

Craignish Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in Craignish Village Hall
Wednesday 7th October 2009
DRAFT

Present

Don Phillips (Vice Chair)
Mary Smyth (Secretary)
Colin Davidson (Treasurer)
Sandy MacKilligin

Also in attendance were Councillor Donnie MacMillan and 11 members of the community.

In the absence of a representative there was no police report.

1. Apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Alison Hay and Dougie Philand.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2009 were signed as a true record, with the following addition:

Colin Smith requested that his comments during Public Discussion were minuted in full

“He raised the point that Faith McKilligin’s question at the last meeting was not minuted i.e. “Would the introduction of affordable housing on the Ardlarach development have any effect on the proposals for the Glebe?” to which the answer was no. Colin Smith then said that the proposed affordable homes in Craignish appeared to be as follows

<i>Ardlarach Road</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Glebe</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Salachry</i>	<i>11 (Oban Times)</i>
<i>Barrichbeyan Park</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Craignish Cottages</i>	<i>8 + 4</i>

He asked if this volume of affordable homes on Craignish could be justified. It was stated that the proposals were from differing parties and therefore questionable. Alison Hay said there was need for discussion with all interested parties”

3. Matters Arising

- 3.01** A letter has been received from Scottish Water regarding the village septic tanks, stating that at the meeting in May and at a subsequent visit at low tide the tank was operating properly and no smell was detected. There was no characteristic smell associated with salt water ingress. He said that there was no investment planned for waste water infrastructure in Ardfern for the investment period 2010-2014, and no First Time Provision funding is being considered for Ardfern for that period. The increased frequency of emptying of both village tanks will take place. Leaflets on care septic tanks have been delivered to secretary and will be distributed.
- 3.02** The Planning Application for the Graveyard extension has been approved. Malcolm Campbell has asked if a new entrance directly to the new part of the graveyard could be made. It was agreed to write to the Amenities Department about a new entrance.
- 3.03** Jonathan Coggins has agreed to undertake the upkeep of the Community Garden. A price has yet to be agreed.

- 3.04** The meeting of the Arduaine Gardens Support Group on 9th September was reasonably well attended and Membership Forms were available at the CC meeting or can be obtained by emailing ArduaineGardenSupportGroup@gogglemail.com

4. Planning

4.01 Planning Applications

There were no outstanding planning applications for discussion.

4.02 Development Plan

The Secretary reported on the public meeting with Fergus Murray on 9th September which was well attended. The Local Plan has now been adopted and the Council has already started working on the next version of the plan. The 2006 Planning Act requires the plan to be updated every 5 years. There is now no Strategic Plan, just the one joint strategic and development plan. Fergus Impressed on the meeting that Argyll and Bute Council is completely behind Community Led Plans and his performance is judged on how well he engages with communities. Therefore what Craignish produces, assuming he is happy that all views in the community have been consulted, and it represents the views of the majority of the community, will be listened to and acted on. The plan will be treated by the Council as supplementary planning guidance and will complement the existing policy contained in the Local Plan. It can be used to inform opinions on individual planning applications.

We were encouraged to develop a 5 year plan with a 15 year horizon. Part of it can be detailed but part of it should be aspirational/directional/broad brush. By working closely with Fergus and the Council, doors can be opened to other Council offices such as the Roads Department and other organisations such as Scottish Water. A Community Plan can act as a trigger for additional finance. Fergus Murray advised that we need to recruit a robust Steering group encompassing a broad section of views. Fergus will work with the group, and he can provide examples of what has gone before, but we must do the work and write the plan. The Council will support us with secretarial/printing facilities and can give a grant of £250. Volunteers on the night to join the Steering Group were Peter Richardson, Mark Hampton, Tom McCardel, Mary Smyth, Don Phillips and Colin Davidson. Since then Jo Leslie, Malcolm Campbell, David Graham and Chrissie Sugden have agreed or volunteered to join, making 10 as suggested. The first meeting of the group is on 12th October and Fergus Murray will attend.

