

Minutes of Meeting of South Cowal Community Council

Held in Innellan Village Hall on 9th January 2008

Present **Dr C Valentine (Chairman)**
 Mrs I Pratt
 Mr J Bamber
 Cllr. A MacAlistair
 Mr M Jones

Also present **Jennifer Bryson**

The meeting opened at 7.05.

Dr Valentine welcomed Jennifer Bryson who has come to put herself forward at the Bi-Election.

1) **Apologies** Dr F Pearson
 Mrs M Little

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes amended to read Stewart Shaw at Bullwood Quarry and spelling of Cluniter amended.

Approved and will be passed to Pam Forsyth for entry onto the website.

3) **Matters Arising**

Dr Valentine mentioned that the planning application at Rannachan Field Cluniter Road had been withdrawn

4) **Planning Applications**

Only one – A sunlounge to replace a porch.

5) **Toward Lighthouse**

Nothing to report

6) **Bi-Election**

We will go ahead with the date 20th March. Mrs Pratt will arrange for an advert in the newspaper, she will liase with Shirley McLeod re the necessary paperwork, Mrs Gabriel has agreed to be the returning officer

7) **Police Report**

None received. Mrs Pratt will contact PC McGraw.

8) **Bullwood Quarry**

Nothing to report. The Reporter has not as yet given a verdict .

9) **Wind Farms**

No new developments. Pam Forsyth sent us an e-mail detailing that birds had been killed.

10) Dunoon Pier and Linkspan

Cclr. McAlister gave us an update on this. The Coruisk is not suitable for berthing at Dunoon. The ships thrusters that hold the ferry close to the pier cause it to swing and damage the pier. There is a worry that Western Ferries would raise the fares if they became the sole operator. The pier is in urgent need of repair but the cost of renewing the piles, there are 580, each one costing some £12000-18000, even if they are available, would be too great. Other options are being considered along with a proposal for a marina.

11) Lampposts

The missing lights have been reported and we have been advised that new lampposts are to be installed. Anyone noticing failed street lights should take a note of the number on the lamppost and report it to the Council- Roads & Lighting tel.no 708600

12) Any Other Business

Speed Limit at Toward School will be introduced soon.

Post Offices- Hillfoot Street Will be closed, however Kirn Post Office may stay open if the local community can take it over.

Next meeting 13th February 2008

Meeting closed at 7.55pm