

ARROCHAR, TARBET & ARDLUI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2016 Three Villages Hall

Present:

Ronald Ross	Chairman	David Robertson	Forestry Commission
Ronnie MacDonald	Vice Chair	Cllr George Freeman	A&BC
Mary Haggarty	Secretary	Cllr Robert MacIntyre	A&BC
Ellen Greenwood	Treasurer	Ewan McDonald	Dunbritton
Bill Lowe	Environment	John McMurtrie	Rep. Cllr Corry.
Tim Kinvig	School Council		

Item 1 - Apologies

Apologies were received from :- Dawn Gourlay. Iain Wilkinson, Luss Estates. Keith Murray, TS. Callum Smith, Dunbritton. Jean Mustarde. Ian Kay. Iain Hunter. Cllr Corry. David McKenzie, National Park. Iain Wilkinson, Luss Estate.

In her absence the Chair welcomed Dawn Gourlay to the Community Council as a result of submitting a nomination paper to the recent By-election which was returned uncontested. Well done.

Item 2 – Declaration of Interest

None declared.

Item 3 - Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were then agreed by the Community Council (CC). Proposed by Ronnie MacDonald and seconded by Bill Lowe.

Item 4 – Treasurers Report

The current balance stands at £2,771.82 which includes the National Park's grant towards the War Memorial project.

Item 5 – Police Update

Incidents/Offences:

17th Sept – Road traffic near to railway Station – male reported for speeding/no licence.

17th Sept – Road traffic near to Loch Lomond Holiday Park – male reported no documents.

19th Sept – Road traffic Ardgartan Hotel – male charged /careless driving.

19th Sept – Road Traffic near to Tarbet Post Office – female reported / speeding, no insurance.

23rd Sept – Road traffic near to Tourist Info Arrochar – male arrested / drunk driving.

24th Sept – Theft from grounds of Tarbet Hotel – no suspects.

2nd Oct. - Road traffic near to Tarbet Tearooms – male charged /speeding.

3rd Oct – Road traffic Firkin Point – Female arrested / careless driving.

15th Oct – Road traffic Ballyhennan Cres, Tarbet. Male charged / speeding.

17th Oct – Theft from MV carpark Bonnie Braes Café – enquiries continue.

Item 6 – National Park

Planning Applications –

Ref – 2016/0289/HAE – Erection of shed, Firkin Steading, Tarbet, Arrochar.

Ref – 2016/0292/DET – Erection of cabin for holiday let accommodation, Goldberry Cottage, Arrochar. G83 7AR.

Consultation papers received from the National Park on the removal of public phone boxes. None in our area.

Papers received outlining National Park funding grants for Communities up to maximum of £5k for Moving Forward Grants.

The CC have had an invitation to the Community Partnership Gathering on the 5th November 2016. Any CC member wishing to attend please pass your name to Ronnie MacDonald.

Item 7 – Projects

War Memorial – No work started yet, still awaiting quote for work required.

Pontoon – We are still awaiting the outcome of the pre-planning application and the result of the funding application.

Item 8 – Regeneration Forum

The below issues were discussed in full at the Forum meeting held on the 10th Oct for which the minute has been distributed to the residents of Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui.
Actions for next Forum meeting in Jan 2017 are: -

- **The BAR Site** – The LL&TNP representative will liaise with the owners, SEPA, Council Roads Department and Economic Development Agencies to consider the next steps – i.e. will the NP go in and clear the site? The CC will be kept informed of progress.

- **Head of Loch Long.** – Confirmation needed from A&BC that they will take the lead in this action and form a small group to take the problem forward. Funding needs to be found for feasibility study into the medium / long term problem. Confirmation is needed from A&BC that they will supply skips and meet the cost of land fill.
- Application will be submitted by the CC for funding to cover the mechanical clean-up of the shore line of the Head of Loch Long for 2017.
- **Development Junction A814 / A83.** Update required from A&BC Economic Regeneration Team as to whether the Council will fund stage one of the project. At the very least we need the area of land at the A83 / A814 junction cleared and the walkway re-established in the short term.

