LOCHGILPHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2015

1)Attending: A Buntin , H.Rhodick, E Rhodick, S Watson,D Mochrie, A Stewart, R Millar, Sgt I Macnicol (police), Cllr S Taylor, Cllr D Macmillan, E Macalister (Squeak).

2)Apologies: I Liddell, B Maclennan, N Maclennan, J Simpson.

3)Police report: 109 incidents. 5 RTC's , 18 traffic matters. Several flood related issues. 10 crime reports. 1 x drunk driver.1 x Speeder reported to PF. 2x telephone call fraud. 1x drug possession. 1x vehicle defects. 1x theft. 3x breach of peace. 1x speeding ticket. 1x breach peace FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice). 1x urinating in public. 1x no MOT. 1 Man issued with £50 FPN for causing unessessary obstruction by parking fully on pavement. Man issued FPN £100 as his vehicles MOT had expired.

Telephone Scams are continuing in the Lochgilphead area. Two people have been caught out by persons calling and pretending to be from Bank. In both cases the victims have lost a large sum of money which they are unlikely to get back.

Police would like to remind the public never to give out Bank details over the phone and always check any such call is genuine.

1st December at The Royal Bank at Inveraray another incident occurred whereby cash card was retained by a device attached to ATM machine. The customer later discovered their card was used to withdraw cash at separate ATM. Enquiries ongoing. Sgt I Macnicol urges the public to take extra care using ATM's as these types of incidents are becoming more common.

4)Minutes from November: Proposed: S Watson. Seconded: A Stewart.

5)Matters arising:

a)Conservation area in Lochgilphead A Buntin has a map. P Bain to be invited to next meeting to discuss this.

b)ACHA were asked about the household goods which are disposed of when tennants leave properties. These goods cannot be electrically tested and proved to be safe for use.

c)Footpath: Clarification required on who is liable for upkeep of path.

d)Emergency Plan: Cllr S Taylor presented LCC with an Emergency pack. The new Emergency plan is in the process of being formatted and then will be submitted.

6)Treasurers report: Treasurer not in attendance.

7)Budget Consultation: A Buntin thanked the Councillors for thier attendance at the extra ordinary meeting held on the 30th November to discuss this issue.The public were also invited along. A Buntin has formatted a letter on behalf of the LCC for the Budget Consultation instead of filling out the form.

8)Windfarm update:

a) Achruaich: There has been meeting's between the three CC's involved and Community Enterprise and Foundation Scotland about the Community Benefit Fund which should be available October next year. There will be a Ceilidh on Friday 15th January in the Argyll hotel Lochgilphead at 7pm. This evening will also raise funds for Mid Argyll Pipe Band and Gaelic Choir. There will be a presentation at the start of the evening from Community Enterprise. This will be part of the Consultation process.

Alt Rhuba: Planning has been submitted. Postcards through householders door letting public know what is happening.

9)MAI: Mid Argyll Initiative have had meetings in seven areas. Ardfern, Ardrishaig,Furnace,Inveraray,Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Tayvallich. These areas have all got opportunities and issues.Which MAI have highlighted. This presents Mid Argyll Communities and buisinesses with two opportunities, one being to work together to develop a joint community investment plan for the area,setting out what is important and helping to priorotise these ideas: the second to establish a vehicle to enable direct community investment in renewables projects.

10)Front Green: No update

11)Correspondence:

a) ACHA: Letter recieved for Vacancies for board members on Argyll Home for all.

b)E.O.N: Notification about Alt Rhuba has put in planning application.

c)£20.000 grant has been recieved to start up Chirett between Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.

12) Planning: Nothing Significant.

13)A&B Council update: Cllr S Taylor said there is a commitment to change all street lighting from sodium lighting to new lower level light. This could save £400,000 a year once all lamposts have been changed.

14)AOCB: Senior Citizen meal in Argyll Hotel was a very good afternoon.There were over 100 people in attendance.

15) DONM: Monday 11th January 2016 at 7pm at Lochgilphead Community Centre.