

ARROCHAR & TARBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2013. The Village Hall

Present:

Ronald Ross	Chair	PC Andy Crawford	Strathclyde Police
Mary Haggarty	Secretary	Colin Sutcliff	Trading Standards
Diana Page	Play Areas	Cllr Freeman	A&B Council
Joan Queen	Transport	Cllr McIntryre	A &B Council
Ian Kay	Planning	Cllr Corry	A&B Council
Tim Kinvig	School Council	Gregor Cameron	Dunbritton HA
Sue Williams	CAP Agent.	David Robertson	Forestry Commission

Item 1: Apologies

Apologies were received from David McKenzie (National Park), Bill Lowe, Jean Mustarde, Ronnie MacDonald , Anne Bax and Iain Williamson (Luss Estates).

Item 2: Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed by the Community Council (CC). Proposed by Tim Kinvig and seconded by Diana Page.

Item 3: Police Update

20 Crimes reported in our area.

- One theft. Batteries removed from the road signs stored in the ground opposite Tarbet Hotel.
- Eight drug offences picked up through routine car checks at Tarbet Hotel.
- Eleven road traffic offences. Including disqualified driver. Speeding. Driving without insurance.

Again PC Crawford said there has been a request for a camera van to be stationed at the Head of Loch Long to monitor the speed of motorists approaching Arrochar from the west. The filling station corner is now registered by the Transport Scotland's, Strategic Road Safety Team as an accident cluster due to the fact that all accidents at this point, no matter how minor, are being reported to the police.

PC Crawford introduced Colin Sutcliff from Trading Standards due to the fact that at the last meeting there had been an enquiry re. 'cold calling'.

Colin advised that the Community would need to arrange a local scheme based on two proposals.

- a. A scheme with a blanket ban on all doorstep callers or
- b. A scheme whereby certain organisations would be allowed to call, i.e. religious groups, local fund raisers etc.

He produced samples of stickers / posters that could be used as appropriate. The CC will investigate a way forward; although as with many project at present funding will be an issue.

Item 4: Treasurers Report

The balance in the account at present stands at £3,543.79.

Item 5: Dunbritton Housing Association.

Gregor Cameron who is the consultant taking forward the DHA's proposal to build 18 houses / flats at Succoth gave the table an overview of their progress to date.

DHA have been talking with National Park Planners on the development of the site, Argyll & Bute Council roads on the access to the site, Scottish Water on water supply and sewage. On the sewage issue they have been looking at using the Council owned septic tank situated behind Glenloinn Crescent which at present serves 18 houses. They have also looked at an outlet behind the Steel houses and they have also left a space clear of building at the bottom of the site to use should the other options prove not workable.

They are also aware that the BAR development are looking at the existing sewage system serving Arrochar & Tarbet being extended to their development, should this happen DHA would hope it would serve Succoth as well.

DP asked if there would be a play area included the DHA development. GC said that it would be a Council decision on that issue.

Cllr Freeman informed those present that at a Council meeting earlier in the day, the Council had awarded a grant of £513,072 to Dunbritton from the Strategic Housing Fund towards the cost of the proposed 18 houses at Succoth that would be built to the Scottish Government's Greener Standard. He also advised the meeting that as a result of additional fund that had been awarded by the Scottish Government, a proposal to increase the number of houses at Succoth from 18 to 26 was currently being considered by the Scottish Government.

Argyll & Bute roads have stated the requirements they would request **before any** development traffic used the existing access from the A83. For the erecting of 18 houses

the developers would be required to upgrade the access road to include two passing places and a footpath from the junction at the bus stop out to the A83, with this being installed on the topside of the road.

Cllr Freeman added that Roads officers had informed him in the past few days that their view was that if the proposed number of houses at Succoth was to be increased to 26 that they would be requesting that the road be upgraded to a two lane road.

No planning application has yet been submitted to the Planning Authority.

Item 6: National Park

Planning:

No planning application relating to our area has been received this month.

One application relating to Garastuck at Ardlui has been withdrawn.

Community Action Plan.

Sue Williams the appointed Community Agent to collate the questionnaires and conduct interviews with various groups asked the CC what their thoughts were. Most members round the table had filled in individual forms. The CC provided SW with an overview of what could be done by land owners, local authorities and property owners to brighten up the area.

Item 7: Luss Estates

It was brought up that Luss Estates had still not carried out the work that they had been requested they do on the burn / culvert opposite the Bus stop at the bottom of the Ballyhennan straight. **MH to contact LE**

Item 8: Forestry Commission

DR reported that felling on the Rest and be Thankful is planned to take place opposite the telephone exchange on the A83. In the meantime there are site surveys taking place to ascertain the best boundaries to work to taking into consideration the slope stability. The timber will be extracted uphill to the existing forest road. During the felling and extraction process it will be necessary for public road closures to take place. The FC is in discussions with Transerv in order to minimise the amount of disruption to traffic.

The Glencroe design plan which this felling area is within is currently undergoing a review. Once all the issues have been compiled a revised Design Plan will be issued to the consultees (including the CC) for their comments. The replanting of the area when felled will take into account the slope stability issues as part of the Design Plan process.

Item 9: Argyll and Bute Council

Succoth Road.

Residents in Succoth have received letters that A&BC are going to resurface the access road into Succoth from the A83. This is the fulfilment of the tentative commitment given at the start of the financial year to review the possibility of this work. A&BC are now in a position, through a review of the remaining Revenue budget for 2012/13 to deliver an improvement to the surface and road markings week commencing 25th March 2013.

PLEASE NOTE. This is not part of the proposed development talked about at Item 5.

Play Areas.

As stated last month we reviewed the application for the MoD Covenant funding but we have been now told that our application will not be considered till June which is very disappointing as this would result in the award we have been given from LEADER falling. Initial discussions with Landmarc (Defence Estates) were very favourable and they now written to the CC with an 'in kind' offer to carry out the ground work.

Post meeting note:-

The CC have had a very positive on site meeting with Landmarc, A&BC, Scotland Transerv and the equipment supplier who have all agreed a way forward.

We are now working with LEADER to adjust our application to reflect this, and hopefully get the work started by mid-May.

Head of Loch Long. A&BC have advertised for a seasonal Beach Cleaner part of the remit of the job will be to cover the Head of the Loch.

Old Tarbet Toilets. Cllr Freeman said he would chase this issue up with A&BC and Luss Estates.

Item 10: Scotland Transerv

Resurfacing is due to be carried out at the Top of the Rest scheduled to start on the 1st April 13 for a period of two weeks.

Cllr Corry informed the table that the work being carried out at the Pulpit Rock which was supposed to result in the A82 being closed for long periods has now been reduced to a few days.

Item 12: AOB

Information has been passed to the CC that there is a protest demonstration being held at Faslane on the 15th April 13 which may affect the flow of traffic anyone travelling to Helensburgh via the A814 would be advised to leave extra time for their journey.

The CC has been asked about a Communities Day at the Scottish Parliament, but the ATCC have not received any information about this.

Lastly but not least the Arrochar & Tarbet Community Council would like to thank Mr Billy Ross Sen. For all his helpful and dedicated work and service during his years as the registrar covering Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui.

Item 13: Date of Next Meeting

The next Community Council Meeting will take place on 18th April 2013 at 1900 in the Village Hall.