

# Applecross Community Council

Unapproved Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007.

**Present :** Murdo Finlayson Ishbel Ferguson Ruaridh Cameron  
Jonathan Hedges Gerry McPartlin Tim Williams

Councillor Ewen McKinnon.

Mark Stewart( Min.Sec)

Peter Ferguson & Kate Boocock : Representatives from  
Strathpuffer Ltd.

5 members of the public.

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[1] **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :**

No Absences.

[2] **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING :**

The Chair noted that an unedited version of the minutes had in error been published in An'Carranach.

**Two** amendments had been introduced as corrections :

- [1] low level posts and chain are proposed for the Village Green and not chain-link fencing.
- [2] the views expressed about the local fishing industry and trawling were those of a member of the public and not of the C.C.

Amended minute adopted as an accurate record :

**Proposed :** Ruaridh Cameron

**Seconded :** Ishbel Ferguson.

[3] **CYCLE CHALLENGE 2007.**

Gerry McPartlin introduced Peter & Kate from Strathpuffer Ltd who reported to the meeting on the cycle challenges :

(a). **Publicity.**

The BBC2 Adventure Series had provided good coverage of the 2006 event and had provided indirect advertising benefits to the community. Organisers are hopeful of television coverage for the proposed 2007 events and that the Potting Shed Cafe will be mentioned in conjunction with other businesses.

**(b). 2007 Event and Organisation.**

The books for the 1<sup>st</sup> September event were filled within three days of opening. A second event scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007 is consequently planned, and is also expected to be fully subscribed. The events have been highly commended by the U.K's top cycling magazine. The scenery and the local warmth of welcome were sited as being particularly appreciated.

Some 80% of the participants in the 2006 event had stayed locally.

The home baking provided at Applecross had been very much enjoyed.

The web site has received some 24,000 hits since October and provides links to local business services. Implementing additional links would be readily considered by the organisers on request.

The Police and Highland Council are currently discussing event proposals for 2007.

Following feedback from local sources, for 2007, the road will be closed at a higher location, publicity will be lodged with An'Carranach, and an approach to Applecross Estate will be made to secure a water supply.

**ACTION:**

Gerry McPartlin will ascertain interest in providing home baking. Peter & Kate will provide a written submission for An'Carranach.

An approach will be made to Applecross Trust for water supply at Clachan.

Clachan Church Appeal Information will be generated to provide visitors with an opportunity to donate.

Goodie bag of local information will be compiled.

[4] **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The

account balance is £2270.21.

The C.C. laptop has been purchased and the account settled.

Thanks were extended to Murdo Finlayson for his generosity in its provision.

[5] **CLACHAN CHURCH:**

£100 donation to Clachan Church Appeal has been received from Sir Iain Noble.

£100 donation from a contributor from Fife has been received following the Free Press report.

Nominees for the Sub-Committee are :

Donald Cameron  
Ford Shaw  
Norman Beaton  
Catriona McCowan.

Archie McLellan and Murdo Finlayson will also be members.

**ACTION:** Chair will write nominees to ascertain their acceptance.

**[6] PUBLIC TOILETS :**

Public Toilets are now closed following several incidents of misuse. The C.C. expressed their sadness over such anti-social behaviour by a member(s) of the community.

Councillor McKinnon noted that the proposed lighting had not yet been implemented.

**ACTION:** Police to be informed of misuse. Approach will be made to shop to discuss the possibility of it holding keys, to allow restricted access to facilities.

**[7] FIRST AID TRAINING :**

The Health Care Association have funding in place to subsidise places on a first aid course which would consequently reduce the normal cost from £80 to £25. It is intended to hold the course at the Community Hall in late February/ March.

Interested persons should contact M Buchannan on 01520 755 231.

**[8] MEDICAL COVER :**

**(a). Report .**

The consultation process continues with no significant changes from the report published in An'Carranach.

We continue in Applecross to enjoy benefit from the new GP's contract not being adopted, and so, at the moment, are in a privileged position.

**(b). Observations.** The Chair thanked Gerry McPartlin for his continuing efforts in the ongoing consultation exercise.

The meeting expressed considerable appreciation to Dr Gargill for the exceptional professional cover which she is providing.

Thanks and appreciation was also extended to Dr Barbour who has maintained similar provision during Dr Gargill's illness.

**[9] AOCB :**

**(a). Housing Options Leaflet.**

A request of was made of Councillor McKinnon, for copies, if currently available.

**(b). Old Signalling Box.**

Shed has now been removed. Fencing not removed. Redundant telegraph poles remain and electricity supply remains.

**ACTION** : Further letter requesting removal of power supply has been written.

**(b). Keep Scotland Beautiful.**

April has been designated as 'Spring Clean Month'.  
Keep Scotland Beautiful will supply usual clean-up materials.

**ACTION** : Give consideration to an event which will be publicised on Keep Scotland Beautiful Web Site.

**(c). 'Renewing Democracy' from H.C.**

Paper distributed to Community Councillors for information and discussion at a later date.

**(d). Marine Park Paper.**

Chair has written and mailed a response.

**ACTION** : Tim Williams to return consultation paper to Secretary.

**(e). Letter from Murdo Cameron.**

Mr Cameron has written a letter of complaint alleging that the Chair has taken sides in an apportionment application by verifying that a statutory notice was displayed on the notice board.

The Chair issued copies of all correspondence relating to the matter.

The meeting unanimously agreed that the Chair had simply verified a fact, had not in any way advocated a position, and, that there had been no departure from due process.

It was noted that the C.C. has in the past regularly provided verification that statutory notices had been publicly displayed.

It was noted that such a complaint was exceptional.

**ACTION** : A letter of response will be written to Mr Cameron explaining that his complaint is not upheld by the meeting.

**(f). Additional Bus Service.**

Councillor McKinnon informed the meeting of the intention of adding another bus to the current schedule and asked which day would best suit the community.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm.**