

Applecross Community Council

Draft Unapproved Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 14th October 2008.

Present : Murdo Finlayson Ishbel Ferguson Ruaraidh Cameron
Gerry McPartlin Alison Macleod
Cllr Jean Urquhart Kate Stephen (O4O)
Sue Grocock (Minutes Secretary)
20 members of the public.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Joanna MacKinnon, Cllr Audrey Sinclair

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2008 adopted as an accurate record :

Proposed : Ruaraidh Cameron

Seconded : Ishbel Ferguson

- **Telephone kiosk:**
Murdo has written to BT requesting them to empty the call box at the P.O. more frequently.
- **Road signs & all other road related items**
Audrey still trying to get Brian Stout out to Applecross to discuss all road related items. 'Give Way' markings at the top and bottom of the Craite have been renewed.
Action: - Murdo & Jean to chase up with Audrey.
- **Parking for visitors going to Coillegille & Ardbain.**
Ruaraidh has put up a small sign at the beginning of the walk on the signpost and at the Caman.
- **Wild camping**
The Applecross Estate has agreed to put up a sign at the head of the bay as an interim measure.
- **Re-locating jobs to rural areas**
Murdo has written to Peter Peacock.

3. O4O INITIATIVE

Kate Stephen Project Leader for this initiative attended the meeting and explained that O4O is a project that will run for 3 years and is all about older people (usually over 55) helping other older people in their own community to stay safely in their homes. There are four communities where this will be rolled out.

In Applecross it is hoped to extend the Handy Persons scheme. Kate will attend lunch club on 22/10 and will work further with Duncan Fraser and Archie MacLellan to get the scheme started as soon as possible. The Applecross Trust is 'donating' some of Duncan's time towards this community project. It is hoped that a list of local volunteers can be generated who can be called when appropriate assistance is required. Enhanced disclosure and liability insurance

would be required however the costs for this would be covered so no volunteers would be out of pocket for this.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

The account balance as at 26/09/08 is:

General account - £3304.21

Filling station current account - £2457.12

5. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- Email from Robbie Bain about suspicious persons in the area, to be posted on the notice board.
- Notification of a seminar on Tourism concentrating on Festivals and the Gaelic Language to be held on 29/11.
- Notification of licensing applications for the Applecross Inn and campsite received.
- A letter from the president of the Caledonian Classic & Historic Motor Sport Club requesting that the Bealach be closed for 2 hours on 24th January 2009. This was not supported by the meeting and it was agreed that Gerry will write to them declining their request.

6. HEALTH CARE PROVISION

Dr Cargill met with healthcare representatives on 03/10 to discuss her view on what should be done to preserve the current level of healthcare in Applecross including her suggestion that she work 2 days and provide out of hours cover for those 2 days. Dr Cargill felt that progress was made in convincing them that Applecross is a special case and that their intention is to retain a resident Doctor in Applecross.

Alison is working to set up a meeting with Melanie Meechan and Alison Phimister with either community reps or the general public so that the community can be involved. No date set as yet.

A letter was read out from Muirnie Buchanan of the A.D.H.C.A. detailing a number of commitments from the NHS:

- The offer of 2 days cover from Janice is accepted
- The jobs are safe at the surgery
- The status of the current nurse's house will remain the same and can be used by an incoming doctor

7. APPLECROSS FILLING STATION

It was agreed that the Community Council would retain £600 for Douglas Graham's bill and give the balance of the filling station account to the Community Company. It was also agreed that a grant of £500 would be given from the Community Council general account. The Community Company undertook to cover all future legal bills incurred during the transfer of the filling station to themselves.

Two cheques were presented to Duncan Fraser for £1850 and £500 and he thanked the Community Council.

Both the Community Council and Community Company should ensure that all related bills must be invoiced to the Community Company.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Kishorn Hydro scheme.

There were no objections to the proposal

9. PLASTICS RECYCLING

Supply of bags has been a problem, however a supply of free bags has been sourced and Fergusons in Kishorn will provide free transportation. It is hoped that we can get a cage in future.

Many thanks to Alastair Brown and Fergusons for their continued support. Duncan Fraser volunteered to empty the bags once a week on a Friday. If everyone could squash the bottles before placing them in the bag then many more can be held in the bag

10. WARD FORUM

The key areas for discussion were:

- Visit Scotland survey
- Roads officials went through who was responsible for different areas

11. HIGHLAND SMALL COMMUNITIES HOUSING TRUST MEETING

Murdo reported that last year the trust lost funding from three of their four main providers. They have now attracted support from new funders however their priority is to get more funding secured.

12. AOCB

- **Survey of Barriers**

Nothing has been heard about the survey for barriers on the Bealach

Action: - Jean & Murdo to take this up with Audrey.

- **Anti-social behaviour from cyclists**

An incident on the Bealach was discussed where a cyclist would not pull into any passing places and was extremely abusive. It was agreed that all such incidents should be reported to the police.

Action: - Jean to discuss with the appropriate body in the council to see if anything can be done about putting up signs.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on the 11th **November 2008.**