

LOCHGOIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ON MONDAY 11TH JUNE, 2018

PRESENT: Iain MacInnes (Chair), Tom Murray, Zak Gillan, Dianne Paton (Secretary)

ATTENDING: Councillor Alan Reid, PC Stephen Carr, Ann Sobey - Community Partnership and 20 members of the community.

NON ATTENDING: N/A

Convenors opening remarks: Iain welcomed everyone to the meeting and thank everyone for attending the first meeting of the newly constituted elected Community Council, which will hold office for the next 4 year period as laid down by Argyll & Bute Council. Iain stated that Lochgoil community is lucky as some other communities did not get the required number to have a community council. Iain said that he and his fellow Councillors would serve the community through some difficult times that he knew lay ahead with budget cuts in councils and Scottish Government. Iain stated that the Community Councillors would fight for the rights of this community as best we can, every time.

Apologies: Elizabeth Bain (Treasurer), Councillor Yvonne McNeilly, (Cowal Ward), Councillor Gordon Blair (Cowal Ward) and Sue Morris (FCS)

- 1. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 2. Introduction of Community Councillors:** Elizabeth Bain, Vice Chair & Treasurer, Dianne Paton - Secretary, Tom Murray - Planning and Iain MacInnes, Convenor. Iain stated that the first issue that the newly elected council faced was that Zak Gillan, who was a Councillor on our previous council was unable to stand for election as the council had unfortunately not updated his address on the voter's roll despite having been advised by Zak previously. A&B Council advice to resolve this issue was that Zak could be co-opted at our first council meeting if all elected Councillors agreed, therefore Zak is invited and welcomed back to the table.
- 3. Police Report** - this agenda item was brought forward as PC Stephen Carr had other commitments to attend. PC Stephen Carr reported that from 14/5/18 to 11/6/18 there were 44 incidents, mainly road traffic incidents. Crime Report - 2 careless driving, 1 minor road offence, 1 arrest for drunk driving and 1 arrest for theft. PC Stephen Carr advised that he had sent an email to Sergeant Paul McPherson at Dunoon and to Dumbarton Police to advise that the TRO at the Rest was in place. No update on Ironworks.
- 4. Presentation on Community Action Plan.** "The Community Action Plan (CAP) provides a strategic vision and sets out the priorities for the development of the communities of Lochgoil for the next 5 years". Ann outlined the top ten priorities identified by the community from data gathered from questionnaires, interviews and stakeholder meetings. Ann advised that a small quantity of copies of the new Community Action Plan 2018-2013 are available from Tim King and by downloading in PDF format via Lochgoil Community Website. Ann expressed her thanks to Tim King and other members of the Steering Group and all community residents for their participation and positive approach. Ann stated that the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority wished to enter the CAP for an award as it was viewed as good engagement with the community. Ann concluded the presentation by saying that the CAP was a robust document which would stand up to scrutiny, all statistics gathered were available to all should they be required. Iain MacInnes and Tom Murray thanked Ann Sobey and Tim King. Ann was asked to draw the 50/50 club by Iain MacInnes.

50/50 Draw

1.	£50	107	Irene Campbell
2.	£20	101	Vic Allan
3.	£15	183	Mona Wicks
4.	£10	149	Margaret Kirkwood
5.	£5	171	Emma Lawrence

5. **Minutes of the last meeting.** Approved by Tom Murray and seconded by Iain MacInnes.
6. **Treasurers Report:** IMAcl reported in EB's absence, there was no change other than 50/50 in & out payments.
7. **Matters arising:**
 - a) **Broadband at Carrick Castle** - Only 3 residents connected so far. Councillor Alan Reid will raise with BT. Residents to advise speed of connection.
 - b) **Telephone Line road to Carrick** - most have been addressed or are being worked on.
 - c) **Bus Service 302 from Helensburgh**- This issue will be raised at the Cowal Transport Forum (CTF) by Councillor Alan Reid and Iain MacInnes as an article in the Helensburgh Advertiser this week intimated that transport chiefs have declined to investigate a new timetable for the 302 Bus Service.
 - d) **Japanese Knotweed** - Local resident has requested Council to eradicate this infestation as a matter of urgency. Councillor Alan Reid will liaise with Council
 - e) **Potholes at Carrick Castle** - tar surface dressing from toilets to middle of bridge only as council adopted road. TM advised that there are potholes 100yards within adopted road at Carrick Estates. Councillor Alan Reid to investigate.

8. General Update:

A83 Rest & Be Thankful Road & Bus Stop & A83 Unmanned Road Closures: IMAcl reported that the TRO was effective from today onwards, however the area still required to be "marked out" and signage in place stating that it was illegal to park there - the question why have A&B Council failed to have this in place will be raised at the CTF. Options to assist with enforcement were 1) camera costing 33K, 2) barrier or the preferred option which was 3) a post in the middle of road which drivers of the buses would controlled. Councillor Alan Reid advised that the Council writes to the Tour Operator every time a coach is spotted parked at the bus stop. TM asked when the traffic lights would be removed as they were only supposed to be there until Easter. Councillor Alan Reid and Iain MacInnes would ask George Fiddes of Transport Scotland at CTF meeting. Question from the floor "Could the military road not be used". Answer from the table was "No, military road is only to be used in emergency situations as per agreement with the landowner". Councillor Alan Reid and Iain MacInnes advised that the letter received from Peter Knight, Operations Director, Scottish Citylink re the latest issues facing Scottish Citylink serving the turning circle would be raised at the CTF.

