

## Minutes (unapproved) of meeting of the Applecross Community Council

Held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006 in the Community Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Murdo Finlayson, Ishbel Ferguson, Ruairdh Cameron, Jonathan Hedges, Gerry McPartlin

Archie Maclellan, administrator for the Applecross Estate Trust

Four members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor Ewen MacKinnon, Tim Williams

**Treasurer's Report:** balance £1615.13

**Applecross Estate Trust:** Archie Maclellan attended the meeting to discuss current Applecross Estate projects.

Heritage Lottery Fund: the Trust has obtained a £45,000 grant in order to identify, cost and appraise projects that would have community benefit in order to obtain a larger grant to facilitate the removal of the remaining softwood plantations on the estate.

This would follow on from the recent work by Brian Burns and would largely be consultant led. However it is proposed that there would also be some local led market research.

This would create a plan for the estate for the next 10-15 years.

The plan for the consultation process should be ready for the next CC meeting and the consultation process to be completed by the end of the year, with possible funding by the end of 2007.

Areas appropriate for funding were those such as culture/ social integration and history.

Clachan restoration application: an application has been made to the Garfield Western Foundation for funds to restore the church and the surrounding area. The plan included: renewing the roof, rendering the end walls, installing a toilet and rebuilding walls, as well as the possibility of new footpaths and landscaping. It is hoped to begin works before winter.

House plots in Smiddy Wood: there is no further progress to report at this time.

Due to changes in the Woodland Grants scheme the wood will not be replanted in the near future. Ideas for improvements in the area are under discussion.

Landscaping between P.O. and Hotel: it is planned to topsoil around the edge of the car park adjacent to the Hotel.

There was discussion of the need to prevent cars parking on the grass. Ideas for preventing this were: river boulders, a pavement, chain and posts, improving the current Hotel parking.

South Coast Deer Fence: this idea is supported by the Trust who would be willing to part fund the project. Approximate total costs were £75,000.

Camping around the bay: concern was raised about the number of campers around the bay, particularly during the Seafood Festival. It was noted that wild camping is permitted in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, as long as no damage is done. However the Code does preclude fires and vehicular access.

It was felt that this could be dealt with by information on the code by interpretation boards, leaflets and Trust staff.

Kishorn: the increase of usage and visual impact of the area was noted.

### **Approval of and matters arising from previous minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June were approved. Proposed by Gerry McPartlin and seconded by Ishbel Ferguson.

**Cycle Race and road closure:** contrary to previous minutes it is unclear as to whether or not the road closure has been agreed.

**Library closure:** the last day of opening for the library is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

The mobile library service will commence Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August. It will be in Applecross between 11.00am and 1.00pm every three weeks. Provisionally it will stop at: the public car park by the P.O., the School, Toscaig pier and outside the Hall.

Regrettably there will be no further provision of a Public Access Computer.

**Recycling:** paper and cans have been emptied. The delay in emptying the green glass is due to a change of contractor.

**BT Cabling:** photographs of unburied cables have been taken. These are to be sent to BT with an accompanying letter. Action MF

**Public Toilets:** these are open again. Lighting is likely to be provided in the near future, funded by Councillor MacKinnon's discretionary budget.

**Sewage in Milton:** Sue Nield (Business and Community Liaison Manager for Scottish Water) is to investigate the incidents.

### **Any other business**

**Sharp edges on the slide:** the slide in the Hall Playground is reported to have sharp rust on it. MF to contact Councillor MacKinnon

### **Reorganisation of elected posts:**

Jonathan Hedges stepped down as Secretary.

Murdo Finlayson stepped down as Treasurer.

Mark Stewart has kindly volunteered to be minutes secretary.

Jonathan Hedges proposed for Treasurer by Gerry McPartlin, seconded Ruairdh Cameron.

Murdo Finlayson proposed for Secretary by Ishbel Ferguson, seconded Gerry McPartlin.

**Next meeting: Tues 8<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm Applecross Community Hall.**

**Agenda items to the secretary by Mon 31<sup>st</sup> July**