



Ardrishaig Community Council Public Meeting
Tuesday 7th March 2023
Ardrishaig Public Hall
Start 7.30pm

Apologies:

Mary MacCallum Sullivan, Ross Weir

Attendees:

**Christine MacIntyre, Fiona Hoad, Susanne Hawkby-Whitwell, Fiona McFarlane,
Gillian Hogarth, Lix Armstrong, Blair Johnston,
Douglas Philand (Argyll & Bute councillor)**

Ardrishaig Community Council welcomes all to the meeting

Approval of last meeting minutes from 10th January 2023.

Proposed: Lix Armstrong
Seconded: Gillian Hogarth

1. Forestry Land Scotland Parking Charges

Gillian reported that the parking charges are going ahead, they have a delayed start due to the public consultation and will be going live in May 2023

2. Police report distributed and the incidents for Ardrishaig highlighted, nothing of any concern

3. Planning Report – no planning applications for Ardrishaig on the latest planning reports, weekly planning reports are checked and if there are any planning applications relevant to Ardrishaig they are being published on the Ardrishaig Community Council Facebook page

4. Community events

The Ardrishaig Gala day was discussed at length and it was agreed that this event should be a priority for the community council to get back up and running, it is expected that the date for this would be the last Saturday in July but will be finalised once we have checked other local events to avoid clashes. A number of other people will need to be contacted and recruited in order for the Gala Day to be held.

It was also agreed that the community Council should have an event to mark the coronation of King Charles III, Blair Johnstone agreed to take this on.

5. Ongoing Projects

- a. **Millennium Garden** repairs – BEAR have passed responsibility of this to Argyll and Bute Council. Dougie Philand to continue to chase and update with information.
- b. **Community Garden** – Lix continues to work with Argyll and Bute Council to secure a licence to clear the ground and is liaising with amenity services regarding access to the site. The Community Garden has been set up as a voluntary organisation and will therefore be able to source their own insurance. Regular reports of the progress will be made at the Ardrishaig Community Council meetings.
- c. **King George V Park** – full charity status for this is being applied for and constitution is being written. There is funding being requested from Ardrishaig Community Trust. Once this area is fully maintained it is a hugely important space for the village and will be available for various events and gatherings.

6. Ardrishaig Community Trust

It was agreed that a meeting needs to be held between the Community Council and the Community Trust to enable a sharing of resources and establish and maintain a good working relationship.

7. Ardrishaig Public Realm Improvements Update

Completion of the works is due in early April 2023, the lights that were previously in the area have been removed and there was no consultation for the decision to remove these and not replace them. However there are currently no plans for any lighting in the area.

8. Argyll & Bute budgets

Dougie Philand reported on the status of the Argyll & Bute council budget and advised that he would send us a link for the budget that has been earmarked to help with the cost of living increases, in particular the funds set aside for the set up of warm spaces. There was significant concern that the Argyll & Bute council budget is not readily available for public scrutiny.

9. Community Engagement

A proposal was put forward by Blair Johnston that we should try to recruit a high school representative to the community council in order to engage with the young people of Ardrishaig. Fiona Hoad agreed to take this idea to the parent council.

10. Other Business

- a. Ferries and Waste collection – there is dissatisfaction with the level of service in both these areas – Dougie Philand to investigate and report back.
- b. Ardrishaig Community Cycling- it was suggested that it would be beneficial to the area to have some kind of cycle hire service in the village
- c. Notice Board – we need to buy and install a community notice board

Meeting close 8.50 pm

Next Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 2nd May 2023

APPROVED