

LOCHGOIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 9th APRIL, 2018

PRESENT: Iain MacInnes (Chair), Elizabeth Bain, Zak Gillan, Tom Murray

ATTENDING: Councillor Alan Reid, David Halliday (Carers Act Officer, Argyll & Bute HSCP)

NON ATTENDING: Ian Prescott

Convenors opening remarks: Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting and thank everyone for attending the last meeting and support of the current community council, in which is the last meeting of the current council prior to the election.

The returning officer for the community council elections for Argyll and Bute council has confirmed that the faces you see sitting around the table have been re-elected and will be returning to form the new council, as no other applications had been received during the application process.

The newly elected council will be inaugurated shortly and a date set for the first meeting of the new community council.

Presentation by Mr David Halliday - Carers Act Officer - Argyll & Bute Council - on the Carers Scotland Act 2016.

Iain MacInnes, welcomed Mr Halliday to our April meeting. Mr Halliday gave a short presentation summary below;

- In Scotland there are lots of carers for people such as family members and friends who are ill or need support. If people like these carers stop this would double the work load of the NHS>
- The Scottish Government has released in 2015 the large amount of work carried out by carers and in a reassessment in 206 it realised that a lot of work was still to be done and introduced the Carers Scotland Act 2016 to support carers.
- The referral process can be made independently or through GP or NHS resource.
- The process follows
 - o Referral > contact with carer centre > individual review > decision
 - o Contact centres are currently located at
 - Helensburgh
 - Dunoon - Covers Lochgoilhead and Carrick
 - Lochgilphead
 - Oban
 - o There are 5 areas taken into consideration during the review process
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Relationships
 - Living Environment
 - Training & Employment
 - Finances
- The primary purposes of the act are to support carers and ensure that they have a life of their own.
- Examples of the support offered are
 - o Allowing the carer to go out for a couple of hours to grab a cup of tea,

- 2 hours per week to have a bubble bath
- Short term respite
- To provide normal support to the carers to allow them some time to themselves.
- Timeframe from assessment to delivery
 - No set time frame, delivery is dependant of risk dependant
- Timeframe from referral to assessment
 - No set timeframe again, it is purely dependant on the location and availability of the resource.

Several questions from the floor and local GP raised concerns over how this would affect the people of our area. Who would the people be that will allow the carers a break? How are they funded?

The general feeling from the council and the floor, was this was a good service in theory but in practise is not one that is feasible for the people of Lochgoilhead and Carrick, due to our remote location.

There are no dedicated people or resources to our area, so from referral time to delivery, what happens? Mr Halliday appreciated our concerns and feedback and agreed to work on and report back to the council.

Apologies: Dianne Paton, Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, (Cowal Ward), Councillor Gordon Blair (Cowal Ward) and Sue Morris (FCS)

1. **Declaration of Interest:** None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Approved by Zak Gillan and seconded by Elizabeth Bain.
3. **Treasurers Report:** EB reported that the current balance of the main account was £4258.30 of which £1400 is 50/50 money for 2018/2019.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) **Broadband at Carrick Castle** - Cabinet should be in position shortly with work expected to be complete by around end of April.
 - b) **Telephone Line road to Carrick**
 - c) **Bus Service 302 from Helensburgh-** Still being processed and should be up and running soon.
 - d) **Japanese Knotweed** - Ownership of land is Argyll and Bute Council, for the area of land at the rear of the church and Viewfield.
 - e) **Potholes-** All areas on our B Roads, - this is still currently in the process of being resolved, Councillor Alan Reid, I Mcl, working on currently.

5. General Update:

50/50 Draw:

1.	£50	158	Lesleyanne Sheppard
2.	£20	26	Jim McSorley
3.	£15	50	Jim Peddie
4.	£10	146	David Gibson
5.	£5	6	Elsbeth Young

A83 Rest & Be Thankful Road & Bus Stop & A83 Unmanned Road Closures: IMAcl reported that he had hoped sometime before the end of 2018, but as yet there was no real update from the council regarding the TRO, VAS or the emergency cabinets for storage of signs when the road closes. IMAcl advised that he will continue to complain and represent us to the local council and A83 Taskforce Meeting.

Roads: IMAcl reported that the condition of the roads in general were raising concerns from both the public, A&B Council, Bear and Transport Scotland. The council have informed IMAcl that they are currently going through 4 ton of cold tar per week and are currently awaiting on a delivery, to which they will patch the holes on the hall road and surface dress the Carrick Road from the toilets at Carrick to Corrow Farm.

It was noted by TM that filling does not work and the only way to repair the roads is to dig out the pot hole and repair and that is the only way we would get a difference and better road.

Police Report: PC Stephen Carr submitted a report in advance to IMAcl,

- 1 person reported for a minor road traffic offence
- 1 person reported for careless driving on A83
- 1 person reported for careless driving on A83 near to Cairdow
- 2 incidents of theft occurred at Cormonachan Woods between 22 - 24 March, enquires are still ongoing.
- Total of 45 incidents for the period between 12/03/2018 and 09/04/2018
- 1 incident of note was a serious road traffic collision that occurred on the A815 near to St Catherine's on 21/03/2018
- 7 incidents were raised between the 28-30 March 2018 in relation to the traffic lights on the A83 being stuck at red and caused long traffic tailbacks
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Village Signpost: Croft Signs can supply the chosen style of sign we require for the village. IMAcl is confident we will get support from the Scout centre and other body's in the community to fund this. The new CC will push this project onwards.

Entrust: Nothing to report, EB reported that the beach clean had been carried out in March 2018 and we are in the process of currently reapplying for funding the forthcoming year.

Forestry Commission: No report. IMAcl reported that EB and IMAcl had a meeting with Sue Morris regarding the play area and other concerns around the area and will stay on our agenda until we get a satisfactory answer and resolve.

Planning: 13 planning applications in relation to our area, no areas for concern.

Donich Hydro Water Scheme: TM advised no changes since last meeting.

The Hub: IMAcl advised that although no report had been received, he was aware that a tidy up of the old curling rink had been carried out. This will remain on the agenda going forward

Trust Reports:

Jetty Trust: Pumped at Easter, no further reports.

Carrick Castle Trust: EB reported that the AGM had been held and that Zak Gillan, as an independent, had taken the minutes and counted the votes for the new elected board. £308 raised at the car boot sales. The trust are progressing well with the purchase and installation of a defib machine.

Hall Trust: IMAcl reported that there had been a few booking cancellations due to the weather, we are hopefully this will increase and see more activity in our hall.

Lochgoil Community Development Trust: EB reported the bus was getting work and MOT carried out. Bus funding has increased from last year by £700, and we have also managed to agree better insurance. IMAcl thanked EB for all her hard work put into this.

6. Letters: No Letters

7. **Any Other Competent Business:** IMaCl reported that the Gala Day Committee are well underway with the planning for this years Gala, support and volunteers are always welcome.

8. **Date of Next Meeting:** TBC pending the completion of the newly elected council. The meeting will be advertised.