

Arnprior Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2007
at 7:30pm, Arnprior Nursery

Community Councillors present: Ed Carrick (Chairperson), Angus Robertson, Helena Buckley, Geoff Atkins, James Stirling

Also present: Councillor Alistair Berrill, Fiona Stirling, Duncan McEwen (jnr), Gary Marshall (Care Vision).

1. **Welcome and apologies:** the chairman welcomed those present and apologies were received from Duncan McEwen, Eric Brodie, Hazel Walker, Ms Margaret McKechnie (Rural Development Worker, Stirling Council) and Campbell Dunn (Central Scotland Police).
2. **Minutes of the previous community council meeting:** The draft minutes were approved by Angus Robertson and seconded by Ed Carrick.
3. **Matters arising - Actions**
 - i. Double white lines: *Post meeting note* – no action from Stirling Council due to staff changes. However, insufficient road width for double white lining scheme but considering a coloured hatched centre zone. A detailed assessment will be sent to ACC by end of November.
 - ii. Damage at Nursery. The Nursery is not concerned about compensation and is happy with the approach taken in Earrann. Ed clarified that his suggestion for contributing to the purchase of equipment could be considered at any time and not just in the case of replacing damaged equipment.
 - iii. Oran will attend next meeting in response to concerns expressed by Eric Brodie regarding the performance of the company in spreading sewage sludge on fields around Arnprior. Eric is in correspondence with SEPA and Oran on various matters concerning the operations and Geoff Atkins is being advised of progress.
 - iv. Cllr Colin O'Brien has confirmed in writing that the lower section of the field (overgrown) path will be maintained by the Area Roads team.

4. Police Report (via e-mail)

Recent trailer thefts including one from Ladylands Farm have been detected. PC Campbell Dunn suggested that attention is given to security lighting in the home (e.g. by using timers when homes are unoccupied) as daylight hours reduce.

Duncan McEwen (jnr.) reported that farm equipment was stolen from Arnprior Farm on or about 11 October. The culprits appear to be known to the police and evidence is being gathered.

Extra neighbourhood vigilance was encouraged by all.

5. Road Safety Matters

Cllr Berrill reported a pilot project in Buchlyvie to help monitor the speed of through traffic. Residents to be trained in using variable speed signs and recording registration numbers.

Although a response was made to the recent consultation on additional spending on urban and rural roads no surfacing schemes for Arnprior have been included.

Comments to be forwarded to Stirling Council for the draft Smaller Towns and Villages Transport Strategy. This document is likely to take the form of an action plan. A draft document will be available close to Christmas. In the meantime Geoff will circulate a list of issues and possible actions.

Action: Geoff Atkins

6. Review of recent correspondence

Refer to Secretary's list of correspondence received.

No delegate proposed for the AGM of the Association of Community Councils (November 3).

Polling stations review proposes no change for Arnprior (i.e. Kippen).

7. Financial update

No.1 account stands at £2,574.91 and No.2 account stands at £461.96 as at 28 September. The accounts have been submitted to the auditors.

The costs of the bulb planting project (about £200, October 2007) should be drawn from the No.1 account as this is a community project using funds allocated last year.

Regarding Earrann our community newspaper, a contribution from No.1 account (approximately £200 required up to and including Spring edition) can be made towards the cost of production as the grant from the Scottish Community Foundation was less than applied for. Geoff Atkins stated that Earrann can be considered an important community project.

The remaining funds in No.1 account will be retained until firm project proposals have been identified and consulted on.

8. Ballindalloch Muir Wind Farm

Following the consultation drop-in session in Arnprior about 13 completed questionnaires are expected. An initial review of comments suggests the overall is slightly negative towards the proposal. Geoff will draft a response to the proposed development for discussion at the next meeting. The planning application is expected at the end of November.

Ed has spoken to Fintry about the options and processes they went through to manage the community benefit. They have set up a power company with limited liability to get best value from turbine output (over ten years). This and taking a one-off community benefit seem to be the only options.

9. Update on Core Paths Plan

Proposed changes to the Plan are being published this week. There are alternative proposals for Arnprior and other villages. Details will be available from the Stirling Council website but there are problems at the moment; Geoff will try and download maps of interest and issue to all. Closing date for responses to these new proposals is 30 November 2007.

10. Area Forum Issues

Joint Rural Roads Meeting planned for 25 October has been cancelled.

11. Draft Community Plan

The draft was issued to all addresses in October. Comments are requested by end of November. It is a working document which is reviewed annually.

Although not particularly aspirational this seems to reflect the community view and Ed Carrick thought the plan was concise and sufficient for Arnprior.

12. Any Other Business

Care Vision manager of Burnside, Gary Marshall, advised that supervision has been increased to cover each of the homes. He also mentioned that people have been walking past the house recently. ACC is happy to notify homes of any local events and dates of meetings.

Helena advised that there were bulbs left over from the bulb planting session on 21 October and asked for volunteers to complete the task on Sunday 28. One of the residents at Burnside would be invited. In total, 5 sacks of daffodils and 2 sacks of narcissi will have been planted along the A811 verges, play park and around the benches. The project has the support of the Pitkeathly family. Helena to write to the Chief Constable in appreciation of Campbell Dunn's help to control traffic.

A request for a location for tree planting has been made by one of young residents, as a memorial for James Pitkeathly. This doesn't necessarily need ACC action but we can assist if necessary.

Action: Ed Carrick

Date of next meeting: 18 December 2007, 7:30 pm at Arnprior Nursery.