

# Applecross Community Council

## Draft Unapproved Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**Present :** Murdo Finlayson                      Ishbel Ferguson                      Ruaraidh Cameron  
Ewen Gillies                                      Gerry McPartlin                      Alison Macleod

Sue Grocock(Minutes Secretary)

Cllr Audrey Sinclair

8 members of the public.

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### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of meeting held on 12th August 2008 adopted as an accurate record :

**Proposed :** Ewen Gillies

**Seconded :** Ruaraidh Cameron

- **Telephone kiosk closures:**

It was Audrey's view that BT would not install a second call box at Applecross P.O.

**Action:** – Murdo to write to BT requesting them to empty the call box at the P.O. more frequently as it is often full and does not work.

- **Road signs & all other road related items**

Murdo and Audrey have been out around and about in Applecross to review the road signs.

**Action:** - Murdo to speak to Bryan Stout of the Highland Council about coming out to discuss all road related items including road signs.

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

**Action:** - Ruaraidh to put up a small sign at the beginning of the walk on the signpost.

- **Public toilets**

The bolt has now been replaced on the door of the ladies toilet. Many thanks to Ali Brown for donating the bolt for the 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, Ewen said that there was white line painting going on at Kishorn.

**Action;** - Audrey to chase up with the roads authorities to see when they will come to Applecross.

- **Data Protection Act**  
Audrey suggested that the community council wait until they are prompted to do something, this was agreed by the council members.
- **Planning information**  
Murdo passed information about the TYCO electronics plans onto Mr & Mrs Ferguson
- **Wild camping**  
**Action:** - Murdo to discuss with the Applecross Trust during September

### 3. CHRIS CONNIFF FROM WESTER ROSS ALLIANCE

Chris came along to describe her project with Wester Ross Alliance. The key points are:

- The aim of her project is to consult with as many people as possible to understand what the community would like to see from this group (Wester Ross Alliance will most likely be renamed as it covers the whole of Council Ward 6)
- The project will run for 2 years
- She would like to understand what worked well in the past, what could be improved, what people would like from a new group.
- Chris is open to approaches from all groups of people such as small businesses, crofters, organisations or individuals

If you would like further information or would like to share any thoughts or comments then please contact Chris Conniff at [chris.conniff@btopenworld.com](mailto:chris.conniff@btopenworld.com) or tel; 07795275221

### 4. TREASURERS REPORT

The account balance as at 25/08/08 is:  
General account - £3550.88

Filling station current account - £3339.04, receipt £3146.40 from closure of Filling station savings account.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- Murdo received an invitation to the opening of the Ben Eithe all-abilities trail.
- There will an Applecross Trust trustees' walkabout on 18/09/08. The emphasis will be on small businesses and there will be a visit to Sand to discuss the TV programme being made.
- An invitation was received from the Crofters Commission to a Hearing concerning an application for apportionment by Dr M Stewart, in the community hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30. The Hearing is open to the public.
- A letter was received from Peter Peacock, MSP concerning his perceived lack of action on the policy of the Scottish Government to re-locating jobs to rural areas. **Action:** - Murdo to draft a response.
- Email from Robbie Bain saying that there will be a ward forum at Achnasheen at 7pm on Tues 30th September. They are trying to get speakers from Visit Scotland and the Roads department.
- Email from Robbie Bain explaining that the A890 Stromeferry to Strathcarron road will be closed from 00:01 on Sat 04/10/08 to 06:00 on Mon 06/10/08. This will enable work to stabilise the rockface. There will be no pedestrian or

vehicular access during this time. There will also be no train services over this period.

- Received minutes of the latest Shialdaig, Kinlochewe, Torridon & Lochcarron community council meetings
- Murdo gave the Highlands & Island crown estate booklet to Ruaraidh for information.
- Murdo received a letter from the Highland hospice explaining that they running a raffle and have a catalogue for Christmas cards and gifts. Please contact Murdo if you would like either raffle tickets or to order anything.
- The Highland Council are putting down in writing what the community can expect of them. They have 15 outcomes and will produce a report detailing how they will meet these outcomes. This will be published on their website ([www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk)).
- Alison has 6 booklets on the Highland Archaeology Festival, she will place them in various key places. The festival runs from 04/10/08 to 19/10/08.
- Alison was sent a letter a letter about a consultation on marches and parades. For more info contact Alison
- A letter was received about individuals investing in the Kilbraur wind farm by Golspie. For more info see [www.kilbraur.coop](http://www.kilbraur.coop)
- A letter was received about a Race Equality scheme survey.
- A letter was received about consultation about Town Centres & High Streets. There will be a meeting in Inverness on 26/09. For more info contact Alison.
- A letter was received from Janet Bowen the Lord Lieutenant of Ross & Cromarty inviting nominations for the Queens award for volunteering. This award recognises groups who give their time freely. For more info contact Alison.

## **6. APPLECROSS FILLING STATION**

The lawyers have been instructed to transfer the lease and assets of the filling station to the Applecross Community Company. There is an outstanding account from Douglas Graham which should be in the region of £600. When this is paid the balance of the filling station account will be transferred to the Community Company. Alison asked to see the itemised account when Douglas Graham sends it.

## **7. O4O INITIATIVE**

Kate Stephen Project Leader for this initiative will come to the next community council meeting in October. O4O is a project that will run for 3 years and is all about older people helping other older people in their own community. Gerry is to find out what the definition of an older person is and let us know. The aim is to develop schemes that are sustainable once the O4O funding ceases. If you would like more information then please contact Gerry. Everyone is welcome to come to the next community council meeting to voice their views.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- Wireless Infrastructure Company – Installation of three dishes to Bealach Nam Bo tower, noted
- Sean Kilbride – application for amended access in Toscaig, noted
- Tyco electronics – erection of two dishes on BT Mast, Camusterrach, noted.
- Kishorn Hydro scheme. Murdo distributed photocopies of an article that appeared in the WHFP. When Murdo contacted the planning department they informed him that they will liase with both Lochcarron & Applecross community councils. We will await more details as plans are not yet available.

## 9. AOCB

- **Dr Cargill retirement**

The issue of Dr Cargill retiring was raised and that Dr Cargill is very concerned that there may be cutbacks to the service when she goes. It was suggested that a working group be set up to write to Gill MacVicar of Mid Highland CHP stating that Applecross would like to have the same service maintained after Janice's departure.

It was agreed that this topic would be added to the agenda for next month's meeting and that Gerry would write an initial letter to John MacVicar on behalf of the Community Council.

- **Visibility at junctions in Camusterrach**

At a number of junctions in Camusterrach e.g leaving the doctor's surgery and at the junction with the Camustiel road visibility is very poor. **Action:** - Audrey to raise with Geoff Walker the Community Works Officer.

## 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> **October 2008.**