

Minutes of Meeting of South Cowal Community Council Held in Innellan Village Hall on 12th December 2007

Present **Dr C Valentine (Chairman)**
 Mr R McGilvray (Treasurer)
 Mrs I Pratt
 Mr J Bamber
 Cllr. A MacAlistair
 Mrs A Gabriel (Vice Chairman Dunoon Community Council)
 Mr E Malcolm

The meeting opened at 7.15.

- 1) **Apologies** Dr F Pearson
 Mrs M Little
 P.C. W McGraw
- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 Approved and will be passed to Pam Forsyth for entry onto the website.
- 3) **Matters Arising**
 Dr Valentine has written to West Coast Energy.
- 4) **Planning Applications**
 None
 The local residents at Rannachan Field, Cluniter Road are not happy with the proposal to build on that plot. We will keep a watch to see what application is made.
 The proposal for the Council to take over some unadopted roads in the area goes to committee shortly. The outcome will depend on the number of houses involved.
- 5) **Bullwood Quarry**
 Planning permission has been given to Stewart Shaw for 2 semi-detached houses on this site. Mr Malcolm has heard that Scottish Water plans to re-site the sewage works above the quarry. However this will not stop the problem of overflow.
- 6) **Wind Farms**
 There will be a public hearing in the Queens Hall on January 28/29th. Argyll & Bute Council will be objecting to it and SCCC can make representations to the meeting. At present there have been 942 responses 745 for the wind farm and 197 against but a large number of these signatures were obtained at the Cowal Games weekend and many of the people for the wind farm came from as far away as New Zealand, Canada etc.
- 7) **Drains in Innellan**
 A small manhole at 24/25 Shore Road has been spewing out sewage etc. Mr McGilvray reported it to Scottish Water who were not interested but he had success with Environmental Health. And it has now been sorted. However the deluge has gauged out a deep rut at the side of the road that is filled with

unmentionable sludge. We hope the council will clear it.
Cclr McAlister said that there were a great many Victorian drains in the area that were no longer fit for the purpose but not much can be done.

8) Speed Limit at Toward School

The Council have written to Mrs Russell and Mrs Pratt will liase with her.

9) Toward Lighthouse

This is owned by a large company but Dr Valentine will write to them about keeping it in good order.

10) Bi-Election

Anne Gabriel has agreed to be our returning officer and will help in any way she can. There was one enquiry following the article in the Observer .Mrs Pratt will get in touch with the lady and also contact Shirley McLeod, Corporate Affairs, Argyll & Bute Council, for advice on the proceedings.

11) Dunoon Pier and Link Span

Cclr McAlister said that the Caruisk was supposed to cover the Dunoon/Gourock winter service but it is sitting at Gourock doing nothing. The Herald has an article in today slating the waste of public money on the link span which is rusting away.

12) Any Other Business

There are 3 or 4 light out on Shore Road. Cclr McAlister said if a note is taken of the number on the lamppost and reported to the Council it will be fixed.
Mr Bamber will deal with this.

Mrs Gabriel brought to our notice that there is the possibility of large sums of money being given to Community Councils to spend in their areas. However Cclr McAlister said that nothing definite has been decided yet regarding this.

Mrs Gabriel has requested that Cowal Community Councils be transferred from Highland & Island area to Inverclyde as this would be more convenient when it comes to attending meetings.

Mrs Pratt has been elected onto the executive of the area Association of Community Councils. She will find out who we pay our fee to.

Planning Aid for Scotland will come to give us training on how we can affectively Deal with planning applications.(see sheet). A Community Council on the east coast were successful in stopping the building of a large superstore in their area. Pan 61 states that Community Councils have to be involved in local plans.

P.C. McGraw e-mailed Mrs Pratt with his report and his apologies for not attending due to illness. He will try to come to future meetings or e-mail his report to Mrs Pratt. If anyone has any problems please contact him.

1st November – 12th December

Calls made to police:27 Crimes/Offences reported to police :8

Assault X 1 - Breach of Peace X 1 – Misuse of Drugs Act X 1

Vandalism X 2 – Road Traffic Act X 3 Speeding Offences detected : 12

A new licence law comes into force in February 2008 which state that detailed plans of premises wishing a liquor licence must be submitted.

Next meeting 9th January 2008

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.