VMS signs have been placed at Rashfield and Strachur but have still to be switched on. Council say this is a Transport Scotland responsibility. Hopefully there will be a positive update from CTF meeting.

Roads: Councillor Alan Reid passed on to Roads & Amentity Services, the Community Council's view that repairing these properly the first time would save money in the long run. The response was,

"Where possible we carry out permanent repairs to road defects on a 'Right First Time' basis using hot bituminous material laid and compacted in properly excavated and prepared patches. We also use a number of other techniques including the Jetpatcher and propriety 'long life' storage grade materials. These latter materials are generally used for emergency repairs and are used to keep the network safe.

"Often in winter and wet conditions or in situations where rapid deterioration has occurred it is necessary to carry out emergency repairs to comply with our asset policies and to keep the road network safe for the travelling public.

"During very wet and/or cold periods it is inevitable that emergency repairs may not last. By the very nature of emergency repairs the level of preparation work will be not be to the standard of the permanent repair and store grade bitumen macadam is used to effect any repairs.

"We have an extensive capital programme for this and next financial year and the additional funding allocated as part of the February budget process will go some way to delivering an to improvement to condition. However, we are currently sitting with a £100M backlog maintenance value (in other words we would need to invest £100M to get the roads to an A1 condition). As such we will not be able to repair all roads and the available funding is prioritised to ensure that we can achieve the best return for the available funding."

Subsidence at the edge of the Glen Mhor Road: Councillor Alan Reid stated that an inspection was due to be carried out week beginning Monday 28 May and that he had not been advised of the outcome and had asked again for this.

Village Signpost: IMAcl advised that he was in receipt of donations from various groups, however was still short of the total required to cover the cost of the signpost from Croft Signs. Councillor Alan Reid advised that there may be funding available and would send details to IMAcl.

Entrust: Nothing to report.

Forestry Commission: No report. Carrick Castle residents advised that quad bikes could be heard on the Carrick Castle to Ardentinn path, FC have been advised.

Planning: TM reported that there were 6 planning applications in relation to our area, no areas for concern. TM expressed concern over the proposed planning application from Flamingo Land at Balloch and the impact that such a development would have to the A82.

Donich Hydro Water Scheme: TM advised there was nothing to report.

The Hub: IMAcl read out the content of an email received from Matt Wynne.

- Discussions with Rifle Club Trustees that pace of progress on site was not meeting their expectations.
- Decision to work on several fronts in parallel:
 - Growing garden/polytunnel
 - Nature reserve/family picnic area
 - Buildings/car park area
 - Integration with path project
- Working with Tim King to develop a master-plan for the site to allow projects to proceed in parallel.
- Needs expressed in upcoming Community Action Plan will be designed into master-plan.
- Matt Wynne will chair the group and report progress to the Trust board.
- Actions this month: Meeting(s) with Tim King to develop master-plan for site for approval by Rifle Club trustees

Response from the floor: Gary Pollok stated that in his opinion, with regards to the garden, he and his wife Karen had achieved more in 4 months than had been achieved in the last 4 years. Tim King acknowledged this and thanked them both.

Trust Reports:

Jetty Trust: TM reported that Alison White had contacted Gael Force Engineering, Inverness re the cost of supplying a new pontoon with two/four fingers, cost would be 60k + vat.

Carrick Castle Trust: TM reported that the 3 residents at Hillside had been contacted and agreed to the siting of the defibrillator which A. Mirrlees would install. Negotiations were ongoing with Drimsynie re use of hut to store marquees.

Hall Trust: IMAcl reported that 85 Harley Davidson Bikers had been in the village on Saturday for their annual trip. He had thanked the Village Hall team who had run the Burger Stall which raised 130.00 for the hall. An afternoon tea will be held in the village hall on Saturday 14th July, Glasgow Fair Saturday. Visit by insurance company had went very well and a good relationship has been established.

Lochgoil Community Development Trust: Tim King reported that the proposed river walk is in the planning stage at present and there was an additional requirement for an ecological survey to be carried which would be an additional cost to the project. TM reported that Peter Clarke is still waiting on a Surveyor's Report on the land value to progress with the Land Acquisition from Forestry.

9. **Letters:** Copied in email from local resident to Council re eradication of Japanese Knotwood. Letter from Peter Knight of Scottish Citylink re RABT turning circle. Email from local resident re Motorhomes parking overnight in car park - Councillor Alan Reid agreed to look into this issue.

10. **Any Other Competent Business:** IMAcl reported that the plans for the Gala Day are well underway and the next Gala Day Committee Meeting is Monday 16th July, 2018 at 5.30pm.

TM advised that the Council had only lifted normal waste last Tuesday and said that they would be back on Friday for the recyclable waste - this did not happen. Councillor Alan Reid would investigate.

IMaCl reported that the graveyard was in a disgraceful condition. Councillor Alan Reid would speak with Amentity Services.

Residents from Carrick Castle carried out a beach clean on 20th May, on 22nd May the beach was cover with litter - possibly from a boat off-loading in the area?

Gary Pollok advised all present that he was standing for election to the Loch Lomond, Trossachs National Park Board.

IMaCl advised all present that there would be an opportunity to attend a meeting with Health & Social Care Partnership regarding Care in the Community and the Fire Service - Fire Safety Awareness on 27th June, 2018 at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th August, 2018 at 7.30pm