

Applecross Community Council

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Minutes of Meeting 3rd February 2009

Present: Ruaridh Cameron, Ishbel Ferguson, Ewen Gillies, Alison Macleod, Gerry McPartlin

In attendance: Councillor Audrey Sinclair (interim chair), 4 members of the public

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of 13th January were approved; proposed by Gerry and seconded by Ewen.

- Audrey spoke to Ian Hay about the installation of crash barriers on the Bealach. He reported that they have the materials and had hoped to start work, however the recent bad weather had prevented this. It is now planned to install crash barriers in two places in the spring.
- Ewen had heard from the local roadmen of changes they had been asked to make to signage, including removing the pedestrian sign from the north end of the Street, and moving the 'steep and narrow road unsuitable for caravans' sign from the bottom of the hill up to Keppoch. Murdo met with Bryan Stout in October to discuss signage, among other matters. The community council's main priority for signs had been to get the jumble of signage at the junction tidied up, and as far as was known, neither of these signs had been mentioned in their discussions. Bryan had not reported back to the community council on his decisions following his visit. It was agreed that the pedestrian sign should be retained, while the most appropriate place for the caravan sign would be just beyond the entrance to the campsite as it would be impossible for anyone towing a caravan to turn at Keppoch. There was no mention of a chevron at the White Gate which had been requested. Audrey will discuss this with Ian and Bryan.
- Robbie Bain has spoken to Inspector MacLean and others about the Cycle Challenge and is considering organising a meeting to discuss how the organisers and the community might work together.
- There has been quite a bit of interest in the recently advertised GP's post.

3. Treasurer's Report

There were no transactions since the last meeting. The balance stands at £3085.

4. Correspondence

- Next Ward Forum is on 9th February at Kinlochewe Hall at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start. The subject for discussion will be waste management, and Colin Clark, Head of Waste Management will attend.
- The Wester Ross Alliance AGM will take place the same day, also at Kinlochewe, at 5.30.
- Draft Supplementary Guidance on open space in new residential developments received from HC Development Plans Manager
- Letter from Avril Collis on behalf of a group of people hoping to hold a walk along the coast road from Shieldaig to Applecross to be known as the Moonlight Marathon, raising funds for Breast Cancer Research and the Howard Doris Centre. The suggested date is 19th- 20th June, starting at 10pm and

walking overnight to arrive in Applecross at about 9am. She has spoken to Ian Hay to ask if Highland Council would be happy to allow this and he has agreed, as long as he receives a letter of support from the Community Council. It was agreed that Audrey would let Ian know that the community council is supportive.

- Letter from Katie Kitchingham of ROWAN offering to visit community councils to promote composting. It was agreed that it might be more helpful to encourage her to visit the producers' market again, as the public would get more chance to meet her there. Gerry will pass details on to Catie MacLennan.

4. Adoption of Changes to the Constitution

The amended constitution had been displayed on the public notice board for 14 days. The Community Council agreed to accept the amendments. The constitution was signed and will be sent to Robbie Bain for a signature from Highland Council.

5. Election Arrangements

Liz Pritchard has offered to act as returning officer and is willing to offer her advice. Gerry proposed that Liz should be appointed returning officer and Ishbel seconded this. The constitution states that there must be 56 days between the appointment and the election date. It was agreed therefore that 31st March would be the date by which ballot papers would have to be returned to Liz.

Alison will contact Liz to let her know and discuss arrangements.

7. AOB

- The local roadmen have been working on water outlets recently. It was suggested that an extra outlet is needed at the passing place just south of the Street, where there is often lying water. Ewen will speak to them.
- The road signs around the coast require attention, with the village signs for Fearnmore and Cuaig and ten to fifteen passing place signs missing, and several corner signs with black and white chevrons uprooted and others facing the wrong way, having been pushed round by cows.

Audrey will also bring this up with Bryan and Ian.

- Thanks to Audrey for acting as Interim Chair.