

Craignish Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting held in Craignish Village Hall  
Wednesday 3rd October 2007

Present

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

Also in attendance were Councillor Alison Hay and 8 members of the community.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Donnie MacMillan and Colin Davidson.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2007 were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.01 Colin Smith reported that representation had been made on the planning application for land behind the Galley of Lorne and the outcome was awaited.

3.02 Verges on the B8002 have been cut.

3.03 No response has been received from SEPA about the Mill Burn. Councillor Hay will pursue with SEPA.

3.04 A follow-up letter about under capacity at the primary school will be sent to Education and Community Services.

3.05 Simon Bevan has still to mend the seat at the Crafty Kitchen.

3.06 Planning application for caravans at Corranbeag Steading has been refused and the caravans have to be removed.

3.07 George Bevan will look at moving the ladder sign on the south of the Road -end as it is falling over and also restricts visibility for Barbreck tractor coming out of the field.

3.08 The Council sent a response to Charles Reppke about the changes to the planning procedures.

4. Planning

4.01 The Planning Sub-committee met on Sunday 30th September and considered 4 applications.

On the application for an extension to Bluebell Cottage it was agreed that no representation will be made.

On the application for a new house at Barnlaunich Farm it was agreed that no representation would be made.

On the application for a house at Kintraw it was agreed to hold over a decision until the full Council meeting because the applicant is a Community Councillor. Following discussion at the meeting it was agreed that no representation would be made.

On the application for widening the junction of Corranbeag track and the B8002 it was agreed to hold over a decision until the full Council meeting. Following discussion at the meeting it was agreed to write to the Planning Department stating that the application was welcomed but consideration must be given to preserving the dyke on the North side and adequate drainage proposals should be submitted prior to approval.

4.02 There has been concern expressed about the parking of large yachts in the car park extension at Ardfarn Yacht Centre. It is hoped that the end nearest the shop will be kept clear of large yachts and all yachts parked will go in the water in the summer. Agreed clarification of Yacht Centre's intentions was needed and George Bevan will talk to David Wilkie.

5. Secretary's Report

5.01 The Secretary has been asked to help raise awareness in the community of Argyll and Bute Family Support Partnership, a joint service of Relate Scotland, Family Mediation Argyll and Bute and Scottish Marriage Care, which helps with relationship and marriage problems. (Telephone number 01631 562500) Posters will be put on the Council's 3 notice-boards.

5.02 A copy of the Argyll and Bute Council's Learning and Regeneration Strategy has been received.

5.03 The Renewable Energy Policy in relation to Wind Farms in the draft Local Plan has been revised and has been sent for consultation. The Council will study and consider responding.

5.04 It was agreed that no response would be made to the consultation on Argyll and Bute Council's draft Gaelic Language Plan.

5.05 The Secretary will respond to the national member survey from the Association of Scottish Community Councils.

5.06 Scottish Water has no further information on planned upgrades for water and sewage treatment in Adfern.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

6.01 The Treasurers account stands at £735.25, Payments of £10 to the Association of Argyll and Bute Community Council's for annual subscription and Hall charges of £11.20 have been made, and interest of £292 received. (See also final road-end account at 8.01)

## 7. Chairman's Report

7.01 George has received notice of a meeting on substance and alcohol abuse which is being held in the Argyll and Bute Hospital on 10th October.

7.02 George noted that scrap cars were beginning to accumulate again and he will organise a collection. Members of the community should tell George about any abandoned cars they know about.

## 8. Roads and Road-end

8.01 The final road –end account has been prepared and is as follows

### Income Expenditure

Donations £1518.68 Bulbs £122.00

CC Funds £264 Ground Work £235.00 Signage £279.60 Boards £1,117.13

Gift (Jock Bevan) £28.95

Sandy MacKilligin asked that his contribution of £443.03 to cover additional unapproved costs of signage be included in the list of donations. This makes full cost of road-end project £2,225.71.

It was agreed that a working party to tidy up the road-end would take place on a dry Sunday later in October.

The Community Council would like to thank Malcolm Kirk, John Holmes and Paul Smyth who moved the notice board in Croabh. The area around the notice-board has been landscaped and looks excellent, and it has been mentioned that the maps are being well used by visitors.

8.02 There was a discussion about the future of the hand at the road-end. Elemental Arts would like the Community Council to take over responsibility for it. It was agreed that although some were against it most people liked it and would like it to stay. However the artist wants around £4,000 for it and this sum is unlikely to be available. It has been ascertained that the planners would not object to it remaining. It was agreed that if there was a likelihood that it might remain there would have to be a survey to ensure a majority of the community were in favour. The Community Council did not agree that they were the appropriate body to manage its future. However as a first step Sandy Ritchie will talk to Robert Coia.

## 9. Website

Laura Neville is working on a revised Community Council website and will have a draft to show at the next meeting.

## 10. AOB

10.01 George will talk to the Crafty Kitchen about weeding the Millennium Garden.

10.02 A letter has been received from Colin Lindsay-MacDougall asking for clarification on certain planning issues to which a reply has been sent.

10.03 There was a meeting in Kilmelford Village Hall about the future of the A816 between Oban and Lochgilphead. Consultants have been asked by Argyll and Bute Council to look at the major problem areas on the road and suggest solutions. This is the preliminary stage to establishing the most serious problems and applying to the Scottish Government for funding.

10.03 Simon Bevan drew attention to the number of caravans being removed by the planners, leaving people living and working in the community homeless. Simon asked that the Community Council take a stand in protecting the residents of the community. Councillor Hay stressed that the planners appreciated that each caravan represented someone's home and were acting sensitively. It was agreed that the important thing was to press on with efforts to build affordable housing, but while this was happening the council should move ahead with care and caution in clearing caravans. It was agreed that Jim Mather MSP, and a representative from the Planning Department would be invited to the next meeting.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th December 2007 at 8pm. (This date and time subject to change depending on availability of Jim Mather and Planners)

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

#### Public Discussion

There are pot-holes on road especially from the church to the point, and the road appears to be sinking at Corranmore. There is also a problem at the end of the tarmac on the Ardlarach Road caused by the rock extraction lorries. The Council will notify the Roads Department.

Kirsty MacLarty asked if the fireworks display could start and finish on time and as advertised, to enable arrangements to be made for the safety and protection of animals. George will speak to the organisers.

The Biker BBQ signs should be removed immediately.

It was confirmed that all timber coming out of the wood above Soroba would come out the Craobh Haven side of the track.

The Village Hall committee will be asked if, now that the badminton has stopped, the lines can be removed from the hall floor.