

ARDRISHAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF 3 MAY 2011 MEETING.

Present

Edward Laughton, Convener EL
Jeanette Laughton, Secretary JL
Peter Hogbin, Treasurer PH
Catherine Bowe, Minute Secretary CB
Susan Cameron, SC
Hamish Nicol, HN
David Inglis, DI
Neil John McLean. NM
Victor Johnston VJ
Councillor Philand DP

Apologies

Councillor McMillan
Sgt Martin Balkeen
Lynne Girdwood LG
Arthur Barclay AB

Guest

Gillian McInnes, Chair of Ardrishaig Community Trust

ITEM 1

Minutes of last meeting, Tuesday 3rd May, were noted and agreed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Hamish Nicol

Second by Catherine Bowe.

Item 2

Matters arising

1. Rev. David Carruthers has agreed that a tree could be planted in the eco garden in memory of our late Treasurer Gordon Hutton.
2. The swings on the North Green now have the matting below and it is a case of waiting for the grass to grow before opening them for use. The Secretary stated that all the work had been undertaken by Argyll & Bute Council and that D. McDonald Contractors had given time for free to lay the matting. The swings will be maintained by Argyll & Bute Council and that there will be no liability on the Community Council for up keep. No monies had been used from that raised in the village. Catherine Bowe

- remembered that a tenement block, called Bayview stood on the site as her Granny lived there.
3. Norman Beaton stated that there is a small gap in the outer fence of the play park. **ACTION EL** to investigate
 4. People are exercising dogs on the front Green area. It was felt that a notice banning dogs was now needed in view of the extension of the play area. **ACTION JL** to speak to John Downie
 5. EL and LG looked at the lifebelts and Midton Acrylics still have the original designs on their web site. EL has spoken to Midton Acrylics and it would cost in the region of £25 each to restore. It was agreed that they should be restored. **ACTION EL** to take up to Midton Acrylics for further investigation.
 6. PH has looked at the Kintyre sign. Most present not happy that it talks about Kintyre. **ACTION EL** to ask Midton Plastics if they did they original sign.
 7. The newly refurbished car parks require direction arrows and a disabled space marked out. It would be helpful also to have the kerbs around the mini islands delineated. **ACTION JL** to talk to A&B Council
 8. Toilet Doors in North Car Park are very untidy and need to be refurbished. Councillor Philand has already requested that this be done. SC also pointed out the poor state of the toilet facility.
 9. The grass in the community garden needs cutting but we do not have the £100 to spend on the upkeep. It was suggested that the Community Trust might take over the management of the garden. PH saw this as a good example of how the Trust could work with the Community Council. **ACTION EL** to write letter requesting Trust take on management.
 10. A cup/shield to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Ardrishaig Horticultural Society was discussed and as the Secretary of the Horticultural society was present it was agreed that it could be awarded for the best kept garden. **ACTION A** 12" shield is to be ordered by the Secretary.

ITEM 3

POLICE REPORT. An email from Sgt Balkeen was read out by the Secretary in his absence. There had been 52 calls to Ardrishaig in the last month resulting in 4 crime reports and 3 thefts.

ITEM 4

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None to note

ITEM 5.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Julian Green has intimated to the Secretary that new street signs have been ordered and that they would be in place in the near future.
- b. The Woodland Trust offered free trees to 1,000 locations in the UK. The Secretary had filled in the application form but since it is nationwide perhaps only a slim chance of getting them. It would include an Oak sapling to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The number of trees is 105 and would be suitable for a Seaside location. It would be up to the Community where they were planted.

ITEM 6

The Convener of the Community Council and The Chair of the Trust made a joint presentation on the roles of the two bodies, outlining the differences between the 2 bodies. The main points of note were that the Community Council ascertains the community needs and the Trust develops and delivers the projects. **See Annex A.**

Catherine Bowe asked if a quorum included co-opted directors. In reply, PH explained that a quorum consisted of 3 directors and that member directors have to be in the majority for any Trust board meeting.

EL explained the role of the Trading arms.

