

Craignish Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Craignish Village Hall
Wednesday 4th July 2007
(DRAFT)

Present

George Bevan (Chair)
Don Phillips (Vice Chair)
Colin Smith (Treasurer)
Mary Smyth (Secretary)
Simon Bevan
Sandy MacKilligin

Also in attendance were Donnie MacMillan and Douglas Philand (Argyll and Bute Councillors) and 5 members of the community.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Sandy Ritchie and Alison Hay

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 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. It was agreed that if the application was validated the decision taken at a previous meeting would stand. If a different application was lodged the Planning Sub-Committee would meet to discuss.

3.02 Secretary had written to Roads Dept about pot-holes and some remedial action had been taken. A complaint has been received about the verges. If they have not been cut within the next week the secretary will contact the Roads Dept.

3.03 SEPA has promised a report on the Mill Burn and sewage situation in village and this has not been received. Secretary will chase.

3.04 A response to the letter about under-capacity at the school has been received. Argyll and Bute Council acknowledges a number of issues about school provision in the area and there will be an opportunity for the Community Council to feed into the planning process in the near future. It was agreed that if no contact has been made with the Community Council in the next three months we will write again.

3.05 A letter was sent to Colin Lindsay-MacDougall thanking him for sending the Community Council a copy of his letter to A&B Council about the Local Plan.

3.06 Simon Bevan will repair the seat outside the Crafty Kitchen.

3.07 Secretary wrote to A and B Council about funding for local artists in response to a request by Jo Leslie and has passed the reply to him.

4. Planning

4.01 There is a planning application by Angela Clements to site a caravan at Corranbeag Steading for workers employed in building works on this site. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Planners saying that there was no objection as long as the work started within the next few months (ideally the caravan should not be on site until Building Regs have been obtained), and that the caravan must be removed as soon as the development work is finished.

4.02 There is a new application for Ach-na-Calltain. The original application has been refused because of entrance safety issues. A new application which addresses the Roads Dept objections has been submitted and the Community Council has no objections to this application.

4.03 The Community Council has no objections to the application for a house and workshop at Barrychbeyan.

5. Secretary's Report

5.01 Voting Papers for Chair and Deputy Chair of the Community Health Partnership. It was agreed that as no-one knew any of the candidates we would not vote.

5.02 Application form for renewal of membership of the Association of Argyll Community Councils has been received. Annual fee is £10. Treasurer will pay.

5.03 Notification has been received from BT that the telephone kiosk at Barbreck will no longer accept cash. It will still accept BT chargecard calls, credit/debit card calls, prepaid calling card calls, 100 operator calls, 999 calls, and freephone calls.

5.04 A letter has been received from the Community Company introducing the new Chair, Jenny England and outlining current activity.

5.05 A letter has been received from Charles Reppke, Head of Democratic Services and Control of A and B Council outlining changes to Planning procedures in light of the new Planning Act. This gives more delegated powers to the Planning Department and appears to give more power to the central Protective Services and Licensing Committee and takes it away from the Area Committee. Community Councils can respond by 24th July. It was agreed that this was an important issue and councillors will study the papers and formulate a response.

5.06 Secretary attended a Friends of the Earth training course in Glasgow on the consultation process in the Planning Act.

6. Treasurer's Report

6.01 Since last meeting Treasurer has paid £41.13 for artwork for notice-boards, Hall costs of £11.20, and the Scottish Assoc of Community Council's subscription of £15. Interest received is £1.37. The And B grant of £400 has been received. Current balance is Road End fund £320.55 and General Fund £1,017.53, total £1,338.08. A bill for the notice-boards of £1,117.13 is in hand but will not be paid until the boards are up.

The bill for the artwork has been paid twice by mistake and Treasurer will recover funds. In future bills passed to treasurer must be marked paid if they are.

7. Chairman's Report

The Chairman asked that all Councillors respond in a timely fashion to emails from other members of the Council to allow the Council to function in an efficient manner between meetings.

George and Sandy MacKilligan attended the site meeting for the planning application at Corranmore. A decision is still pending.

8. Roads and Road-end

8.01 Notice-boards are ready for erection. George confirmed that they will be erected this week, following which pledges will be collected and Reece will be paid. The grass must be rolled before being cut and this will be done. David Campbell has agreed to mow regularly.

8.02 Agreed to write to Roads Dept to thank them for putting non slip surface on corners at Bealach and 13 bends, and ask about the standing stone corner and the telephone exchange corner which are also scene of many accidents.

9. Website

Liz Macinally has handed over responsibility for CC Website to Mary. Laura Neville has agreed to redesign the Website. She does not want paid but it was agreed that she should be given an honorarium when she had finished. Secretary will write to Liz to thank her for all her work on the website.

10. AOB

10.01 There has been a complaint that the ladder sign at the South side of the road-end is falling over. George will fix.

10.02 Andrew Stanton has asked for the CC support in his request to the Council for a sign at the road-end for the Galley. It was agreed that individual business signs were not appropriate but that Andrew should be encouraged to look at enlisting the support of all businesses on the peninsula to update the ladder signs and make them more dynamic.

10.03 Residents have received notification of consultation exhibition for a wind farm behind Minard on 6 and 7th July in Lochgilphead.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd October 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

Chris Thornhill said that Fyne Homes will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 26th July with a drop-in exhibition of their plans for housing on the Glebe. This will be widely publicised and it is hoped that as many people as possible will attend.

Pam Bevan brought up the state of the road and danger of potholes, and particularly the state of the 'unofficial' passing places. Secretary will take up with Roads Dept.

Val Smith thought that the road-end was still not much improved. It was agreed that while the grass areas would improve, the lay-by where cars park would not improve unless it was drained. Secretary will discuss possibility of drainage with the Roads Department.