

Ardrishaig Community Council Meeting 7th November 2023

Present: Gillian Hogarth Christine MacItyre Fiona Hoad Fiona MacFarlane
Mary MacCallum Sullivan Lix Armstrong

Apologies From: Susanne Paula Cameron and Jessica McMullen
Non apologies Blair Johnstone & Ross Weir

Minutes from previous meeting read and recorded as accurate by Fiona
MacFarlane & Lix Armstrong

Jessica McMullen and Pamela Cameron were co opted onto the council from
the previous meeting.

1 Who owns the pier in Ardrishaig by the North car park. Some discussion
over this. It was owned by Mid Argyll Sailing Assoc. at one point
Some discussion whether Crown Estates own the actual jetty. The
community Council were going to request from the Council's estates who
owns what in the village.

2 Police Report: A cyclist from the village was injured on a forestry track. The
two juveniles involved did not stop. Police appealing anyone with information
to talk to the police.

3 KGV Park: Blair Johnstone was meant to give an update but was not
available.

4 Community Garden Project. They have a licence from the Council to
develop the garden. A significant number of villagers indicated they would be
interested in becoming involved. They have spoken to the primary school
and they were also interested in becoming involved. The Community Trust
had previously assisted in drawing up the Insurance needed. Those driving
the project also spoke to MacKenzie Engineering about helping to improve
the drainage. Estimated cost of the project of the garden around £30,000.
There was some concern that there might be two opposing factions involved,
i.e. those seeking to develop the KGV (who wanted the entire area) and the
Community Garden who wanted a small area. It was proposed there should
be a meeting between both parties, the primary school and tArgyll & Bute
Council. Jan Brown was happy to speak to the Council.

5 Road speed. There was concern regarding speeding cars going through
the village and ignoring both the 30 MPH speed limit sign and the 40 MPH

sign. It was agreed to ask Transport Scotland to carry out a traffic survey for the village. It was also agreed to encourage people to report careless driving incidents to the police and that the Community council would write to the MSP Jenny Minto. There was also concern about lack of crossings at the primary school and children having to move around and between parked cars. Jan Brown was going to request there be flashing signs by the school. Jan also informed the meeting there was a proposal for a Toucan Crossing at the Corran roundabout on the A83.

The Community Council passed on information from the company Low Carbon who are seeking to site a windmill farm above Ardrishaig and there would be a public exhibition in the North Hall on Wed 29th Nov followed by a public meeting with the Community Council to gauge feelings towards this development.

Christmas Lights. The Ardrishaig Community Trust stated they were organising Christmas lights near both halls and possibly the carpark seaside railings and that they had secured a tree. They requested the Community Council speak to Argyll & Bute Council re organising insurance cover and the Community Council agreed to do so. There was agreement that there was a need to plan this event earlier in future. The Trust members said they had organised a Christmas Lights switch on for the 2nd of December.

The Community Council agreed to write to Argyll & Bute Council regarding what happened to the old Victorian style light that were in the car park prior to its re development as there is absolutely no public lighting and it makes the car park very dark and dangerous, especially to shop staff who have to access their cars at night in the dark.

Gleaner Site. There was concern that the Gleaner site is still a mess and it was agreed to ask Scottish Canals what they were proposing to do with the site in future once work on the locks is finished.

Jan met with Rhona Grant re Scottish Canals mismanagement and empty proper like the Bridge House.

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Concern about how dark the carpark and area to the public toilets are. Someone mentioned the John Smith Memorial was also in need of attention as it was crumbling.

Community Council had raised money towards the Old folks Christmas party in the Grey Gull. Date of next meeting to be decided.