

Ardgay & District Community Council



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Annual General Meeting - DRAFT Minutes	
Date & Time:	Monday, 13 June 2022 at 7:00 PM
Location:	Ardgay Hall
Present:	Betty Wright, Chair (BW); Silvia Muras, Vice Chair (SM); Marion Turner, Secretary (MT); Andy Wright (AW); Rob Pope (RP); Buster Crabb (BC); Anna McInnes, Minutes Secretary
Also attending:	David Watson, Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust (DW); Councillor Marianne Hutchison (MH), Councillor Michael Baird (MB)

AGENDA ITEMS	
1.	Welcome from the Chairperson: BW welcomed attendees and opened the AGM.
2.	Apologies: John Denniston
3.	Minutes of 2021 AGM: approved as true and accurate record. Proposed MT, seconded AW
4.	<p>Chairperson's Report:</p> <p>At the beginning of 2021 report I said –'This has been a year like no other' Well this year has come pretty close in terms of dealing with covid restrictions & now huge increases in domestic fuel & petrol prices as well as general increase in cost of living. I would like to once again offer huge thanks to David Watson & the team at Kyle of Sutherland development trust for all their hard work & initiative in supporting us through this time – with the opening of the expanded Food Bothy & restarting of the community café in addition to the Helping Hands fund which is there to support individual households in greatest need.</p> <p>Local elections for THC were held in May & we welcomed newly elected Cllr Michael Baird to our May meeting – the first to be held in person for 2 ½ years.</p> <p>Local issues that we have been dealing with during the last year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas lights – A band of volunteers put up lamppost lights & tree in village. Thanks to Jamie Macrae for help with putting them up. • Flower tubs – Jean Richardson has continued to maintain the tubs. Thanks to her & Steve. • Windfarms – Sallachy Windfarm obtained consent from THC. KoSDT have been leading on negotiations for SO on behalf of local communities – including those in NW Sutherland. Hopefully, these will progress to a successful conclusion in the fullness of time! Other applications in planning in ADCC are – Meall Buidhe (Croick), Braelangwell & Strath Oykel. • Speed restriction on Ardgay – Bonar straight A836. Following a meeting with Roads Manager Tracey Urray the Sutherland County committee agreed that they would promote a Traffic Regulation order to introduce an extension of 30mph limit to beyond Ardgay Game & 40mph on the remainder of the stretch together with traffic calming measures. • Climate Change issues – this is a standing item on our agenda, so any ideas for local action etc can be discussed. We welcomed Amanda Coghill from North Highland Climate Hub to our April meeting who are central to organising the upcoming Highland climate Festival. • Community Benefit funds. The cc has continued to consider applications to the Beinn Tharsuinn & Beinn nan Oighrean CB funds. Coire na Cloiche funds continue to support local organisations - Ardgay Hall, Culrain Hall Gearrchoille Community Wood, KoSHS. In addition

we have started using these funds to make annual awards to Gledfield PS parents assoc & KoSDT Helping Hands fund.

- Proposed development at Gledfield: At our Feb meeting the planning application 21/05786/FUL for development of 47 holiday lodges & renovation & extension of existing building to form a restaurant & spa was discussed. The community council comments to the planning authority raised several concerns raised by residents at the meeting - water supply, sewage disposal, core path network, preservation of mature lime trees & climate issues, whilst acknowledging the benefits that the development could bring to our area & concluded that if concerns could be suitably addressed ADCC would welcome the development.
- Core Paths: After several years of lapsed membership, A&DCC once again joined Scotways, national charity for protecting rights of way & outdoor access. We are hoping to work with Matt Dent, THC access officer to increase the signage & encourage greater use of local core paths & ROW.
- Ardgay, Bonar Bridge & Lairg community action plan. SSE has commissioned Voluntary Action in Badenoch & Strathspey (VABS) to work with Voluntary groups Sutherland (VGS) to produce a new community action plan. A large number of community groups have been approached to be represented on a panel which will look at a variety of local issues & endeavour to find a way these can be addressed. This touches on what has long been a talking point for us – how to engage with a larger number of residents & gauge local opinion about relevant issues.

A big thank you to all our cc members - Buster Crabb, Silvia Muras, Rob Pope, John Denniston, Marion Turner & Andy Wright for all the work they have done in various ways to address local issues. BW was elected chairperson, SM vice chairperson, MT secretary, JD treasurer. Thank you to all concerned for giving up their time to help their community.

