

MINUTES OF ARNPRIOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Held on 21st February 2006 at 7.30 p.m.
At Arnprior Nursery

Community Councillors present: Duncan McEwen (Chaired Meeting),
Angus Robertson and Hazel Walker (Minutes)

Also present: Geoff Atkins

Apologies: Ed Carrick, Helena Buckley and James Stirling.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Duncan McEwen opened the meeting by welcoming all present and accepting apologies.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Community Council Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday, 20 December 2005 were approved with one amendment. Duncan McEwen stated that he was not the Chair of the Access Forum but a member. Angus Robertson and Duncan McEwen approved the minutes with this clarification.

3. Matters Arising

Duncan McEwen explained the process for participating on the Access Forum. There are 15-18 seats on the Forum. Membership of the Forum comprises 3 landowners; 3 land managers; Scottish Rural Property and Business Association; 2 Ramblers and 1 person representing horse riders. The forum will meet quarterly at Old Viewforth. Mr Geoff Atkins explained that this forum will feed into the National Forum, which has a mixture of representatives. Any problems in any single authority should be taken to the National Forum for clarification.

4. Update on Questionnaire for Community Plan

Hazel Walker has been unable to prepare a draft questionnaire for this meeting due to illness over Christmas period. She has now received copies of other Community Council questionnaires from Pam Campbell. Hazel will contact Margaret McKechnie, our new Rural Development Worker for help with the questionnaire. She suggested that we could make our questionnaire more interesting to read using colours, Geoff Atkins offered help with the layout.

Action: Hazel Walker for April's meeting

5. Community Council Project Grant

Hazel reported that £1,000 had been received by the Community Council from Stirling Council, which has to be spent on a one-off project. We need to inform the Council of our chosen project by 31 August 2006. Geoff has asked for ideas from the community through the newsletter.

Action: all community council members

6. Area Community Council Project Grant

Our area has been awarded a grant of £29,800. Decisions on how the money is to be spent will be made at the next forum meeting on Monday, 8 May 2006 in Drymen. Geoff managed to attend the previous meeting, which comprised mainly presentations with very little time left over for discussion. The CC should ensure as many representatives as possible should attend the May meeting.

Action: Ed, Duncan and Hazel registered interest in attending. Everyone else welcome.

7. Police Report

No police report has been received.

8. Report of Relevant Correspondence

No relevant correspondence .

9. Any Other Business

There were several items of AOB:

- Geoff informed that meeting that he had secured a grant of £500 for the newsletter. He pointed out that we won't be able to access that funding again and that we need to think about sourcing alternative funding for future years.
- Duncan asked for guidance from the Council regarding his input at the next Access Forum. Those present suggested that he pursue the original plan for walks around the village. We want better connections with our neighbours. Duncan highlighted a couple of areas requiring clarification, i.e. how to manage multi use paths (e.g. cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders all using the same paths) and risk issues for the public using paths and the landowners' across whose land the paths go. As the next Access Forum meeting is being held in the same week as the next CC meeting Duncan suggested bringing forward the CC meeting to enable us to discuss more fully what Duncan takes with him to the Access meeting.

Action: Hazel to contact Lynn Philipps to change date of meeting.

- The funding for the Schiehallion Unit (Yorkhill) is in our bank account. We should talk to the Pitkeathly Family about how best to make the donation.

Action: Hazel to contact Margaret.

10. Close of Meeting

Date of next meeting to be confirmed as soon as possible.

Duncan thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 9 pm.