



# Draft Minutes

Notes of a meeting at 7.30 pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November in Ardrishaig Public Hall

## Present:

Mary MacCallum-Sullivan (MMS)	Convener
Kenneth MacVicar (KMcV)	Vice Convener
Arthur Barclay (AB)	Treasurer
Catherine Bowe (CB)	Secretary
Neil-John MacLean (NJ)	
Lynn MacVicar (LMcV)	
Cllr Sandy Taylor (ST)	
Police Sgt Martin Balkeen	

## Apologies:

Fiona McFarlane (FMcF) David Inglis (DI) Cllr MacMillan (DMcM) Donna Mallin (DM)  
Ron Bowe (RB)

**2 Notes of Previous Meeting** Approved by LMcV and seconded by NJ

## 3. Matters arising

3.1 AB has contacted the GPO for their permission to decorate the post box over Christmas.

3.2 It has been noted that the fence around the Waster building has been removed by SC. The steps giving access from the A83 have been removed – hopefully for repair.

Comment [RB1]:

## 4. Policing

Sgt Balkeen reported that there have been no major crimes in the area recently. However, the police are very concerned that the public should be vigilant about online and telephone scams. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to trace those criminals, who operate worldwide.

## 5. Planning and Regeneration

ST reported on A&BC's plans:

- Improve roads in the area and in particular the trunk roads to Campbeltown and Oban.
- Improve mobile telephone communication.



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- Housing to accommodate submariners from Plymouth who will be employed in Gairloch in the coming few years.
- Provide accommodation to encourage businesses to set up in the area. It was pointed out that there are units under the Arches that have been vacant for several years. It appears that A&B Council's policies have changed and they are prepared to consider applications.

## 6. Other Community Council Activities

**6.1** Poppy wreath purchased – NJ agreed to lay the wreath at the War Memorial on Armistice Sunday. **NJ**

**6.2** Peter Laing has found new contractors who have agreed to erect the fence at the public park in January or February.

**6.3** At the meeting there was keen interest and enthusiasm from two members of the public attending, in having the KGV Park drained and made into a playing field suitable for children and adults to use and enjoy. An informal sub-group was formed consisting of AB, KMcV, Peter Laing, Donald Bowness and Blair Johnston. They will arrange to meet and discuss the possibility of raising funds to drain it and bring it up to a usable standard.

**6.4** Springtime along Ardrishaig street should be a blaze of colour, thanks to FMcF and her solo effort planting the daffodil and tulip bulbs in the barrels.

**6.5** Cllr Dougie Philand was thanked for his regular updates on the state of the Rest and Be Thankful during the time of closure, due to landslips and work on the road. The Community Council await undertakings from the taskforce and SG about a permanent solution to the problem.

**6.6** Christmas lighting up and the party will be held on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm.

## 7. Any Other Business None

Next Meeting of the Community Council will be at 7.30 pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Ardrishaig Public Hall.