

Applecross Community Council

Unapproved Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 13th March 2007.

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

Councillor Ewen McKinnon

Mark Stewart. (Min Sec)

5 members of the public.

[1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :

None.
Late arrival : Tim Williams.

[2] MINUTES OF 13TH FEBRUARY MEETING :

Jonathan Hedges expressed concern about the accuracy of the minute in relation to item A.O.C.B.(e).

The meeting concluded that the issue was correctly documented.

Adopted as an accurate record.

Proposed : Gerry McPartlin.
Seconded : Ruaridh Cameron.

[3] TREASURER'S REPORT :

TRANSACTIONS:

PAYMENTS : £90 Cleaning Fee.
£365 C.C. Laptop Invoice.
BALANCE : **£1818.90.**

[4] CLACHAN CHURCH :

- [a] Mr Norman Beaton is at present unable to accept nomination to the sub-committee, all other nominees have accepted.
- [b] 28th or 29th March mooted for first sub-committee meeting.
- [c] Applecross Trust has received an acceptable quotation of around £17,000, which is entirely to specification, for replacement windows.
A cost of £40,000 had been expected.
- [d] An approach to the Church Charity for funds has not been supported on the grounds that they take a view that roof work is the essential priority. A review of the decision is sought given that the windows were in danger of blowing out and subsequently putting the roof at further risk.

[5] PUBLIC TOILETS :

The provision of lighting is expected to be completed next week.

[6] HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND APPLICATION :

- [a] Horner & McLennan have been instructed to carry out a Heritage funded Feasibility Study with a remit of identifying key elements of the Applecross landscape, key pressures for change, and, potential projects which would enhance the Peninsula.
- [b] The meeting compiled an initial list of distinctive elements of the landscape, key locations enjoyed by people, pressures for change likely to impact upon the landscape and potential projects which may lead to enhancing the landscape.
- [c] In answer to questions from the floor, The Chair reiterated elements from previous minutes which outlined the background to the application and explained that the Feasibility Study is but the first phase in the exercise with the intention that it is opened out to the community for wide participation.
- [d] The community is invited to address Applecross Estate directly with any issues relating to the exercise.

ACTION : Community Council will suggest at the first steering group meeting that there should be additional community involvement.

[7] A.G.M:

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for next month and will be immediately followed by the normal C.C. meeting.

[8] A.O.C.B :

- [a] **FILLING STATION :**
There appears to be an incomplete record of the terms of operation and insurance.
ACTION : The Chair will discuss arrangements with Dudley.
- [b] **PLANNING APPLICATION PROCEDURES :**
A communication has been received from Bob Cameron referring to the methods employed by community councils in dealing with planning applications and requesting that all councillors have access to the H.C. guidance document which is available at www.highland.gov.uk under 'Planning Matters for Community Councils'.
It was suggested as important that Councillors are aware of new procedures now in place.

[c] **CROWN ESTATE :**
Several publications have been circulated by the Crown Estate which mention the potential for Marine Renewable Energy in the Highlands and Islands.
These publications relate to ongoing discussion of the role of the Crown Estate.

[d] **MEETING OF JOINT COMMUNITY COUNCILS 23RD MARCH.**
There will be a Bus Services meeting at 6pm.
The Joint Meeting will be at 7:30pm.

[e] **BROADBAND:**
There appears to be inconsistent information relating to the provision of Broadband across the peninsula with residents reporting different professional advice about what is possible and available in terms of service provision.

ACTION : The Chair will write in an attempt to clarify the position.

[f] **HOUSING LEAFLET :**
Ewen confirmed that he had passed on Gerry's request for copies of the leaflet and would ensure that it is followed through.
It was suggested that an update on the Affordable Housing proposal be obtained from the Estate.

ACTION : The Chair to obtain an update on the current position.

[g] **APRIL SPRING CLEAN :**
The meeting endorsed Tim Williams' plan for an April Spring Clean on Sat 24th April. A poster detailing organisation of the clean-up will be posted immediately.

The meeting thanked Tim for his efforts.

[h] **C.C. MINUTES :**
Jonathan Hedges suggested a slicker approach to the minutes was required as they had failed to appear in An'Carranach.

The Chair apologised that the An'Carranach deadline had not been met and that this was due to a crash of the computer system which he uses.

[a] **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS :**
Jonathan Hedges asked what the schedule is for the elections.

The Chair advised that all council seats would be up for election during July/August 2007. New Councillors will be elected for a four year term.

[9] DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

Tuesday 10th April 2007.