

Minutes of Meeting of South Cowal Community Council Held in Innellan Village Hall on 16th October 2007

Present **Dr C Valentine (Chairman)**
 Dr F Pearson (Vice Chairman)
 Mr R McGilvray (Treasurer)
 Mrs I Pratt

The meeting opened at 7.10.

The Chairman welcomed the people present

1) **Apologies** Mrs Little sent her apologies due to illness.
 Councillor Dick Walsh and Martin Jones

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 Not yet written up.

3) **Colarach Hill Windfarm**

It would appear from the recent meeting held to discuss this that there was a great deal of apathy from the local community but those present were mainly against it. However, the Community Council felt we should support it because of the result of our random local survey and providing it was not badly sighted. Richard McGilvray stated that the technology on windfarms was improving so they may well prove more efficient by the time this project was built. Dr Valentine will draft a letter to Argyll & Bute Council stating that South Cowal Community Council would support this application. **Action** Chairman

4) **Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Local Plan**

It was **agreed** that South Cowal Community Council will support this plan.

5) **Planning Applications**

There were no applications that were of any importance to the local community except the re-application for Black Craigs Windfarm.

6) **Bullwood Quarry**

Forbes Pearson attended the Inquiry and said that there were good objections from the local residents. He, himself, stated that the site was too small, too close to the road and as the road would have to be closed during blasting this would cause a great deal of disruption. Mr Malcolm, previously a Water Board employee, objected on technical points stating that the sewers along West Bay were not in good condition and some may be closed, the outlet pipes would be below the water line and could well cause a backup of outflow at high tides leading to bad smells in the area. The Reporter has gone now gone away to consider the comments and will visit the site. She will also look at the Loch Eck facility. She hopes to give her verdict before Christmas.

7) **Bi-Election**

Irene Pratt will find out the results of the Dunoon Bi-Election from Anne Gabriel and discuss the forth coming South Cowal Bi-Election. Richard McGilvray will approach the previous Returning Officer to see if he will officiate again. Irene Pratt will ask Anne Gabriel for information regarding proceedings and forms.

8) **Remembrance day**

Dr Valentine will order the wreath. Forbes Pearson will contact the British Legion re time of ceremony at Innellan, book the hall and approach minister to officiate at the ceremony. Mrs Pearson, Irene Pratt and Margaret Little will prepare the tea.

9) Dr Valentine has received a letter from Peter Peacock MSP asking for our comments on the following

Building houses on known flood plains

Community Planning

Scottish Renewables

Crown Estates

Action The Chairman will draft a reply.

10) **The Association of Community Councils**

We have been asked to elect a representative to this association. **Agreed** Irene Pratt will represent South Cowal

11) **Any Other Business**

None

Meeting closed at 8.25