

**Craignish Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Craignish Village Hall**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

**Present**

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

Also in attendance were Councillors Alison Hay and Donnie MacMillan, and 15 members of the community.

**Police Visit**

P.C. Tom Campbell from Lochgilphead Police Station attended the meeting to update the community on policing in the area and to answer any questions. He confirmed that the mobile Police Station was not operating just now because of staffing problems, but would be back on the road in July.

He confirmed that there were currently fewer reported incidents in the area than in previous years.

He reiterated that all emergencies should still be reported on 999 but for less urgent matters members of the public should phone 01546 702200.

As a matter of policy a police representative will attend all future Community Council meetings.

P.C. Campbell was thanked for attending.

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were apologies for absence from Simon Bevan and Dougie Philand

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 were signed as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

**3.01** The meeting with SEPA about the Mill Burn has still to take place and George will rearrange. It was confirmed that the Mill Burn has been very smelly during the hot weather. Also the septic tank on the plot opposite the Galley will have to be upgraded as part of the development of that land.

**3.02** Argyll and Bute Council is reviewing the entire school estate and no further action on this is needed at the moment. It was hoped that the CC's comments will be taken into account in this review.

**3.03** Colin Smith has had correspondence from Alison Younger of A and B Council in response to the Community Council's query about their interpretation of the neighbour notification regulations. It was agreed that Colin would email details to Alison Hay and Donnie Macmillan and they would discuss with the planners. It was felt that as the new Planning Act would shift the responsibility for neighbour notification from the applicant to A and B Council that this would solve the problem, though there is no timescale for this change.

**3.04** Colin Smith confirmed that in his opinion the document on Community Councils and Data Protection confirms that the Council does not need to register as long as its list is used for Council business only. The Community Council maintains two mailing lists, one for those who elect to receive other information in addition to council business, and one for those who receive only Council business.

**3.05** O Fish Shell staff have mended and painted the bench in the Millennium Garden and Mary has written to thank them.

- 3.06 Mary has written to the owner of the house beside the shop and he has confirmed that he is doing all he can to tidy up as quickly as possible.
- 3.07 Don confirmed that he is still in discussion with Holt Leisure and owners of Lord of the Isles over siting of recycling facilities at Craobh.
- 3.08 The ladder sign south of the road-end has been re-erected in a more suitable location.
- 3.09 It was agreed that Laura Neville should be given an honorarium of £250 from Council funds for her work on the Website.

#### **4. Planning**

- 4.01 There is an application for a porch extension to Eileanan, North Drive Lunga. No representation will be made.
- 4.02 A and B Council Planning Website has been malfunctioning for some time now. It is a vital tool in tracking planning applications. Alison Hay will investigate.

#### **5. Chairman's Report**

- 5.01 George has arranged for the removal of 2 abandoned cars, with one more waiting to go.

#### **6.0 Treasurer's Report**

General Fund account stands at £580.28. Movements since the year end are

Village Hall	£10.00
Advertising in School Directory	£30
Interest received	£ 0.27

#### **7. Secretary's Report**

- 7.01 Mary attended the presentation of the initial findings of the Mid-Argyll Housing Survey. The report groups Craignish with Lochgilphead and other outlying villages so is of limited use, however highlights the growing need for affordable housing and the small number of rented social housing being built.
- 7.02 Following on from the Scottish Government Discussion Paper 'What can we do to help community Councils fulfil their Role?' a consultation paper has been received. Responses are needed by 1<sup>st</sup> August. Mary will convene a group to examine the document and formulate a response.
- 7.03 Mary will attend the Scottish Water Open Board Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June where it is hoped details of plans for Ardfern will be revealed.
- 7.04 An action plan following the Development Management forum which was attended by Colin Smith and Sandy MacKilligin has been received.
- 7.05 The War Memorials Trust offers grants for repair and maintenance of war memorials. John Stannard looks after the Craignish War Memorial and the information will be passed to him.
- 7.06 There was agreement that the proposal to remove the BT Payphone at Barbreck would not be contested as it had been vandalised several times in the past years and there is a good mobile signal on that stretch of road.
- 7.07 The subscription to the Association of Scottish Community Councils (£15) is due for renewal and will be paid.

#### **8. AOB**

- 8.01 Simon Bevan has moved from the area and has tendered his resignation as a Community Councillor. Mary will write to thank him for his service. There is now a vacancy on the council. Mary will look out the procedure for advertising the vacancy and for holding an election if there is more than one candidate.
- 8.02 All councillors have received a letter from Elizabeth Dobbie about the recent planning application. The letter refers to emails between councillors and George emphasised to all councillors that emails between councillors were confidential. Mary will acknowledge receipt of the letter.
- 8.03 There are 2 places on the road that despite the recent hot weather have not dried up. It was felt that the one south of the hall was probably a broken septic tank outlet pipe, and the other may be a water main. Mary will contact SEPA about the septic tank, and Scottish Water about the other.

**8.04** Caroline Younger has enquired about progress with her offer of land for an extension of the graveyard. Mary has chased John Downie who is looking in to it.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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

## Public Discussion

- Val Smith mentioned the problem with unsupervised dogs turning over dustbins in the village. There is also a problem with excessive and non-sorted rubbish being left at the bins at the bottom of the Corranbeg track. The residents of the track are in discussion with A and B Council to get the bins sited further up the track which would prevent people passing using the bins, also, George will speak to Rory Day about putting recycling bins for use of guests at the tipis. Mary will speak to the Environmental Warden to get signs put on the bins to encourage use of correct bins and recycling.
- Jo Leslie brought up issue of road. Alison Hay is meeting Andrew Law on 5<sup>th</sup> June and will ask if more permanent repairs can be made. There is a new service from A and B Council called Street Scene, and a squad of workmen will visit villages regularly and deal with any small potholes, graffiti, litter or other visible problems. The Ardlarach Road is also a major problem. Mary will write to Roads Department.
- Jo Leslie asked what Community Council's position was now that Fyne Homes has pulled out of Glebe project. It was confirmed that the Council had met with Kirk Session and is to convene a meeting with a wide cross section of the community including the Community Company and local land-owners as there is now an opportunity to consider wider village aspirations.