

# **Minutes of Meeting of South Cowal Community Council**

## **Held in Innellan Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

**Present**        **Dr C Valentine (Chairman)**

**Mrs I Pratt**

**M.Little**

**R McGilvray**

**Mr M Jones**

**Also present** **Jennifer Bryson**

**Shirley MacLeod (Area Corporate Services Manager,  
Cowal&Bute)**

**Aileen McNicol**

**P.C. W McGraw**

**Eileen Brown**

**Jim Law**

The meeting opened at 7.00

Dr Valentine welcomed those present.

1) **Apologies** Dr F Pearson  
J Bamber

2) **Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

As no one had a copy of the Minutes this item was deferred till next meeting.

3) **Matters Arising**  
Deferred

4) **Police Report**

Crimes reported or detected within the Innellan and Toward area from 9<sup>th</sup> January 08 until 12<sup>th</sup> February 08.

Calls made to the police : 9

Crimes/Offences reported to the police:

2 X breach of the peace.

1 X Vandalism

1 X Telecommunications act (Nuisance calls)

1 X Domestic Incident

1 X House breaking to a garden shed. 3 persons now charged.

1 X Assault

1 X Fly tipping at Ardyne Point

1 X Fire

Speeding offences detected : 12

If any questions arise from this report or any other query regarding police issues contact William McGraw PCL67 Innellan Police Office.

#### 5) **By-Election**

Notices posted at the Lido Innellan, in the Innellan Village Hall, at Toward Church and in the press. Anne Gabriel is the Returning Officer and she will collect completed forms from the Lido on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

#### 6) **Procedural Issues**

- a) Agenda should only have relevant topics and updates on issues already raised.
- b) Contact details of Community Councillors should not be on the website but a post office box no for Chris Valentine should be advertised thus complying with the Data Protection Act and Freedom of Information. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by I Pratt.

Shirley McLeod introduced herself and said she had come along to touch base and to ensure that we are following procedures correctly, abiding by our Constitution and Standing Orders. She suggested that at our A.G.M. we review these and if necessary amend them to ensure that they are current and fit for purpose. These should also be posted on our website. We must ensure that we post our notice of meetings and Agenda each month. Ms Brown said she had difficulty finding out about our meetings and Shirley said this was a common fault among Community Councils. Notice of meetings and Agenda should be sent to Shirley McLeod, Dick Walsh, Alistair McAlistair and James McQueen, as should the minutes of the meetings. No changes can be made to decisions we take within 6 months unless there is material changes in circumstances. We should remember that elected members of the council cannot take part in our discussions about planning applications as they may then be involved in the planning decision process. Shirley is happy to give us advice and support on matters we want to raise with her. She advised us that our admin grant would be given when we hand in our audited accounts after the A.G.M. Richard McGilvray asked if we need to rotate the committee's roles, Shirley McLeod said this not necessary.

#### 7) **Planning Applications**

Mrs Pratt gave her report stating that there was only one application that might be contentious. Erection of two houses at land south of Ranachan House Cluniter Road, Mr Iain Gammage. Dr Valentine said that he did not think that this would be approved. Mrs Pratt also brought up an application in the pipeline at Toward Point to demolish a small wooded area in order to erect two houses, applicant Mr J Stirling. She said there was a petition going round the neighbours to oppose this. Mrs Pratt is to find out what the residents feel about this application and report back.

#### 8) **Bullwood Quarry**

There is nothing to report as the Reporter has not yet decided on this matter.

#### 9) **Wind Farm**

Mr Law asked why South Cowal Community Council supported this. Dr Valentine explained that the overall opinion of the people surveyed was either apathy or in favour so we went with the majority. However the application was rejected. The applicant's presentation was very poor and their survey of people was discounted as it was done mainly at the Highland Games weekend and the majority of the people who signed were not local. Also their bird survey was inadequate.

The application for a wind farm at Black Craig is back in the pipeline and Mrs Pratt will get details. Cllr McAlistair said that Denmark has decided to withdraw their wind farms as pollution has increased. He commented that the most constant force on the planet is water and the most inconstant is wind.

**10) Dunoon Pier & Linkspan**

Mr Jones said that there is a Scottish Executive Inquiry into Ferry Services and the Deadline for views is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. There is a leaflet in circulation giving you the necessary details. Also Anne Gabriel has arranged a meeting with the Transport Minister on 11<sup>th</sup> March in Dunoon but only a limited number of people to be invited.

**11) Water Main in Wyndham Road**

To carried forward to next meeting.

**12) Chairman's Report**

- a) Correspondence received – None
- b) Planning Seminar in the Queens Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Mrs Pratt will go to this.

**13) Treasurer's Report**

There is sufficient money in the bank to cover the costs of the By-Election should an actual election be necessary.

**14) Any Other Business**

The Water Board has sorted out the drain in Shore Road

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm The next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.