

Craignish Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting held in Craignish Village Hall  
Wednesday 5th July 2006  
(DRAFT)

Present Lix Armstrong (Chair)  
Colin Smith (Treasurer)  
Mary Smyth (Secretary)  
George Bevan  
Sandy MacKilligi  
n Don Phillips

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Sandy Ritchie and Councillor Alison Hay

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

3.01 George Bevan reported that he has a list of 17 abandoned cars, 2 touring caravans and 1 boat on the Ardfern side of the peninsula, and that Colin Macdougall has put a notice on 18 cars on the Lunga estate giving 14 days for them to be removed. George Lyon still thinks that the Scottish Executive has set money aside to deal with abandoned cars but Argyll and Bute Council disputes this. George has found someone in Oban who will take cars away for £30. It was agreed that as many people as possible will be encouraged to remove cars for £30, and the Council approached again to help with the remainder where owners cannot be traced.

3.02 The Website has been revamped by Liz MacInally and is now much better. A web design course may be run at the hall in the Autumn and if so Mary will attend with a view to taking over the maintenance of the website. Depending on cost the Community Council will pay for the course. There is now a link to A and B Council website and to the Village Hall Website. Jan Brown will ask Liz for a reciprocal link from the village Hall Website. Colin Smith suggested a future source of revenue if links to local businesses could be made, but this is for the future.

4. Planning

4 planning applications were discussed.

The planning application for 24 houses and marine offices at Craobh has been withdrawn and a new application for offices, chandlery, showers and toilet block with 4 houses above has been made. The Community Council has received copies of 6 letters of objection. It was agreed that the Council will object on the grounds that a 3 storey building is out of keeping in a rural area and because of water and sewage issues. The letter will also ask that the existing offices and chandlery be removed and the area restored, and that plans for the remainder of the site are taken into consideration.

Concern was expressed that Holt Leisure did not communicate their plans to the existing residents of Craobh.

The Council will object to two planning applications for houses on Ardlarach Loch because they are not on ground zoned for development in the local plan.

There were no objections to an application to reposition and change the design for a new house at Kintraw.

5. Chairman's Report

5.01 Lix has a copy of the inspector's report on Craignish Primary School which is excellent. James Wylie and all the staff and pupils were congratulated. It was noted that James is leaving and a letter of thanks will be sent to him from the Community Council.

5.02 Lix has a copy of the report on last year's Elemental Arts Festival, and reported that plans are well under way for this year's event.

6. Treasurer's Report

A grant of £400 has been received from Argyll and Bute Council, an increase from £300 last year. After paying Hall charges and interest, the balance stands at £1,228.89, of which £496.68 is Road-end and £732.21 is Community Council funds.

7. Secretary's Report

7.01 The Secretary has been approached by Mags Russell of Dalraida Arts and Culture, which is co-ordinating an event by nva (the company which lit up Storr in Skye) as part of Highland Year of Culture in 2007. This will be a major 3 week event in September 2007 focused on Dunadd, themed 'In the footsteps of Kings' and will be used as a catalyst for educational, tourist, environmental, cultural and creative initiatives in the wider area. The project is at the planning and

development stage and they are asking for a letter of support from Community Councils and other organisations in the vicinity. It was agreed to write a letter of support.

7.02 A letter and brochure has been received from Scotland TransServ, which is a joint venture between Balfour Beatty and Mouchel Parkman and which took over responsibility for the North West trunk road network from 1st April, 2006.

7.03 A letter has been received from Scottish Water outlining a new bureaucratic network to deal with development constraints.

7.04 A consultation document has been received from NHS Highland asking for opinions on the development of a Public Partnership Forum in Argyll and Bute. Sandy MacKilligin will consider a response.

#### 8. Election of Vice Chair

Don Phillips was proposed by Colin Smith and seconded by Mary Smyth for Vice Chair of the Community Council and unanimously elected.

#### 9. Road End

Sandy MacKilligin has produced design and costings for the boards, Lix presented Jock Bevan's design for the peninsula map. Nick Kirk will copy Jock's drawing on to computer and insert the type. Bruce is happy to have a new board at the Ardfern shop and there will be one at the road end. Lix will discuss with Adrian the possibility of a board for the shop at Craobh.

The north side has now been levelled. Colin Clarke will charge £250 plus VAT for the remaining landscaping and has time available in the near future to complete this. It will then be seeded with low maintenance grass. It was agreed that this could go ahead without a final decision about the boards. Colin Smith expressed concern that anticipated preliminary costs (Boards £830.00, Ground works £293.75 far exceeded available funds. Lix will bring full costs to the next meeting, and Sandy MacKilligin will approach a member of the community who has offered some funding for the project.

Mary will talk to the Planning Department about planning permission for the boards to make sure we remain legal, and to Donnie MacLeod to ask if the area can be mowed when the Council is doing the verges.

#### 10. Age and Experience Report

Colin Smith has completed and returned the Age and Experience feedback. This is a consultation by the Scottish Executive on services for the elderly. He asked for the Community Council's thanks to Ishbel MacNicol and Valerie Day, who helped to compile the response, to be noted. A summary of responses can be viewed on the Scottish Executive Consultation Website.

#### 11. Mid Argyll Partnership Meeting

Mary Smyth and Colin Smith attended a meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership. It was reported that the traffic lights at Mill Brae between Tibertich and the Ford Cross Roads will be there for at least 2 years.

Roads Department reported that there is no funding for '20's Plenty' signs at the school. Alison Hay is following up on this with the Council, and Mary will contact her to find out if she has had any further news.

#### 12. Any Other Business

##### Road Safety in Ardfern

There was concern expressed about road safety in Ardfern in light of recent incidents. It was agreed that representatives from the Council should meet with the police in Lochgilphead to discuss. Mary will phone Sergeant Ferguson to arrange a meeting.

##### Japanese Knotweed

Clumps are beginning to appear. Lix will ask Bob Goudie to deal with it.

##### Vote for Village Hall

The Village Hall has been shortlisted for Argyll and Bute Council's 2006 Planning Award. Everyone is urged to vote for the Hall on the Council's Website.

##### Footpath from Hall to School

Now that the Pre-school is officially to start in the Autumn term, it was agreed that funding for a feasibility study will be sought immediately from Awards for All. Jan Brown will assist with the funding application.

##### Thanks

Sandy Mackilligin thanked the Council for its gift on his retirement as Chair of the Council.

#### 13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th September 2006 at 8pm in the Village Hall

There being no further Council business the meeting closed.

#### Public Discussion

Clive Brown asked if the map for the interpretation boards should include Barbreck. It was agreed that depending on what points of interest were to be included it might need to be extended.

THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING