

Ardross Community Council

Notes of Meeting

10th April 2023

8.00 pm

Ardross Community Hall

Present: Peter Allen (Chair), John Edmondson (Secretary) and Alison Gordon (Treasurer)

Sandra Cunliffe, James McDougall, Emma Chisholm and Alastair Harington (later).

Meeting started at 8 pm.

The meeting was not quorate. It was decided to take notes and acknowledge and discuss any matters at the May meeting. [These were discussed and agreed at the Management Meeting on the 8th May 2023]

1. There were apologies from James McTaggart, George Mackay and Willie Beattie. As well as Sandra Cunliffe and Clare Bale
3. It was suggested that the Community Benefit application for the Ardross Pipe Band wanting equipment was dealt with by email.

Other matters arising were dealt with below.

Email correspondence had been forwarded for information only to Community Councillors.

4. We had received correspondence from the forestry agent for Novar Estate, with reassurances that the Lealty Bridge was not to be used for extraction. And although one stand would require extraction via the Boath road, the other extraction route would use the Novar windfarm track.

There had been no response about either the top dressing of the road surfaces on the B9176 or the replacement of the crash barriers at Stittenham Bends from Iain Moncrieff.

5. It was agreed that we should co-opt another voting member to the Community Council in May and this would be published in the Newsletter and Agenda as required. The Secretary explained that this was a strict vote of Community Councillors on the night.

6. The Treasurer circulated the latest accounts for the Ardross Community Council. The Ardross Community Council had distributed a total of £33,170.62 to community projects in the financial year. It was anticipated that the Hall Playpark would be making large requests for funding in the coming months as groundworks were starting in May. The Treasurer reported that there were more households with people over 65 years old in them than anticipated. The Ardross Community Council held healthy funds. It was important that this money was spent and anyone who had an idea for a project should come forward.

8. A planning application for a house and annex was discussed. There was no objection in principle to this application for one dwelling. The Ardross Community Council would ask that the Annex was 'attached' to the main house and could not be disposed of separately to the main dwelling.

SSEN's plans to build pylons through Ardross was still a source of anger and uncertainty. Several community councillors had had communication with concerned residents. Almost all the Community Councils along the route had formed a group as a forum to try and get the best option, however they were also pressing for the need to be made. It was hoped to invite SSEN to a meeting once any plans were further forward. Alastair Harington had suggested an alternative route similar to that of the Community Council. He stated that the communities that had co-operated with SSEN during the planning phase of the Beauly-Denny line had got better results than those that had not. Various meetings were taking place with other communities. There was a need to come up with a strategy.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Management Meeting **10th May 2023** at the Ardross Community Hall

