

The Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 2nd May 2007
in
Craignish Village Hall
at
8pm
Present
George Bevan (Chair)
Don Phillips (Vice Chair)
Colin Smith (Treasurer)
Mary Smyth (Secretary)
Simon Bevan
Sandy Ritchie
Sandy McKilligin

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alastair McLachlan.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of last year's AGM held on 3rd May 2006 were signed as a true record.

3. Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Community Council was read by George Bevan and with a small correction will be placed on the Council's Website.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer Colin Smith presented the Council's accounts for the year ending 31st March 2007, which have been audited by Sandy Thompson. The accounts show a balance of £1,004.04. The Treasurer thanked Sandy Thompson for auditing the accounts, which were adopted by the Council. The Accounts will be placed on the Council's Website.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

These minutes are draft until the next AGM

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Also in attendance 7 members of the community.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Alastair MacLachlan.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2007 were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.01 Colin Smith noted that the planning application for land behind the Galley had still not been validated,

3.02 Colin Smith reported that all Planning Applications are now available on the A&B Council Website and it is now working well. A&B Council are now reluctant to send out hard copies of plans, therefore copies will not be lodged at the Post Office.

3.03 There has been no further information from Scottish Water on plans for Ardfern.

3.04 Letters were sent to George Lyon and Alan Reid in support of the Post Office, and the questionnaire from Peter Peacock MP was returned. Replies have been received.

3.05 The cheque signatories have been changed.

3.06 There is continuing concern about pot-holes especially the one at Traigh Mhor. Secretary will write to the Roads Department and ask that a permanent solution is found to the underground spring causing the problem, and mention A&B Council's liability if anyone's car is damaged.

3.07 Dialogue with SEPA over the septic tanks and Mill Burn and lagoon pollution is on-going.

3.08 A letter about overcapacity in the school in the future if the development envisaged in the Local Plan goes ahead has been drafted and was approved. It will be sent once the new councillors are known.

3.09 The written submission to the Local Plan Public enquiry has been submitted and is on the Council's Website.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

5. Secretary's Report

5.01 Friends of the Earth Scotland is organising training courses for Community Councillors on the new Planning Bill. We are waiting for information about when and where, but we will send representatives.

5.02 Application form for Association of Scottish Community Councils has been received. Annual fee is £15. It was agreed that we should join but evaluate next year if it has been worth it.

5.03 Documents on Planning Reforms and Community Engagement have been received from Scottish Executive.

6. Treasurer's Report

6.01 Funds are as reported at AGM, i.e. balance of £1,004.04. Payments out include charges for village hall for meetings and also for joint Community Company and Kirk Session meeting, and interest is only income.

7. Planning

7.01 The Planning Sub-committee met on-site on 10th March to discuss 2 planning applications, one for a dwelling house at Corranmore and one for a herdsman's house to supervise stock for the goose farm at Corranbeg. It agreed to make no representation on the house at Corranmore, but to write to the planners and ask if a more suitable and less conspicuous site could be considered for the house at Corranbeg. The Planning Sub-committee met again on 15th April having received a letter from A&B Council stating that Mr Service is not willing to relocate the house at Corranbeg. It was resolved that the Council would not object, but emphasise to A&B Council that if permission was given it was on operational need alone and should not be used as an excuse or a precedent for further development on a site not designated for housing on the Local Plan.

8. AOB

8.01 Sandy MacKilligin has received a letter from the Local Licensing Board asking if the Community Council would like to nominate a member of a new Local Licensing Forum. It was agreed that we would not put forward a candidate.

8.02 George Bevan has received a letter from Colin Lindsay-MacDougall enclosing a copy of his submission to the Public Enquiry into the Local Plan. It was agreed that Secretary would write to Mr MacDougall and thank him for letting us see his submission.

8.03 Colin Smith has received a copy of 'All our futures - Planning for a Scotland with an Ageing Population'. The Community Council contributed to the consultation on this document and Colin thanked Ishbel MacNicol and Valerie Day for helping with the response.

8.04 Sandy MacKilligin reported that the notice boards are ready for erection and it was agreed that a working party will put them up. A&B Council will not allow us to use the Core Footpaths map on the boards so an Ordnance Survey map will be used. Sandy will consult Robin Turner, and Mary and Sandy will liaise over some words for the panel.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th July 2007 at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed and opened for public discussion.

THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

Public Discussion

Jan Brown said that the seat beside the Crafty Kitchen is in a state of disrepair. Simon Bevan offered to repair it.

Clive Brown asked if the Community Council would help to publicise a meeting on climate change. Mukti Mitchell is sailing round Britain in a small yacht to promote low carbon lifestyles and will be in Craignish Village Hall on Wednesday 30th May. Secretary will circulate information to the email list.

Jo Leslie asked if the Community Council would write to Argyll and Bute Council to ask how much of their arts budget was going to Argyll artists. Apparently this year most of the Arts fund is going to NVA and not to local artists. It was agreed that Secretary would write a letter.

Jo Leslie asked the Council to confirm that the reason it did not object to the house at Corranbeg was solely because it was of operational need. This was confirmed.

Rosemary Dagleish asked if the Council thought our Post Office was safe. George said that when Chirsty Peterson retired the Post Office was at that time committed to a Post office in Ardfern; therefore we could feel fairly comfortable.