary)

Derek Matheson

Marion Turner

Doreen Gibbs (Minute Secretary)

Liz Cormack

David Hannah (Vice-Chair)

Alan Lawrence

Phil Olson

Councillor Robbie Rowantree

Brigitte Geddes

Members of the Public

Bill Stobo (Ardgay)

John McMurray (New Diocesan Youth Worker)

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2. Apologies

There were apologies received from William MacLaren and David Ross.

3. Secretary's Report.

a) Appointment of Treasurer.

No nominations have been received. It was therefore agreed that Iain Shand would continue to cover the post with the help of Hilda Buchanan until the position can be filled.

b) The Chairperson invited Nominations for Co-options to the Committee.

For two voting members: Liz Cormack, proposed by David Hannah and seconded by Phil Olson and Doreen Gibbs, proposed by Iain Shand and seconded by David Hannah were co-opted to the Committee.

Brigitte Geddes, David Ross and Jamie Burgess were nominated for co-option to the Committee as three specialist non-voting members.

c) Audit of Accounts.

Iain Shand reported that the accounts for 2008/09 have been audited and are in order.

To show our appreciation for their work on the audit, Mr & Mrs Calder have requested that a donation should be sent to the Salvation Army. This was agreed.

Up to date accounts will be presented at the next meeting.

Action: IS to deal

d) Dates of meetings for 2009/2010

Iain Shand reported that from feedback of member's preferences, it was generally agreed that the first Wednesday of the month would be a suitable date for meetings in 2009/10, beginning on Wednesday 1st July 2009.

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Monday 6th April 2009**

It was noted that **Minute 3 – Ardgay Community Website** should read:

Phil Olson and Iain Shand were asked to investigate the feasibility of having our own website; to look at the various options available and the cost implications involved. The minutes were then agreed, proposed by David Hannah and seconded by Alan Lawrence.

5 **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.**

Ardgay Community Council Website

Phil Olson outlined various suggestions for a website. Iain Shand and Phil Olson will collaborate on further research for this project and report back with their findings.

Action: PO and IS

Bus Shelter

We have no new information to report. Robbie Rowantree will try to get an update from Campbell Stewart.

Action: RR

Christmas Lights

It was suggested that the Kyle of Sutherland Gala Committee may be able to help with storage facilities for the Christmas Lights, and this will be discussed with members of that committee.

Windfarms

Achanay Windfarm

Following the open meetings attended by the SCF the next stage will be the appointments of representatives from the Community. The procedure for selection of these reps to be decided by the SCF.

Rockby Sea/Fearn Renewables

Tony Gibbs reported that he has been informed by Paul Hoggarth the Chair of Edderton CC that Charlie Brookes is working on the premiss that all four Community Councils agree to his original proposals and nothing will be paid out until the new windmills have been operating for a year. These have yet to be constructed

Beinn Tharsuinn

Tony Gibbs reported that he has been concerned that Ardgay CC have not been kept up to date on current matters relating to the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Board, and in particular the present situation regarding funds available to Ardgay. Following conversations with Phil Tomalin the Company Secretary to the Board, this has now been clarified and the current financial position is as follows:-

Balance left from 2008/09	£	3,447.00
Funds this year 2009/10	£	10,400.00
Total available to date	£	<u>13,847.00</u>

Newsletter

There has been good feedback from the last edition and thanks to the efforts of Committee Members every house in the District should have received a copy. David Hannah was disappointed in the response to the Traffic Survey Form enclosed in the Newsletter. Only 2% of the forms have so far been returned. Discussion on Community Transport and the results of the survey will be discussed at the next meeting. For information, a map showing the boundary of the Ardgay District will be attached to the minutes.

6. Kyle of Sutherland Initiative

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th April in Ardgay Village Hall.

7. Director and Assistant Director for Beinn Tharsuinn

Due to the recent election of the new Ardgay & District Community Council, new representatives to the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Board have to be nominated. Tony Gibbs and Phil Olson were nominated as Director and Assistant Director..

Action: IS to inform Phil Tomalin

8. Any other Business

Alan Lawrence reported on the concerns of residents about the condition of a footbridge at Brae, which is in a dangerous condition.

Action: Robbie Rowantree to make enquiries

Concerns were raised over Timber Lorries using the Bailey bridge at Oykel.

Action: Robbie Rowantree to contact Forestry Commission

9. Date and time of next meeting.

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2009 at 7.00 pm. In ARDGAY HALL.

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.45pm.