LOCHGILPHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
                            MINUTES OF MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017
1)Attending: A Buntin, E Rhodick,S Watson, C Edmonds, E Maclean, A Stewart, R Millar, D Mochrie, I Liddell,J Fisher, H Rhodick, Cllr S Taylor, M Balkeen, N Finlayson.
Apologies: B & N Maclennan.
2)Police report: 131 incidents, 20 crimes, Missing person still ongoing. Summer drink driving campaign starting soon. Operation Monarda is starting on 22 to 29th MaY, this deals with door step crime, cold calling,etc. E Maclean reported youngsters misbehaving and causing a nuisance with bikes and scooters down the side of peoples property at Argyll court. M Balkeen will have a word with these individuals. he also advised that if anyone has any issues they should call 101 at any time.
3)Minutes from April meeting: Proposed: I Liddell. Seconded: E Rhodick.
4)Treasurers report: Brian wasnt able to attend.
5)A & B Council, Mid Argyll Ward: Cllr S Taylor , Cllr D Philand, Cllr D Macmillan were all successful.
6)Hustings for General Election: Community Council will hold this event again at Lochgilphead Joint Campus on Thursday 6th June 7pm to 9.30pm. A Buntin will contact relevant MP's to invite to this event.
7) MAKI, Dentist and empty shops: At a recent MAKI meeting the empty shops throughout Argyll were discussed and issues raised i.e. property above shops need to be painted to make towns look better. The majority of shops have been painted and tidied up.
 A Dentist from Lochgilphead surgery has gone to Campbeltown. The practice in Lochgilphead is actively seeking another dentist but has had no results at this time. Many former patients have transfered to other practices in the area.
8)Celtic Fest Micro grant: A Buntin will contact Brian about the application.
Applicants for the Achruaich fund will be looked at on 29th of May.
9)Correspondence: a)A letter recieved about new appointment system at MACHICC.
b)Kilmartin Museum Plans: E Rhodick attended this meeting. Three quarters of the funding has been sought.This will be spent on a bigger education building, for relics and artifacts and a cafe area.
c)Royal voluntary service(together for elderly people). E Rhodick  attended this.There is a new scheme to be tried in Oban first to see what the people require i.e, shopping aid, supporting you in your own home, and to reduce bed blocking in hospitals.
d) Flag raising on Lochgilphead Front green on Wedensday 7th June at 7pm for Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day.
e) E Maclean attended Crinan Canal breakfast meeting. Richard Millar, Infrastructure Director announced that Scottish Canals have produced a priority list of work needed across the estate.Numerouslock gate are to be repaired. Dunardry bridge which was closed 2 years ago is not on list and will not be looked at in next 2 years, this caused much comment from the audience. They reported that all works on the towpath have been completed, including new balanced beams and bollards.Daill reservoir has new decking and LED lights are being fitted along the towpath. 4 fibre glass pontoons have been fitted and repairs made to stonework. Once painting had commenced on the light house at Crinan, more work was discovered which delayed the completion date. Oakfield bridge is to be redecked. Ardrishaig workshop will be cleaned up as will the wall next to Ardrishaig basin, they areb looking at water control via remote telemetry and wil trial a pager to alert of too much water. They have now entered into partnership with Argyll and Bute Council with regard to the vegetation along the canal side. They have recruited 16 seasonal assistants and are continuing to offer assisted passage via the Yot spot. Several years ago there was a land slip outside 'Ettrick'. To address this SC will be closing the road along the footpath(which is an adopted carriageway) from the Hotel and putting in a diversion around the back which will come back to canal side at 'Scarba'. This caused some agitation among those in the audience which will be affected for some time,as no consultation has taken place. Blame was allocated to the Council as they will be doing the work.
Donna Mallan, Customer service manager gave a piece on the work she has been doing giving talks around the Firth of Clyde area. She is based in the Ardrishaig office and said she will looking to visit LCC to update us. She said they are working towards a flotilla discount for boats going through from Tarbert to the Yot spot, Crinan and Craobh Haven.
Joe Murphy, Crinan Waterway manager was asked about telephonic along the Canal,especially at Bellanoch where there is an instruction to ring Crinan when planning passage through to Loch Crinan, but no telephone and no wifi. He said there is a 25% discount for charities/ non-commercial activity.
Chris Breslin,Estates Manager, talked about the charette and how he is in constant touch with local trusts. Ardrishaig Community Trust and Ardrishaig Community Council,Phoenix 'trust'. They have £580k to spend on the Gleaner site and putting new pavements in. Also temporary structures they are looking at are ramps for skateboards and scooters.
10) AOCB: Dog waste bins were brought up  and also the litter issue what can Community Council do to help in these matters.
a)The council have provided dog waste bins and there is no plans to add any new dog waste bins in the area,as the dog waste can be put in normal bins or pet waste taken back to householders bins.
b) There has been numerous events at the school to highlight the litter issues caused by school kids on their lunch breaks. Extra bins have been supplied by Argyll and Bute Council. This needs to be added to agenda to be discussed at a future meeting.
11) DONM:Monday 12th June at 7pm.