COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONTACT DETAILS - October 2008

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EDITORIAL

Hello! and welcome to the first edition of Ardgay Community Council’s Newsletter. After much deliberation we decided that it is better to let you know what is happening directly, rather than leaving copies of the Minutes of the Meetings in the Post Office, where we realise that it is not possible for everyone to read them. So we are trying to have a copy of this newsletter delivered to you. We meet regularly on the first Monday of each month, when possible. There are usually about a dozen of us, and one of the area Councillors. Sometimes we have invited guests to speak about specific local issues, and we have put up notices to let you know about these in advance.

As this is the first issue we may not be addressing all of the things you are concerned about, or interested in but if you let us know what these are they can be included in future Newsletters.

But, remember that it is our newsletter it is for the Ardgay Community Council District and are as much responsible for what goes in it as I am. If you want to let everyone else know what is going on in the area you have to tell us, then we can tell them. Best wishes.

David Hannah – Editor

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Agenda Items from the Last Community Council Meeting – Monday 01 September 2008

Chairperson's Comments

1. Welcome from the Chair Tony Gibbs and East Sutherland Report
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Last Meeting – Monday 30 June 2008 – 7.00pm in Ardgay Village Hall
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
   a. Surgery Opening Hours
   b. Ward Forum Meeting
   c. KOSI (Kyle of Sutherland Initiative)
   d. Migdale Hospital
   e. Bus Shelter(s)
   f. Swimming Pool (Tain)
6. Secretary's Report
   a. East Sutherland CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau)
   b. Braemore Windfarm
   c. Minute Secretary
   d. Proposed Newsletter
   e. Bonar Bridge Library (e-mail copy of Minutes)
   f. Received Correspondence
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Youth Development Group
9. The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust
10. Kincardine Cemetery Extension
11. AOCB (Any Other Competent Business)
12. Date of Next Meeting Monday 13th October in Ardgay Hall at 7.00pm

Highlights from the Minutes - (Full copies are available in Ardgay Post Office and Bonar Bridge Library, or upon request from Iain Shand, Secretary)

Gearrchoille Community Wood Ardgay

Fancy a walk in the woods? - Estimated distance/time - 0.9 mile/30 minutes

FROM THE ARDGAY WAR MEMORIAL WALK TOWARDS TAIN, TURN RIGHT AT OAKWOOD PLACE AND FOLLOW THE FINGERPOST DIRECTION, THROUGH THE KISSING GATE, INTO THE FIELD. FROM HERE THE YELLOW WAY-MARKERS INDICATE A CIRCULAR WALK THROUGH THE GEARRCHOILLE WOODS THAT WILL RETURN YOU TO THIS SAME GATE (SEE ITS ADJACENT INFORMATION BOARD). THEN RETRACE YOUR STEPS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL.

Please note: this route covers some uneven ground that can be wet in places.

ACCESS TO A SHORTER, ALL ABILITIES, SECTION OF PATH IS VIA THE GEARRCHOILLE CAR PARK BESIDE THE A836 (ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE AS YOU HEAD FOR TAIN, APPROX. 1/2 MILE FROM THE WAR MEMORIAL; IT ALSO HAS AN INFORMATION BOARD.

Did you know there is a photographic competition taking place? It’s open to everyone [except professional photographers] and it’s FREE to enter!

The aim is to find the 12 photos that best show the diversity of the Gearrchoille throughout the year. These photos will then become the 2010 GCWA Calendar. Full completion rule can be found in the Gearrchoille information folder in either Ardgay Post Office or Bonar Bridge library;
By post from: GCWA Photo Competition, Balchrich, Ardgay, IV24 3BP. Or on the World Wide Web, along with much more information, at www.gearrchoillecommunitywoodardgay.org.uk

The closing date is the 1st March 2009. Any profits from the sale of these calendars will go directly into caring for the wood.

The 2009 calendar is now on sale - in Ardgay and Bonar Bridge, plus the Falls of Shin and Ferrycroft visitor centres. It is compact enough to send through the mail at a reasonable price, and would make an ideal special ‘Christmas card’ that would last all year through for friends and family - something to think about with Xmas less than 100 days away! Again, any profits will go directly into caring for the woodland.

Membership is open to everyone and application forms are available from –
The Secretary – Mrs Rhonwen Copley, 16 Oakwood Place, Ardgay, Tel 766174

Gearrchoille Community Wood Ardgay. A charitable company limited by guarantee.
Registered in Scotland No:263887 Scottish Charity No: SC 036 181
Registered Office: 28 Queensgate, Inverness IV1 1YN
The coal yard was bought in April and Highland Autumn 2008 – First Edition Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau. War Memorial. Update on Windfarms – (& Windfalls) – Lady Ross, with one having been damaged in the fire. Braemore Windfarm. A public meeting is required for the people in Ardgay and Bonar. The company used the 5-mile radius rule to inform residents of their plans but Ardgay and Bonar were out of the radius. Secretary to write to the company and the local MSP's and MP's to gain their help with this matter. Rather than the monies offered by the company, David Hannah suggested that cheaper (or free) heating for everyone in the village(s) would be a better idea. Secretary will also mention in his letter the following:

- Change of Train & Bus Times –
- Remembrance Sunday – The Royal British Legion parade and main wreath laying service will take place in Bonar Bridge on Sunday 9 November at 10.50. Assemble at the War Memorial. The wreath laying at Ardgay War Memorial will take place at the same time.
- Police.
- There will be a joint Service of Remembrance in Creich Parish Church at 11.30pm.
- Highland Small Communities Housing Trust.

The meeting agreed that Mrs Doreen Gibbs would become our new Minute Secretary. Minute Secretary.

The treasurer's report was read out by Tony and accepted by all present.