PH stated it is fundamental that the Trust works with the Community Council, and it is essential that the two organisations work together. EL agreed and said that the Community Council brings forward the ideas while the Trust implements them.

SC suggested that the Trust news is "piggy backed" in Pointer. The Trust agreed to talk to David Carruthers re this suggestion.

ITEM 7

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer has asked Barbara Gritten to the auditor of the Community Council accounts. This was accepted by those present.

ITEM 8

A.O.B.

1. North Car Park. SC asked for the toilet signs to be redirected and for the removal of the yellow A&B sign. She asked if it would be possible for a toilet sign to be erected before the car park.
2. The lights by the jetty are out. **ACTION** Secretary to write to Ryan McGlynn re this problem.
3. The signs on the Stances are rather disturbing. PH has undertaken to enquire as to what they mean. Possibly they relate to the Bridge House Hotel but the Community would not want to see any loss of the Stances green space. **Action PH.**
4. VJ asked for an update on the Canal Basin garage site. He would like to see it developed properly. Secretary reported that the planning application had been returned to British Waterways for modification.
5. DI asked about the situation with the defibrillator **ACTION** JL will inquire.
6. SC asked if we could apply to ACHA for money for more play equipment similar to that at High Bank Park in Lochgilphead.
7. HN said that there are railings onto the beach missing. JL reported that the Council had already been notified.
8. A member of the public asked if there was any substance to the rumour that up to 60 Lorries a day would be depositing rock debris in along the sea front. **ACTION** Secretary to enquire.
9. A member of the public said that a Community Response team from Scottish Water was now in place. The small hole at the bottom of Oakbank Road ended up large enough for a small car to go in.
10. HN reported that the sewers were running at 105%

Meeting closed at 21:15

Next meeting Tuesday 7th June 2011. At 19:30

Annex A – Presentation Trust/Community Council



Gillian McInnes

Chair of Ardrishaig Community Trust

What are the differences between the Ardrishaig Community Trust and the Ardrishaig Community Council?

Tue 3rd May 2011



Ardrishaig Community Trust (ACT)

Purpose:

- Advance development & regeneration of Ardrishaig for the benefit of whole community
- Sustainable development
- Registered Charity

ACT - Company Structure

- Consists of '£1 for life' members from the Ardrishaig community
- Minimum number is 20 (currently 120+)
- Board of Directors - appointed at AGM

ACT - Meetings

- AGM
 - election of Member Directors from the membership, not the community
- Board of Directors meetings – monthly
- General meetings decided by membership, must have a quorum present
- Members have one vote

ACT - Types of Directors

- **Members Directors**
 - Maximum of 6, minimum 3
- **Co-opted Directors, maximum of 3**
 - Appointed by the Member Directors, based on addition skills/expertise

ACT - Who's Who

- **Member Directors**
 - Gillian McInnes (chair)
 - David Inglis
 - David Hay-Thorburn
 - Edward Laughton
 - Vacancy
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- **Co-opted Directors**
 - David Hewitt
 - Linda Quelch
 - Dave Clark
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
 - Peter Hogbin

ACT – Relationship to Community Council

- No formal link between Trust & Community Council
- Some Trust Directors are Community Councillors
- Difference between the 2 organisations?
 - ACC documents community needs
 - Trust develops projects

Ardrishaig Community Council

- Statutory body
 - General purpose is to act as a voice for local community
 - Articulate views and concerns
 - Make representations to local authority, public bodies and other agencies
 - Demonstrate that views are representative to maximum extent possible

Ardrishaig Community Council

- Examples of ascertaining views on regeneration:
 - 2 Workshops 2007 resulting in Regeneration Master report July 2008
 - PlaceMaking event 2009 resulting in report dated September 2009
 - Poll of community on wind turbine project December 2009
 - Proposals for community use of Steamer Terminal or Bridge House building, 2011

(ref Placemaking page 13, items 22,23)

Partnership Working

We can achieve much more by working together and keeping information channels open.

Joint press releases would help to ensure that the public understands that we are two agencies who work together.