**Date of next Forum meeting
10th January 2017.**

Item 9 – Luss Estates

Iain Wilkinson sent his apologies for not attending but sent the following update:

Belmont Site – It is planned to have the site cleared 24 / 25th Oct. they have written to the residents in the vicinity of the site explaining the details of the arrangements re. parking and they will also put up a sign advising that the car park will be closed. When this operation is complete the site will be marketed for sale. Access to the Church will not be impeded.

Tarbet Toilets – Luss estates are going for permission in principle, however the NP require the Estate to commit to around £5k in survey / planning fees before they get to that point, so the undertaking is not attractive. At the minute they will continue to progress the plan they hope they will be able to carry out.

Deer Cull – The first deer management plan has been completed by the Estate. They intend to carry out a large cull over the next two years, especially on the Tulloch / Firkin areas to reduce deer densities to the desired level, mainly with the aim of reducing woodland damage. A big part of the deer management planning is the public interest objectives. This can be from the point of view of reducing potential road traffic accidents, but equally if there is an impact on people's gardens etc. The CC will receive regular updates on this issue as culls are carried out.

Your Park – The estate had offered the site on Loch Long used by campers / anglers in order to manage it better, however it was not of interest to them, but they may use the old camp site at Ardgartan for the purpose outlined in Your Park.

Item 10 – Forestry Commission

David Robertson explained the felling in Glencroe that started about two weeks ago and required a traffic management system to be in place should hopefully be complete within the next week.

The extensive road works at the entrance to the new road over Cruich Tairbeirt has resulted in a BT cable having to be re positioned. It is BT contractors who are carrying out the work which should be finished in the next week.

The new road line is expected to be very active site when it is opened within in the next two years.

Ardgartan Visitors Centre – preferred bidder has now pulled out. Forestry Commission are now looking at options on the way ahead for the building and the site.

FC Deer management. 5,000 beasts culled annually, at present they have a full complement of gamekeepers but there is some area of land hired out for this purpose.

DR was asked about the Tarbet Loop still being closed, he said that this was being held up at the moment because of on-going work which they hoped would be complete by mid-November when the route would be re-opened.

Likewise the new road would need to be monitored for slippage etc. before it would be open to the public.

Item 11 – Argyll and Bute Council

A by-election result means that Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui CC are now fully complemented with their allocated 10 posts filled and no co-opted posts.

The problem with the A814 being blocked recently by HGV's and large vehicles using the road during the closure of the A82 through a RTA. The CC explained that there was no traffic management in place at the junction of the A83 / A814 in the village of Arrochar which despite signs warning that the A814 is not fit for heavy traffic drivers chose to use it. Cllr Freeman explained that any vehicle that is legally insured and taxed cannot be stopped using a public road and the solution in cases as explained above is traffic management.

Street lights throughout the Tighness area of the village appear to have a timing problem. Cllr MacIntyre will take this to the appropriate council department.

A resident has again cut the patch of grass at the bottom of MacKenzie Avenue which has been proven to belong to the Council. Cllr MacIntyre will speak with A&BC's Amenities to see if this can be rectified. This area at the entrance to a housing complex and opposite the Dr's surgery becomes very unsightly when not attended to. The CC expresses their thanks to the resident who uses their own time to try and keep this patch tidy.

Again the issue of bushes / trees overhanging the carriageway in the vicinity of MacKenzie Avenue and the stretch of road from the Dr's surgery to Havelock was discussed. It was pointed out that should someone or something, such as a vehicle be injured / affected by vegetation or falling branches, the onus would be on the landowner.

A&BC are offering training for Community Councillors on Digital Skills on the 2nd of November which DG and MH will attend.

Payback Team – the team have been involved in the cleaning of Succoth access path, and again the residents have commented on the excellent work that has been carried out. The CC is extremely appreciative of this service being available to them.

Outstanding A&BC Issues – see list attached to minutes.

Item 12 – Transport Scotland –

Work at the Tarbet junction of the A82 / A83 is now complete.

It has been reported to the CC that the work recently carried out by BEAR Scotland on the stretch of the A82 between Tarbet and Inveruglas has not alleviated the problem of flooding on this stretch of road.

It would appear that where the work has been carried out the surface channel that has been installed seems too shallow to manage the amount of water coming from the hillside. Beyond the worksite there is still large amount of flooding covering the carriageway.

