

Minutes (unapproved) of Meeting held on 6th September, 2005 in the Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Murdo Finlayson, Ishbel Ferguson, Ruairdh Cameron, Jonathan Hedges, Annie MacDonald, Councillor Ewen Mackinnon.

Apologies: Gerry McPartlin

3 Members of the Public.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were approved. Proposed by Ruairdh Cameron, seconded by Ishbel Ferguson.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: £1.58

Balance: £2064.70

Matters arising from previous minutes

Applecross Woodlands

Bob Wilson was not present but had been contacted. The Woodland Plan is on hold due to the lack of funds of one of the several agencies involved. New funding should be available by January 2007. In the mean time there is the possibility of smaller areas of felling, which would be transported by road.

Housing Sites

Robin Phillips has been contacted, and a date is being arranged for him to explain the results of the housing needs survey.

Repairs to Clachan Church

There was discussion over the possible condition of the church after the immediate repairs have been completed. It was felt that there might be need for further renovation. This is to be investigated further.

Wild Camping around the bay

The Trust is aware of the issue and is happy for current signs to be replaced. It was felt that concerns about excessive camping were widely held in the community. The reasons being: safety issues with vehicles and pedestrians, erosion and hygiene. The possibility of a specific protective act having been passed for the area was to be investigated.

'Dead' telegraph poles :

BT will cut down the poles. Anyone interested in receiving one of the poles, please contact Jonathan tel: 755350. There is no charge for the poles, but they will require collection.

Rubbish Bins:

The Trust is happy for a corral to be built. A site needs to be identified.

Notice Board:

The notice board had not been as crowded since the last meeting.

Caravan in car park:

The caravan has been removed.

Rubbish:

SEPA had visited Toscaig and had given 14 days for the removal of the building rubbish.

Any Other Competent Business

www.applecrosscommunity.org.uk : Members of the community maintain the site. The Community Council would like to extend their thanks to them for doing so. It was agreed that the Community Council would continue to fund the site.

Sheep in the Hall playground: Concern had been expressed about sheep droppings in the playground. The Council were to be contacted about the possibility of a fence and gate being constructed.

Enterprise Facilitation: The possibility of using the Sirolli Institute (www.sirolli.com) for training and assistance in promoting 'bottom up' local business growth was discussed. However it was felt that this was not feasible in a small community such as Applecross. It was thought that similar services were already provided through Highlands and Islands Enterprise. HIE's advice was to be sought on the subject.

Next meeting: (provisionally): Tues 11th October 7.30pm in Applecross Community Hall.

Agenda points to the Secretary by 3rd October please.