Betty Wright Chairperson 13th June 2022

	Beinn Tharsuinn	BnO	CnC
June 2021	-	-	-
Aug 2021	£1500 A&DCC village environment fund	£220 Gala Week	
Sept 2021	£2000 KoSDT KALM project	£100 Junior badminton	-
Nov 2021	-	-	£1000 Gledfield PS parents committee
Dec 2021	-	-	£2000 KoSDT helping hands
Feb 2022	-	-	-
March 2022	£700 Creich, Kincardine & Croick daycare music & movement	-	-

	CnC multi year awards
Ardgay Hall	£3000
Culrain Hall	£3000
Gearrchoille community wood	£1500
KoS heritage soc	£1500
Gledfield School Parents council	£1000
KoSDT Helping Hands Fund	£4000

5.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treasurer's report for the financial year 2021-2022: The balance of A&DCC bank accounts, as of 5th April 2022 was: £48,830.84 of which: £48,421.67 was in restricted accounts, as follows: £24,099.37 in the Beinn nan Oighrean (BnO) account; £22,827.02 in the Coire na Cloiche (CnC) account; £ 1,422.08 in the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm (BTWF) account; £ 73.20 in the RWE Path account; £370.20 (rounded up) was in the admin account; £ 38.98 (rounded up) was in the Wind Farm admin account. ● Admin: During the financial year, the Highland Council (THC) gave the community council £485.03 for administrative work. In addition, we received £10.00 in donations. Total admin expenditure (Zoom licence, minutes secretary payments, insurance etc.) for the period was £690.66 split evenly across THC admin fund and the windfarm fund.
6.	<p>Report re: Beinn Tharsuinn, Beinn nan Oighrean & Coire na Cloiche Community Benefit funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm (BTWF): The BTWF account is intended for use by A&DCC for community needs/projects. The total for grants received was £1,500.00 plus £36.68 which was transferred from the toilet fund and disbursed during the period was £1,045.60 which included: payments towards planters and an award for work on flowers and plants. ● Coire na Cloiche (CnC) Windfarm account: Ardgay & District Community Council has decided that a proportion of this money should go to supporting groups that have assets that need maintaining such as buildings. The remainder is available awards by application directly to A&DCC. Guidelines and an application form can be downloaded from the A&DCC web site. A total of £20,627.02 was received this financial year and £13,110.00 was paid out as grants to the Gearrchoille Community Wood; Ardgay Public Hall; Culrain Hall; Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society; Gledfield School Parents' Council; Ardgay Badminton Club. ● Beinn nan Oighrean (BnO) Windfarm account: The BnO account is intended for grants to community projects of up to £250. Total income this year was £3,529.76, whilst expenditure was £220, being a grant for the Kyle of Sutherland Gala. ● RWE Path account: No income was received in this financial year and nothing was spent on improving paths. ● BW shared tables listing awards in Chairperson's report above. Will share recent awards in subsequent issues of the Kyle Chronicle.
7.	<p>Appointment of Office Bearers: All members of the Community Council stood down. John Denniston has stood down from CC for health reasons. Cllr Michael Baird (ex officio member) took the chair for the purpose of electing the Chair. Office bearers were elected as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair: Betty Wright; proposed: AW, seconded: MT ● Vice Chair: Silvia Muras; proposed: MT, seconded: AW ● Secretary: Marion Turner; proposed: BW, seconded: BP ● Treasurer: Marion Turner; proposed: BW, seconded: SM ● Minutes Secretary: Anna McInnes; proposed SM, seconded MT. ● Representatives to the Achany/ Rosehall Panel: Silvia Muras and Marion Turner. ● Representatives to KOSDT: Andy Wright and Silvia Muras. ● Representatives to Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Company: Betty Wright and Rob Pope.
8.	<p>Any other business: None presented.</p>
9.	<p>Dates of meetings until next AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BW proposed to retain current scheduled of 2-month on, 1 month off, with meetings to be held in August, September, November, December, February, March, May, June. ● Since the technology is not available to support blended meetings, meetings will have to be held either in-person or over Zoom. It was agreed to hold the AGM in-person, and one additional in-person meeting to be decided at a later date. Ad-hoc or special meetings may be in-person as needed.
10.	<p>Date and time of next Annual General Meeting: Mon 12th June 2023</p>