

Applecross Community Council

Unapproved Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 12th August 2008.

Present : Murdo Finlayson Ishbel Ferguson Ruaridh Cameron
 Ewen Gillies Gerry McPartlin

Sue Grocock(Minutes Secretary)

9 members of the public.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alison Macleod, Cllr Audrey Sinclair

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of meeting held on 10th June adopted as an accurate record :

Proposed : Ruaraidh Cameron

Seconded : Ishbel Ferguson.

- **Telephone kiosk closures:**

Murdo spoke to Robbie Bain about the importance of the Toscaig phone box to walkers and as a backup to the one at the Post Office.

There is no feedback as yet from Audrey about the case for a second box at the Post Office. **Action:** - Murdo to chase up with Audrey.

- **Dog fouling on Shore street**

Murdo met with David MacKenzie and it was agreed that there will be 2 bins on Shore Street. One bin will be at the North end at the green and the other will be at the South end of Shore Street. They will be emptied each Friday at the same time as the usual rubbish collection.

- **Sign to Toscaig.**

Action: - Murdo to speak to Bryan Stout of the Highland Council about providing a sign to Toscaig along with some other related items.

- **Parking for visitors going to Coillegille & Ardbain.**

Ruaraidh discussed with Duncan Murchison using the Caman as somewhere to park. Duncan Murchison was happy that it can be used as an unofficial overflow car park. **Action:** - Ruaraidh to put up a small sign at the beginning of the walk on the signpost.

- **Safe driving practices for cyclists & car drivers**

Ruaraidh said that Leslie Blisset could produce an A3 road safety sign that would cost in the region of £40. Gerry passed on information that he had collected including a leaflet about driving on single track roads, a poster, and a cycling fact sheet. **Action:** - Ruaraidh will review all of the available material.

- **Public toilets**
Gerry has applied for funding from the Councillors' discretionary budget to enable winter opening of the toilets.
Murdo to buy a locking bar and fit to the ladies toilet door.
- **White lines on the Bealach & Survey of Barriers**
Nothing has been heard about the survey for barriers on the Bealach and the white lines, Murdo to chase up with Audrey and invite Bryan Stout to discuss this and a number of other items of concern.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

The account balance as at 28/07/08 is:
General account - £3764.41, no credits/debits except interest.

Filling station current account - £192.53, payment to Macleod & MacCallum of £115 for "Incorp of Trading Co.

Filling station savings account – £3000 invested in August 2007 matures 16/08/08 giving £3146.40. Will be transferred to Filling station current account.

4. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- Email received from Robbie Bain attaching newsletter of Association of Scottish Community Councils. A point to note is that it would appear the community council will have to register under the Data Protection act however we will hold off until it is understood how Highland Council wants to proceed.
- A letter was received from Chris Conniff from Wester Ross Alliance about the Leader programme. Murdo has invited her to come to the next meeting.
- An invitation has been received to the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust on the 13/09, Murdo will attend.
- A letter was received from Liz Pritchard thanking the Community Council for the contribution of £100 towards expenses incurred by community reps for the Out of Hours cover work.
- A letter from Liz Pritchard requested support for a scheme called O4O to assist older people to continue living in their own homes. Suggestions are invited for things that could help. Gerry will coordinate the Applecross response and will attend the Lunch club on 13/08/08 to seek suggestions.
- Nothing has been heard about the survey for barriers on the Bealach

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Allan & Isabel Cross – Erection of house (outline) – land 125M West of Seawinds re-submission, noted
- Wireless Infrastructure Company – Installation of three dishes to Bealach Nam Bo tower, noted
- Alison & Alasdair Macleod – Erection of house (detail) – garden ground of Old School House, noted
- Tyco electronics – Pre-consultation stage, erection of two dishes on BT Mast, Camusterrach, plan to go to formal planning on 16/08/08, noted. Murdo to inform Mr & Mrs Ferguson to ensure that they know that this has been raised.

5. WARD FORUM AT CONTIN

Murdo discussed the key things covered at the meeting.

Chief Inspector Paul Eddington reported that the crime detection rate in Northern Area is 67% as opposed to a 40% average for Scotland as a whole.

Speeding is viewed as being a No1 priority by most Community Councils and the police offer full support for any traffic calming measures.

The Scottish Government is conducting a consultation on the role of Community Councils, the 1st review for around 30 years. They hope to develop a model scheme, a code of conduct and a code of practice. Initial findings will be published soon.

The Leader programme 2007 – 2013 was discussed. This has a fund of £6M with our ward having access to £100,000 per year for the next five years. All projects must be 50% match funded. Highland Council is considering Wester Ross Alliance(WRA) as the delivery body. Chris Conniff, Project Officer for WRA will attend the next meeting. Community Council members have a briefing note for review prior to the next meeting.

6. WILD CAMPING

There was a discussion about wild camping. Things that the meeting would like to be considered are

- Developing vehicle parking areas at the head of the bay and restricting vehicle access to these spots
- Toilets at the head of the bay
- Possible signs suggesting responsible use of the area

Action: - Murdo to discuss with the Applecross Trust

7. TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON SHORE STREET

Murdo circulated a recent article in the Ross-shire Journal about Avoch community council and their unhappiness with Highland Council officials over the lack of co-operation to facilitate the introduction of traffic calming measures.

Murdo explained that Applecross Community Council had been trying for years to get some action from Highland Council on the situation on Shore Street and highlighted a recent incident at the north end of Shore Street. **Action:** - Murdo to speak to Bryan Stout about the following:

1. Traffic calming measures and white lines on Shore Street
2. Barriers & white lines on the Bealach
3. Road signs around Applecross
4. 20mph limit in front of the school

Any member of the community who would like to make any suggestions related to the above then please write to Murdo who will collate and pass on to Brian Stout.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Gerry explained that the trust is currently looking at the possibility of 4 units in the Farm area with a mixture of affordable houses and affordable plots. The trust will also look into the potential for refurbishment of existing ruins.

9. APPLECROSS FILLING STATION

Applecross Trading Company limited has been incorporated and the main assets i.e. pumps and tanks have been transferred to it, consequently the Applecross community councillors no longer have any liability. The insurance of £882 will be

paid by the Community Council and thanks are extended to Colin McKenzie of the Highland council insurance department for arranging this.

10.AOCB

Cycle race

In response to his petition about cycling safety Alasdair Brown had received a letter from the Highland Council. It stated that for each cycle race there should be two safety cars with flashing lights. The letter also said that the race organisers had applied for both roads to be closed. Gerry said that he had discussed the latter with the organisers who assured him that they had never applied for closure of the coast road and had no intention of ever doing so.

Ewen considered that there had been unnecessary delay in reopening the road from Tornapress after the last competitor had passed particularly for vehicles going to the Kishorn yard. In response Gerry said that it was necessary to allow a considerable time for the last cyclist to clear the hill.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on the **9th September 2008.**