5. Secretary's Report

- 5.01** A letter has been received from the new Licensing Standards Officer for Argyll and Bute Council Eric Dearie, outlining his role and responsibilities. His role covers guidance, compliance and mediation under the Licensing Scotland Act.
- 5.02** A letter from Argyll and Bute Council Returning Officer containing a Notice of Uncontested Election in respect of Craignish Community Council has been received. This notice reflects the position that fewer than the required number of candidates was validly nominated; therefore there will be no contest. The following persons are automatically elected with effect from 29th October, namely Colin W. Davidson, Anthony Gill, Robert A N MacKilligin, Donald N H Phillips, Peter G Richardson, Alexander N Ritchie and Mary Smyth.
Colin Davidson expressed disappointment that we are unable to co-opt members. Although our council could have had 10 members, the quorum is still 3.
- 5.03** The annual subscriptions for the Association of Scottish Community Councils and the Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils have been received. Treasurer will check that they have not already been paid and if not will pay.
- 5.04** 2 invoices for hall rental have been received and will be paid.

6.0 Treasurer's Report

One cheque for £10.15 has been paid and the balance of the Council's account stands at £1,012.31.

7. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

8. Report from Craignish Community Company (C3)

8.01 Salachry

The Community Land Unit agreed to fund Chrissie Sugden and Maddy Leslie job sharing the preparation of the application to the Big Lottery Fund. The application has to be in by the end of October.

8.02 Housing:

Derek Logie of the Rural Housing Service conducted a 'drop-in' survey at the end of September, partly in the Village Hall and partly in the Galley of Lorne. Derek had hoped to conduct a house to house survey as well, but now feels that he can use the information from past surveys in conjunction with that gleaned from the drop-in sessions.

The subcommittee has prepared an outline brief which has been sent to six selected architects, asking them to send in their relevant details together with expressions of interest in carrying out a full feasibility study. Three architects will be asked to present their proposals for the Glebe, after which there will be a public meeting when the community will have the opportunity to comment on these proposals. Funding will then need to be sourced to enable the chosen architect to carry out the feasibility study.

8.03 Robin's Field:

Robin has now got outline planning permission for one house on the site behind his present house. The subcommittee, with the assistance of Tom McCardel will negotiate a price with Robin and then source the necessary funds to purchase the land.

8.04 Youth Committee

The youth club resumed on 11th September. A mail shot sent out information to all young people and their parents/carers. Core youth leaders/ volunteers are Magda, Bea, and Rachel. Leon will be running basketball sessions. Tom Fisher has agreed to do a couple of drum kit sessions and Stewart MacInnes will join him with bass guitar for one of these. Clare McNiven has also agreed to do a printing workshop. The kids would like to have a Christmas disco on the 20th December and will organise this themselves with adult support.

The cooking group is in contact with Joan Allan about doing some of the cooking for the Village Hall Coffee mornings.

The Youth group is looking for more volunteers (of all ages). Anyone interested in helping should contact Rachel Rogers

8.05 Renewable Energy Clive Brown attended Community Energy Scotland's annual conference, in Stirling. The group is meeting with a representative from AliEnergy on October 9th.

8.06 Scottish Country Dancing

Scottish Country Dancing is now a Community Company activity. Classes are held for Preschool children, plus P1's, 2's and 3's and their parents at 3.30pm on Tuesdays. Classes for P4 to adult are also on Tuesdays from 7pm.

9. AOB

A parent has asked if a bus shelter could be provided in Ardfern as the children have to wait in the rain. This, and the siting of the bus stop, should be one of the issues considered in the Community Plan.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be arranged by Argyll and Bute Council and will take place soon after 29th October.

Public Discussion

Councillor Donnie MacMillan thanked the outgoing Community Council for its work for the community.

Colin Smith said that it was essential that the members of the Steering Group should have no financial or commercial interest in land development in Ardfern.

Colin Smith asked if the Council could consider making the Council minutes more widely available, perhaps laminated on the 3 notice-boards. It was agreed that the new council would consider the distribution of the minutes at its first meeting. It was pointed out that a Newsletter to all households was in the planning stage and an edited version of the minutes could be included.

Peter Richardson asked about the siting of the bins at the bottom of the Corrangbeg track. The matter is still being pursued with John Downie without success. Councillor MacMillan will take the matter up on our behalf.

Richard Allen asked that more recycling bins be provided at the hall, especially for tins, or else the bins be emptied more often. This is an ongoing problem. Councillor MacMillan will take it up with Amenity Services.

The 30mph sign at the bottom of the Ardlarach Road has been put back the wrong way round. The Secretary will speak to Roads Department.

Peter Richardson asked if we should explain how the Steering Group would work. It was agreed that this would be part of the next report to the Community Council, once this had been more fully discussed at the meeting on the 12th October, which is a working meeting and not a public meeting.

Tom MacCardel pointed out that there would be a template for such projects which would address Colin's point about vested interests.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

These minutes are draft until the next meeting