Youth Development Group – Youth Workers group began and Highland Council has now been asked to provide much needed youth support in this area, as it already does for other parts of the Highlands. Secretary to discuss potential for a new project in Ardagg and Bonar.

Youth Café for the Memorial without a garden. Although much of the thanks goes to Jeannie Sparling and her team for the beautifully kept flower tubs which make it a pleasure to sit and contemplate. A well kept War Memorial is a powerful symbol for reminding the general public of the sacrifices made for our freedom.

LACW May Macaskill (Culrain) – Served in 953 Blue Barrage Balloon Squadron, WAAC. Mary was killed in action on 18 May 1943 when her balloon site in Colchester Road, Cardiff received a direct hit from a German bomb. A Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone marks her grave in Kincardine Old Cemetery.

Christmas is Coming – Let me have your information for the next issue and the New Year.

Kite of Sutherland Whisky Club Membership 7.50, Annual Subscription £5.00 including supper

Kite of Sutherland Whisky Club

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This will take place in Bonar Bridge. 

David Hannah will represent us at their AGM in Inverness on the 13th October. If you own a house(s) you need ‘THIS’ (The House Inspection Service) to discuss proposals for the land and seek funding from the New Ideas Fund for a feasibility study.

AOCB Christmas Lights.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 13th October 2008 in Ardgay Hall at 7pm.

Local News – no information received.

Upcoming Events:
- Culrain & Invershin SWIRCA takes place last Thursday of the months from September to May at 7.30pm commences 7.30
- Gledfield Primary School Parent Council Joint Meeting on 9th September at 7pm.
- Ladies between Ardgay and Bonar. Maybe a parking sign would help. Cost could be around £300.00. Put into next year's budget.
- Highland Small Communities Housing Trust.

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Scottish Country Dancing
Jack Campbell's Class will be Starting – Monday 13 October at 8.00pm in Ardgay Village Hall, (beginners class from 7.30pm). Contact Doreen Bruce – Tel 01863 766852 for more information.

Boy's Brigade -

Ardgay Badminton Club – New season starts for adults on Thursday 16 October at 8.30pm in Ardgay Village Hall. £1.50 per evening. George Ross will notify Juniors & Juveniles when their classes are starting. Everyone welcome.

School - Gledfield Primary School now have Parent Council. Their role is to:

- support the school in its work with pupils
- represent the views of all parents
- encourage links between the school, parents, pupils, pre-school groups and the wider community
- report back to the Parent Forum (all with children at the school)

Office bearers are Chairperson - Jamie Burgess, Treasurer - Paul Herbert and Joint Secretaries - Carol Shaw & Julie Davies. Our next meeting is on 7th October, 2008 at 7pm in the school hall. All welcome to attend any matters for the agenda can be raised with the secretaries or by email gledfield@scottishparents.com The Parent Council are delighted to welcome Kirsten MacGruer as the new head teacher to the school.

Kincardine, Croik & Edderton Guild – As Autumn approaches The Guild will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Ardgay Church Hall. A variety of speakers are booked for the autumn and winter session. Everyone will be made welcome. Provisional Programme

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Contact for details – Mrs Isobel Adlard Tel 766 469

Lest we Forget - To mark the forthcoming centenary of the Great War the Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society will try to compile a pictorial archive of the respected who died for us and whose names are etched on the memories of their families, and on Kyle of Sutherland’s War Memorials. Along with pictures brief details of each of those who served will be included in the project. If you are able to provide copies of photographs and other information, no matter how scant please contact the project co-ordinator – Steve Copley Tel 766 174.

KOSI replacement - At the last meeting on Friday 03 October 2008 in Bonar Bridge Hall Mrs Lynne Burgess was unanimously appointed Chairperson of the Steering Group set up to officially launch the Hall, (beginners class from 7.30pm). Contact Doreen Bruce – Tel 01863 766852 for more information.

The next meeting will be in Invershin Community Hall and the group will be producing a 'Mission Statement' and deciding on a name on Wednesday 29 October at 7.30pm. Everyone in the Kyle of Sutherland is eligible, and welcome to attend.

Kincardine Parish Church (extracted from The Bell)

Minister – The Rev. Graeme Muckhart, The Manse Ardgay, IV24 3BG Tel 766 285
Session Clerk/Roll Keeper – Mrs Rosalie Sutherland Tel 01863 766 320

Centenary - In 2009 the Parish Church building will be one hundred years old and several events are being planned to mark the Centenary, more details will follow. To start the year off and to mark the actual anniversary of the opening of what was then the United Free Church there will be a service of thanksgiving led by The Right Reverend David Lunan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Everyone is invited to attend this historic event.

Proving Thought? – It will not be possible or practical for there to be two full time Ministers for Ardgay & Bonar Bridge areas. When the Minister retires what will happen to the Church and Manse in Ardgay?

Creich Surgery - Bonar Bridge, Creich Surgery, Cherry Grove, Bonar Bridge IV24 3EP
Tel: 01863 766379 Fax: 01863 766768. Following a patient survey the Doctors have changed the surgery system to appointments only.

New Consulting Times for appointments

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Out of hours GP services - are available between 6.00pm and 8am on weekdays, at the weekend, and on public holidays. These services provide help when your GP surgery is closed and your condition is too serious to wait until the next day. If you phone your surgery when it is closed you will get a message explaining how to contact your local out of hours service.

NHS24 - Contact for health care advice on 08454 24 24 24 (Textphone 18001 08454 24 24 24).

Dental Helpline - Should you experience difficulties in registering or accessing emergency care for NHS Dental treatment, please contact the NHS Dental Helpline on 0845 6442271 or email DentalHelpLine@hpct.scot.nhs.uk.