

Meeting of South Cowal Community Council

Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 1930 in Innellan Village Hall

Present

Martin Anstess, Kyle Armstrong, Dot Braham, Michael Breslin, Gill Judd, Alistair Lennie, Lisa Marle, Joyce McEwan, Liz Seabrook, Eleanor Stevenson, Alan Stewart.

In Attendance

Cllrs Anderson and Good, Claire Hendry (Police Scotland)

Apologies

Cllr Forrest, Linda Payne

Declarations of Interest

None

Police Report

There were 9 reported incidents, 2 of note being a road accident and a deer in the water. Rural Watch signs have been ordered. What3Words was discussed and its usefulness.

Minutes of last meeting on 11 December 2019 (attached)

Proposed by Alistair and seconded by Joyce.

Matters arising not on the agenda

- Grit bins are now ready for replacement.
- Sign at Pier Carpark has been removed and officers say there is no traffic order in place but this was questioned.
- It appears the council does own Innellan Pier carpark but this needs to be confirmed. To be kept on the agenda.
- Flooding: Ferry Lane issue has been resolved as has Matheson Lane.
- Christmas Lights: payment will be made but not till after Christmas
- The double decker that replaced 2 buses has now reverted to 2 buses.
- Building rubble still seems to be on the shore near Toward Lighthouse.
- War memorial to be kept on the agenda.

Treasurer's report

Balance after outstanding cheques means there is £7286 approximately.

Update on Burnamakiman Hydro Scheme.

There have been no applications for the above as yet. Joe Rhodes and David Anderson have agreed to be on the sub committee as has Kyle and Ian McEwen. Other possibilities will be approached.

Planning matters

The proposal on the local plan was approved and the following submission will be made:

Local Plan Consultation

The community council wishes to ask the following questions and make some observations on the proposed local plan:

1. We note that there appears to be no housing allocations for Innellan. Is this due to the fact that there is insufficient capacity in the sewerage system please?
2. There are 2 areas for housing in Toward, H1011 and H1014. H1011 has been in the local plan for many years without being developed. H1014 has also been included but for a lesser period of time. Can you confirm how long these areas have been included please?
3. Our observation on these is that areas as large as these are unsuitable for a rural area due to the infrastructure costs of developing these. These costs are probably the reason neither of these sites has been developed.
4. We are of the view that much smaller allocations should be made which do not need major infrastructure and which can be developed plot by plot. As an example, in contrast to H1011, the area in a previous local plan on the other side of the A815, The Meider, has had 3 of the 5 plots developed.
5. Allocating small areas round farm roads and tracks would enable clusters of housing to be developed on a small scale basis and without major infrastructure. This would allow Toward to develop more quickly and in a way that more suits the rural setting.
6. A 2nd observation is that, for the 2nd successive local plan, there is no mention that we can find for burial grounds or cemeteries. In addition, there is no mention anywhere of crematoria, something Argyll & Bute other than Cardross does not have. While it may not make sense to identify specific areas for these, a statement on the possible needs might suffice.

The Ardyne fish farm application is for a doubling of its size and output. After discussion the following was agreed:

Planning Application 19/02359/MFF Ardyne Fish Farm

We have considered the above application which will almost double the output from this fish farm. While we are not objecting to this in principle, we do think we need answers to the following questions, which assume that doubling the output also means double the pollution from the farm and double the HGV traffic to and from it:

- 1 Will you ask for a sea bed survey to be carried out under the existing fish cages to both assess the environmental damage that is likely to have occurred and to estimate the environmental impact of a doubling of production?
- 2 Will you carry out a formal roads condition and suitability assessment to see if the road, which is poor in places, can accommodate twice the HGV traffic, ie tankers and feed lorries etc?

AOCB

- The works at Star Garage do not seem to have been progressed.
- Year of Coasts and Water. Information circulated to be considered by community council members and put on next month's agenda.
- Corlarach Forest: works will continue to end April and will affect access to the forest. Public information meeting is to be on 21 January at Kilmun, 1530 till 1900.
- There will be a meeting on 21 January in Queen's Hall on the Dunoon Project, 1500 till 1900.
- Street Light out near The Lido.