

Minutes of Meeting of South Cowal Community Council Held in Innellan Village Hall on 15 June 2006

Present: Dr C Valentine (Chair)
Mr R McGilvray
Mrs I Pratt
Dr S F Pearson (Vice Chair)
Mrs P Forsyth (Secretary)

Attending: Per attached list

Subsequent to the Annual General Meeting, the meeting commenced at 7.16 pm.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 10 May 2006

The minutes were **approved** by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1.1. Matters Arising

1.1.1. Wind Farms

Mrs Pratt reported that she had been unable to obtain a reply from Mr J Rhodes, the headmaster of Dunoon Grammar School. It was **agreed** that she should continue to pursue this and that a questionnaire should be devised for the usage of the school pupils in gathering community opinion.

Dr Valentine confirmed that he would proceed with writing the remit of the sub-committee after hearing the proceedings of that evening's presentation.

Mrs Forsyth advised that, subsequent to her invitation, ArgyllWindFarms.com (AWF) were unable to send a spokesperson to the Community Council's meetings for the rest of the summer. They had, however, provided documentation on their position which had been forwarded to the members.

2. Matheson Garden Project

It was advised that a meeting would be held the following week and that the feasibility study was moving forward. Rev Anderson was progressing grant applications.

Mr McGilvray proposed that the Community Council should make a contribution of £200 to the project. This was **approved** by all present.

3. Planning Applications

Mrs Pratt reported that planning permission was being sought for Scottish Water to install portakabins at the car park at Sandy Beach. Concerns were raised as to when they would be removed and if the car park would be returned to its original state. A suggestion was made that it should, in fact, be resurfaced. Mrs Pratt indicated that she would attend the next Council Area Committee meeting and invited people to forward concerns to her.

4. Presentation by Land Use Consultants on Black Craig Wind Farm Planning Application (Argyll Wind Farms Ltd)

Dr Valentine stated that, in the interests of balance following on from the previous meeting's presentation, the Community Council had agreed to incorporate a presentation by Land Use

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Consultants. This related to the planning application being made by Argyll Wind Farms Ltd to install turbines at Black Craig.

Mr van Grieken introduced himself as the landscape architect responsible for conducting an independent environmental assessment to accompany the Black Craig planning application. He stated that he welcomed this opportunity to inform the community and to encourage comments.

Mr van Grieken's presentation reviewed the proposed location of the turbines at Black Craig as well as the technology involved. He noted that, as a result of public feedback, the original application had been amended to reduce the size of the turbines. They would now consist of 19 turbines at 60m tower height, 83m blade diameter and 101.5m total height.

He listed the organisations included in the planning process and the considerations taken into account such as effects on birds, noise etc. He advised that materials for the turbines' installation would be transported by sea to Ardyne Point. Mention was also made of the potential benefits of the installation to the community, including via employment.

The planning application would be submitted in July 2006 and the environmental statement would be available in CD form, as well as in Innellan Post Office. Dependent on the duration of the planning determination, construction could commence in late 2007 or early 2008.

Following Mr van Grieken's presentation, questions were taken in writing from those present, per the attached document and these were answered by the representatives from Land Use Consultants and Argyll Wind Farms Ltd.

On behalf of everyone present, Dr Valentine thanked the representatives of Land Use Consultants and Argyll Wind Farms Ltd for their contribution.

At this point (9.30 pm), all those attending left the meeting except for the Community Council members.

5. Community Council Website

It was **agreed** that the amount of £38.58 should be reimbursed to Mrs Forsyth, representing the cost of purchasing the domain name and hosting.

Mrs Forsyth **agreed** to contact Mr Bill Jardine with a view to publicising the Website address in the local newspaper.

6. Committee Membership

It was **agreed** that Mr Jardine should also be approached with a view to publicising the fact that vacant seats existed on the Community Council.

7. Developing a Public Partnership Forum in the Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership

Dr Valentine referred to the correspondence that had been received by Mrs Forsyth from Argyll and Bute CHP, dated 31 May 2006. It was **agreed** that Dr Valentine would compose a reply to them stating that South Cowal Community Council wished to be considered for membership of the steering committee and the Public Involvement Network. This would be sent by Mrs Forsyth.

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8. Any Other Business

8.1. Matheson Lane

Dr Pearson indicated that the issue of the condition of Matheson Lane required to be highlighted directly to the Forestry Commission with a view to preventing an accident. It was **agreed** that Mrs Forsyth would draft a letter to this effect.

8.2. Waste Regulations

Dr Valentine pointed out that the regulations concerning the disposal of waste had recently changed, particularly in relation to what materials could be burned or dumped.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30 pm

Signed **Chairman**

Date

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Attendee Listing

Name	Affiliation
Dr Chris Valentine	Chairperson, South Cowal Community Council
Mrs Pamela Forsyth	Secretary, South Cowal Community Council
Mr Richard McGilvray	Treasurer, South South Cowal Community Council
Dr S Forbes Pearson	Vice Chairperson, South Cowal Community Council
Mrs Irene Pratt	South Cowal Community Council
Ms Sarah Young	Land Use Consultants
Mr Marc van Grieken	Land Use Consultants
Mr Peter Blacker	Argyll Wind Farms Ltd
Name to be supplied	Argyll Wind Farms Ltd
Mr Jim Bamber	Resident
Mr Alan Forsyth	Resident
Mrs Trisha Fairlie	Resident
Mrs Suzi Gamage	Resident
Mr Iain Gamage	Resident
Mr Robert Fairlie	Resident
Mr D Mansfield	Resident
Ms Janet Lowe	Resident
Ms Marjorie Lowe	Resident
Mr James Law	Resident
Mr Philip Norris	Dunoon and Cowal Marketing Group
Ms Anne Gabriel	Chairperson, Dunoon Community Council
Ms Eva Thomson	Resident
Ms Mia Crawford	Secretary, Sandbank Community Council
Ms Norma Murray	Chairperson, Sandbank Community Council
Jackie McBurney	Sandbank Village Hall Committee
Mr Wilson Black	Resident
Mr Bill Dalziel	Resident
Mr Jim Park	Resident
Mrs June Park	Resident
Mr Bill Jardine	Resident
Mr Donald McFarlane	Resident
Ms Brenda McFarlane	Resident
Mr Evan Malcolm	Resident
M Malcolm	Resident
Mr Stan Ireland	Resident
Mr John Wilson	Resident
W Cameron	Resident
Ms Jane Kelly	Resident
Mr Alasdair Finlay	Resident
Ms Doreen Finlay	Resident
Mrs Carol Gilles	Resident
Mr John Hutchen	Resident
Mr A McAlister	Dunoon Community Council