

Minutes of Meeting held on 10th June, 2004 in the Community Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present : Alistair McCowan; Ishbel Ferguson; George Graham; Juliet Mellor; Murdo Finlayson
Apologies were received from Janet Mackay, who was on duty at the polling station

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were approved as a true record, proposed Ishbel Ferguson, seconded Murdo Finlayson.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided a report showing that the balance on the account was £974.49 at 28th May, 2004.

Applecross Estate Trust – Woodlands

The Chairman reported that recent reports indicated that the woodlands project has suffered some delay and a feasibility study is being proposed to look at all aspects including community benefit. A grant to fund this is required and the possible grant providers are not happy about the proposed partnership between the Applecross Trust and the Community Council because the latter has only a simple constitution and lacks continuity because of the requirement that members are subject to re-election every few years. An alternative suggestion is that the Trust and the Applecross Historical Society apply in partnership for the grant, for the feasibility study only at this stage.

After considerable debate, it was agreed to support this in principle so long as it is accepted that the Community Council will be consulted as has been agreed at previous meetings.

Out-of-Hours Medical Cover

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Malcolm Chisholm in reply to our request for special consideration, stating that Applecross would not be required to join in a cluster with Torridon and Lochcarron and that out-of-hours cover would continue to be provided by our local G.P. It is recognised that this is a short term solution and much work remains to be done to achieve a sustainable long term solution. It was resolved that our OOH sub-committee will meet as soon as possible to review the situation.

Wester Ross Local Plan – Final Consultation

The Chairman tabled documents received from the Wester Ross planning team. These were given to Juliet Mellor and will be circulated among members prior to the drop-in meeting which has been arranged for the evening of Tuesday, 22nd June from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Water Supply Problems

It was reported by members that chlorine smell from the water is still a problem. There are also continuing reports of 'black bits' in the water supply.

Scottish Water have acknowledged receipt of our debris sample which they report has been sent to the laboratory for analysis. Their further comments are awaited.

Any Other Competent Business

- a. Footpath lights : Lights on footpath (right of way) adjacent to Craite Barn housing are considered too bright. We will continue pressing for the lamps to be changed to smaller capacity.
- b. BT cabling to Craite Barn site : The cable is laid on the surface from near to the post office except where it is buried crossing the path. In addition to being unsightly, it is dangerous and can result in someone tripping up along this unlighted verge. We will contact BT.
- c. Painting of telephone aerial mast : It was noted that the work continued on Sunday which is considered offensive in this area and the pink colour which most residents thought was a primer appears to be the final coat. This colour does not blend in with the local scene. We will write to BT on both counts.
- d. Sheep droppings at primary school : A letter was received from a member of the public pointing out that nothing has been done on this issue despite previous complaints, and effectively accusing the Community Council of complacency in the matter.

It was resolved that we should in the first place write to the local grazings committee to suggest that we meet with them to discuss the matter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 8th July, 2004 at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 21.00 hours.
