

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

## **Held in Innellan Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Present**        **Dr F Pearson (Vice Chairman)**  
                  **Mr R McGilvray (Treasurer)**  
                  **Mrs I Pratt**  
                  **Mrs M Little**  
                  **Mr J Bamber**  
                  **Mr M Jones**  
                  **Cllr. A MacAlistair**  
                  **Aileen MacNicol, Dunoon Observer & Argyllshire Standard**

The meeting opened at 7.01.

In the absence of Dr Valentine, the Vice Chairman, Dr Pearson, chaired the meeting and welcomed those present

1) **Apologies** Dr C Valentine  
                  Councillor Dick Walsh

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved and will be passed to Pam Forsyth for entry onto the website.  
A copy will be passed to the local policeman Constable McGraw with a letter inviting him to our next meeting.

3) **Matters Arising**

It was agreed that Dr Valentine had sent a very good letter re Corlarach Hill

4) **Remembrance Parade**

There was a good turnout and the excellent tea provided afterwards by the Community Council was very much appreciated by all. Thanks to Mrs Little, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Pratt

5) **Treasurer's Report**

Balance in the bank is £3128.70 after paying a cheque for the wreath and one to Pam Forsyth for the website. West Coast Energy Ltd have not yet reimbursed us for the costs of the meeting in October. Mrs Pratt to e-mail Dr Valentine to ask if he has submitted a report to them.

6) **Planning Applications**

Nothing to object about

7) **Bullwood Quarry**

Planning permission for houses has been granted. Mr Malcolm has submitted a further objection to the reporter re further information he has received stating that not enough consideration has been given by Scottish Water to the mix of fresh water and sewage in periods of bad weather.

**8) Wind Farms**

It has been reported that during a slight gale at the beginning of November, one of the turbines at Campbeltown buckled over.

**9) Association of Community Councils**

Mrs Pratt attended the AGM in Edinburgh where new officers were elected. There was some worrying news about a very expensive photocopier that was purchased with only one signature and the new executive have been unable to return it for refund. It would appear that this purchase was made without consultation with other officers but we were assured that procedures have been put in place to prevent a recurrence. There was nothing of any great importance to report except that in future any Community Council that did not pay their membership fee would be expelled.

**10) Bi-Election**

Anne Gabriel has agreed to be our returning officer and will help in any way she can. Aileen McNicol will put an article into the paper advertising for people to put their names forward and will mention the various proposed projects that are in hand which will affect the whole community. Co-opted members do not have a vote in the Bi-Election.

**11) Any Other Business**

Several issues needing attention as follows.

The wooden houses called Melbourne and Sydney are in very poor repair. Could the Community Council request a demolition order on them. Councillor McAlister will look into this.

Footpath at Sandy Beach in poor repair

Toward School- Roads dept. will be putting in a speed limit sign.

Newton Park- Work to be carried out at bus stop and road alterations to pavement from Sandy Beach to Newton Park.

Star Garage- Due to outstanding debt owed to the Council this property is not saleable. Cllr McAlister will look into this.

Police Report- Mrs Pratt will write to the local constable W. McGraw inviting him to our meetings to give us a report on crime in the area.

Agenda item for next meeting – Toward Lighthouse

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.