Item 13 - Dunbritton Housing –

Full consultation program not yet complete. SSE have now to issue a planning application in order to move the location of the electric poles that run parallel to the Succoth access road so the widening of the road can take place.

Preferred contractors have met with Transport Scotland and an agreement has been made on improving the design of the car park wall required for the widening of the trunk road, they have also been in talks with Clydebank Development Co. the owners of the car park which is leased to A&BC.

Transport Scotland / Trunk roads have been involved with this work since the initial talk of the housing development in Succoth.

A survey and removal process of the Japanese knotweed growing alongside the access road has been carried out by EnviroCentre a Glasgow based consultant.

Dunbritton are aware that the A83 / Succoth access road junction and the removal of the Japanese Knotweed have to be complete before work can commence on the access road and the construction of the houses. They are hoping to arrange a community consultation in a months' time, where concerned residents can ask questions.

Item 14 – Development Trust –

Update supplied by Trust Chair

Efforts are underway to improve the focus and effectiveness of the Trust. They are working on the next Trust Development Plan, conducting a review of the Café and a new Hall Management Plan. They are also looking at the financial performance of all three entities intending to focus on building effective collaboration between the Trust, Hall and Café and other key stakeholders.

The Trust Board are looking at their governance structure and documents and have identified that they need to provide better support to the Café and Hall groups. To assist with this effort the Trust are engaging with the National Park's Community Partnership who have offered advice and training to the Trust Board and mentoring to the new Chairperson.

A few new people have come forward to join the Trust but there are still some vacant posts.

The Trust are keen to improve the value add to the community by looking at projects they can deliver which will include considering ideas and suggestions that the community may have to assist with the delivery of the Trusts charitable aims.

If anyone within our community has anything they wish to discuss relating to Trust activities they can be contacted at cdt@threevillages.org.uk or via the 3Villages Hall phone number 01301 702669.

Item 15 - Ardlui

- Path from Ardlui Hotel to the railway station remains in a poor state with overgrown vegetation and litter, added to this now is the falling of the autumn leaves creating a slip hazard. The CC assumes the maintenance of the path lies with Transport Scotland as it runs along the A82.
- In answer to a question in last month's minute. No planning applications have been raised or proposed regarding the bridge pillars at MacGregor's Landing next to Ardlui Hotel.
- No update regarding the funding towards the DFIB machine;
- It does not look likely that the installation of Broadband in the area will be extended to cover Ardlui.

Item 16 – Post Office. –

The CC have received confirmation that the post Office at Braeside, Arrochar will close at 13:00 on Tuesday 15th November 2016, with the new branch opening , at the 3 Villages Café & Pit Stop Diner, Arrochar at 13:00 on Tuesday 15th November 2016. If there are any unforeseen schedule changes which these dates change, posters will be displayed in branch to let customers know.

AOCB

Succoth Fun Day – Notice was put out through the school distribution and has attracted interest from eight parents willing to take on the running of the Fun Day. A meeting will be arranged in the near future to form a small committee.



Remembrance Day Service,
will be held at the
War Memorial at 10.45am on Sunday the 13th November 2016.

After the service the Youth of the villages are serving refreshment of tea, coffee and cake in the 3Village Hall.

All welcome

Date of next meeting
17th November 2016 at 1900 in the Village Hall.

Summary of outstanding issues from August 2016 to date

Date of Meeting	Action Point	Actionee
18 th Aug 16	Street Lights on Church Road – 5-6 lights are now inoperative between the doctors surgery towards the Village Inn including one on the main road at the junction.	A&BC
	Water on McKenzie Avenue remains outstanding.	A&BC
	Weeds outside of the play park wall in Church Road.	A&BC On going
	Overhanging Trees this issue on MacKenzie Avenue remains outstanding.	A&BC See Item 11 in minute.
	Litter – Both on the pathway between Church Road and Cobbler View, the edges of Church Road and the adjacent field	A&BC On going
	Litter along the path from the hotel to the station in Ardlui.	TS
15 th Sept 16	CC to seek follow up on proposed Police Scotland Cold Calling Zone.	CC
	CC to review reports and information on the introduction of the National Park Byelaw.	CC On going

