



Minutes approved 8th December 2014

ARDGAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 13th October 2014 in Ardgay Public Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Elected & co-opted members: Marion Turner, Vice Chair (MT), Phil Olson (PO), Bob Sendall (BS), Alan Lawrence, Treasurer (AL) Sylvia Muras, Newsletter Editor(SM), Teresa Langley, Secretary (TL)

Police Scotland: No representative

Apologies: David Hannah, Chairman (DH), Betty Wright (BW), Mary Goulder, Minute Secretary (MG), George Farlow, Highland Councillor (GF)

Item 1 Welcome.

MT opened the meeting.

Item 2 Apologies.

As above

Item 3 Police Report. There was no Police representative attending

Item 4 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by BS and seconded by TL

Item 5 Matters arising

After a short discussion, the question was, should the Community Council include an obituary for Martin Calder in the next addition of the newsletter? PO questioned whether we should include this. AL said, that we should. SM to action.

Dog Fouling

No evidence of the dog warden as persistent dog fouling continues.

Lorries

MT contacted chair of planning at The Highland Council. The Cromarty Firth Port Authority do not have to go through the Highland Council Planning system, but go through Marine Scotland. A Construction Management Transport Plan is produced but there is no requirement for there to be any consultation with communities on this. Information in this plan indicated that there would be 8,200 lorry movements required over a 16 week period. The Highland Council have no procedure in place to alert communities to any impact. MCT to write to Marine Scotland.

CasPlan

The CasPlan is now at the beginning of its consultation period. It is at the Main Issues Report stage, and we will make a submission. This plan will be in place for 20 years. The Assets and Strategy map does not show the assets that we have here in the Kyle of Sutherland nor does it identify any Strategy for our area although this information is indicated for all other settlement areas. The Community Council submission will have to correct this. Ardgay & District Community Council are very disappointed with the lack of knowledge of our area in general and what we have to offer, and in particular with the lack of knowledge of the current state of Ardgay Village and the challenges that presents. The Community Council will write, but it will be important that our residents participate in the consultation arranged by the Planning Department and make known their views on the plan. We are awaiting a date for this public meeting.

Rats

Rats are ongoing and continues to be monitored. Visits by Pest Control have been made.

BasketBall Hoop

This has now been removed, and a letter of thanks from Ardgay Hall Committee has been received.

Cycle Ramp

There has been progress. Network Rail have given their approval, subject to certain clauses being abided by, No Drilling, No Welding, No Grinding.

Matt Dent suggest to gather all the steel and introduce to the site and determine suitability of the design and materials.

Ardcronie Traffic Lights

There appears to still be no progress on this, and a letter to Campbell Stewart, will be sent. TL to action.

Grass Verges

It has been noted that the grass verges, have not been cut, and have been causing obstructions to drivers' visibility.

Correspondence

Highland MARAC Annual Report

Treasurers Report

The report submitted by AL indicated that the account balance stands at £763.15 with one outstanding cheque for £16.00. The projects account stands at £7412.66 with two outstanding cheques totalling £103.01.

The Toilets account cleared balance is £578.65 with one outstanding cheque of £189.00

As stated in the minutes of 8th September 2014, The Highland Council Annual Grant payments would be chased up.

Beinn Tharsuinn Governance

As previously agreed, Ardgay & District Community Councils fund will no longer be administrated by The Highland Council. To this end, we have obtained a contract from the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust (KSDT), and Ardgay & District Community Council will now proceed with KSDT taking on the administration of the fund.

KSDT Update

The Post Office house is now ready for rent.

There is now a waiting list of over 20 for energy visits, but on the completion of imaging camera training, these should be dealt with very quickly.

The trust is very busy at the moment, sourcing funds, and initiatives.

Highland Councillors Report

Nothing in GF absence. Note: we have not seen GF since June 2014.

Secretary's Report

Nil of Note

AOCB

Silvia stated that all inserts for the next Newsletter should be sent by the last week of November 2014

Date of next meeting

There will be no meeting in November and the next meeting will take place on Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.00pm. Venue yet to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

A private meeting was then held for discussion of applications to the Beinn Tharsuinn Wind Farm Fund.

Approvals were given for awards to: Ardgay Public Hall £2000, Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust £717 and Bonar Bridge Golf Club £2000