

Ardrishaig Community Council (ACC)- Meeting 1st February 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was held in Ardrishaig Public Hall on 1st February 2022 at 19.30

Present:

Mary MacCallum Sullivan (Secretary)	Sandy Taylor (ST)(Councilor)
Ken MacVicar (KMV) (Convener)	Colin Campbell (CC)
Fiona MacFarlane (FMF) (treasurer)	Lix Armstrong (LA)
Ian Mobberley (IM)	Margaret Galloway (MG)
Sheila Groat (SG) Minute Secretary	Ian Groat (IG)
Ian Philips (IP)	
Lyn MacVicar (LMV) (second part of meeting only)	

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apology received from Christine McIntyre.

KMV welcomed ST to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (15th October 2021) were accepted by IM and seconded by FMF.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Putting green proposal – agreed this was not financially practical.

3.2 Gaining free travel for school children to travel to school no longer an issue as free travel now available to all 5-21 year olds.

3.3 Christmas tree and lights were put up and the community raised £93 for these, thanks to MG. KMV kindly agreed to make this up to £100.

3.4 The AGM has taken place and minutes will be issued once ratified.

3.5 Playing field on Park Road – Julian Green from ABC has agreed that the current fence is safe and can remain and act as a ball catching fence. IP suggested that what is required is a sub-committee to work in conjunction with ACC ; a number of people have offered to help and be involved in this project. Basically requirements include; finding out what can be done with the park, and what grants are available, repairs to existing equipment, cleaning of area, making it safe and general upgrading.

- 3.6 No further update on what work Balfour Beatty can do for the community.
- 3.7 Portfolio of documentation required to erect Christmas tree and lights -outstanding action.
- 3.8 Lights under arches – no update on this issue.
- 3.9 Live cable at Argyll Arms Hotel – no update on this issue.
- 3.10 Lights at Lock 3 – no update on this issue
- 3.11 HSPC webinar – no feedback on this.
- 3.12 Speeding - Erection of 20s Plenty signs – no progress to date.
- 3.13 Set up of Whats App Group- no progress.

4. Police Report

No report was provided but KMV informed the Committee that the Police would in future provide a report by email three weeks before each meeting.

5. Argyll & Bute Council Report

ST addressed the Committee with the following information:

Argyll & Bute Council (ABC) has been focusing on Covid recovery but ST said there were two main areas of concern for the community – proposal for educational hubs and the Consultation for Social care in the Scotland for which AT encouraged people to contribute. Parents and teachers have asked for more time to respond to the proposal for Education Hubs.

ST summarized the concept of the Education Hubs of which there would be 6-7 across Argyll enabling schools and head teachers to develop their own areas of expertise.

ACC offered to lend support to parent/ teacher groups if required. KMV offered to pass on any information provided by ABC to ACC and others.

Action: KMV to liaise with ABC to share information.

6. Planning and Regeneration

The plans for the Ardrishaig North Public Realm improvements have been substantially modified, e.g. the bus stop is being moved but no crossing will be provided; there will be no electric car charging points. Sustrans have removed themselves from the process and the scale of the improvements has diminished. KMV agreed to contact Douglas Grierson and ask him to meet with ACC to explain the changes. KMV will also ask the local ambulance co-ordinator to come to a meeting.

Action: KMV to contact DG

7. Scottish Canals

No report was received from Scottish Canals.

KMV will contact Donna Mallan, Operations Manager on the Crinan Canal to find out why no report was issued and to find out what is happening with repairs to the foot bridges at Locks 3 & 4. If there is no satisfaction he will take the matter to the Canals H&S Department.

Other issues to be raised with Scottish Canals include; fencing coming down at St Clair Road; plans for Bridge House

Action: KMV to contact DM

8. Millenium Community Garden (MCG)

It was recognised that the MCG is getting a bit over grown and that the wall is being undermined. It was asked if ACC could take on responsibility for upkeep. KMV asked for the matter to be deferred to the next meeting after requesting an update from Aurthur Barclay.

Action: KMV to get update from AB

9. Vice-Conveners Report

KMV explained that Aurthur Barclay (AB) was stepping down from ACC after 30 years of service, KMV recognized the years of valued service that AB has given to the community at large. MMS offered to find out about schemes for recognizing 'local heroes'.

AB was Secretary and Treasurer for ACC; FMF has agreed to be Treasurer (proposed by KMV and unanimously agreed); and MMS is facilitating secretary with help from KMV.

KMV also noted the regeneration of ACC and thanked those joining the Committee enabling it to keep going.

In future the agenda will be sent in advance of meetings to those expressing an interest in the meeting. KMV will collect email addresses of those persons who are interested.

Audited accounts from ACC for the last two years need to be provided to ABC by 31st March 2022, prior to the next AGM to be held in June.; this will enable next years grant to be issued.

The Ordinary Council Fund (general) stands at £1740.45 with an additional Special Fund of £2708.52 (as of 18/11/21). There is therefore enough money to spend on requirements, e.g., on Christmas lights. It was recognized that the community had raised £118 for Christmas lights this year and a wreath.

KMV noted that if there is community involvement in raising money ACC would match the value up to a cap of £500.

Action: MMS to investigate local hero schemes.

Action: KMV to collect email addresses

Action: KMV to issue minutes of ACC meetings on the joint website with The Community Trust at <https://ardrishaig.org/>

10. Any Other Business

10.1 LA raised the possibility of developing a community garden, possibly in the ground off Park Road. LA will canvass opinion to see if there is an interest in the community; further investigations will be required to confirm that the land identified will be suitable and available for such use.

LA will make some initial investigations and KMV agreed to look at possibility of grants.

Action: LA to explore interest in Community Garden

Action: KMV to investigate potential grants

10.2 IM gave an update on investigations he has been carrying out about the mausoleum located next to the plant Hire premises on Glenburn Road. IM has been trying (unsuccessfully) to contact various persons and organisations to find out about adopting a museum. To date there has been no response from the likes of Historic Scotland. IM will give an update at the next meeting.

10.3 KMV requested that all persons inform him of any issues they wished raised as AOB before the meeting so that they can be added to the agenda.

11. Date of Next meetings

The next meeting dates are:

1st March 2022

3rd May 2022

7th June (AGM)

5th July 2022

6th September

4th October 2022

All meetings to start at 19.30

The meeting closed at 20.50