MINUTES OF 14 TH MARCH 2016

**1**)**Attending**: A Buntin, H Rhodick, S Watson, B Maclennan, N Maclennan,R Millar,I Liddell, E Rhodick, C Edmonds,J Simpson,D Mochrie, Cllr D Macmillan,Cllr S Taylor, I Macnicol(police), E Macalister(Advertiser).

**2**)**Apologies**: J Fisher, A Stewart.

**3**)**Minutes from February meeting**:Proposed: B Maclennan, Seconded: I Liddell

**4)Police report**:

**Total of 106 incidents**

8 RTCs

24 Road Traffic matters

Several Welfare related incidents

Several vehicle crashes on Wednesday 3rd Feb due to icy roads.

**11 Crime Reports**

1 x Serious Assault – male arrested and charged

1 x Car Park Hit & Run RTC Offence – No suspects

2 x Drugs Possession

1 x eBay Fraud – goods paid for but not received

1 x Vandalism offence

2 x Breach of the Peace

2 x Drinking Alcohol in Public – Recorded Police Warnings issued

1 x theft of unattended bike

Updates on previous actions

One incident of Parking on Pavements detected by Police vehicle moved on and driver warned on Oban Road, Lochgilphead.

If anyone witnesses such an incident, they can report it to Police who will investigate.

Incidents of note or crime trends

**In community council area and also across MAKI/Argyll**

Various methods of frauds continue to be attempted e.g. telephoning to say your computer has a fault and persuading you to pay for anti virus software to fix the problem. Also eBay type incidents where people pay for goods via bank transfer and never receive the goods.

Be aware and be careful.

**5**)**Matters arising**: A Macillroywill be in contact with LCC in next couple of weeks.

**6**)**Treasurers report**:£ 1272.24.

**7**)**Consultations:**

a)**Achruach:** After the recent consultation there were four themes that were evident.

**Theme 1. Community facilities and activities for all ages**.

1)Develop the old primary school into a community hub.

2)Develop a high quality Art and Culture centre.

3) Build on the high level of Art and creativity to help promote the area.

4)Upgrade Playpark at the Front Green for primary age children.

5) Upgrade and improve existing sport facilities such as the swimming pool.

6)Create a Community benefit fund to support existing groups and organisations as well as encourage the development of new ones.

**Theme 2. Tourism/Leisure**

1)Improve and further develop existing forest trails and cycle paths.

2)Develop a Strategy for promting the area.

3)Link enviromental assets with the Heritage and Cultural elements to help promote the area. This could include the Kilmartin Glen and Museum and Standing stones.

4)Improve current visitor centres.

5)Include a Tourism office in either a Community hub or Arts and Cultural centre (as suggested in the above theme).

6)Develop the Front Green to encourage people to make use of the open green space.

**Theme 3. Enterprise.**

1)This theme will be part of other themes and projects, creating a cross cutting employability strand through the development of other initiatives. Particular focus should be made on creating oppertunities for young people. This should include liason with Skills Development Scotland on the development of modern apprenticeships.

2)Work with local employers to create work experience/learning opportunities for young people.

3)Empty spaces could be used as pop up shops or could be developed into office space for new business start ups, particularly encouraging social enterprises and young entrepreneurs.

4)Capitalise on the art and music talent in the area to create creative businesses.

5)Aim to employ local people to work on any Community projects.

**Theme 4. Local infrastructure.**

1)Regenerate and refurbish town centre to attract business and tourism to the area.

2)Develop a promenade or pathway that links towns surrounding the loch.

3)Improve transport including access for older and disabled people.

4)Broadband and mobile coverage.

This consultation will be discussed more with the subgroup of LCC.

**7b**)**Canal Charrette**: The date for this event is 27-30th April 2016.There have been intensive planning sessions. Architect and local artists are involved. There was a positive outcome from the meeting held on the 7th march.

**7c**)**Dalriada Arts and Culture**: Mags Russell will be contacted for further information.

**8**)**Hustings:** Four candidates will be in attendance. M Russell, A Reid, D Cameron, J Finney. This will take place on Thursday 21st April at Lochgilphead Joint Campus 7pm till 10pm.

**9**)**Dark Skies,Celtic festival and Fairtrade. (B Maclennan):** Ideas to try and improve Argylls tourism.Dark Skies is up and running in Dumfries. This is for people interested in stargazing and learning more about our skyline. Rural areas are ideal for this pursuit. This is a good tourist attraction. There is background work to be done and further information on this will be sought.

Celtic festival the Swords of Ayrshire are a re-enactment group. Talks are still ongoing to see if an event can be arranged in Lochgilphead.

Fairtrade this will be discussed further at next LCC meeting.

**10**)**Speed limit Corran to Baddens**: Concerned members of the community approached A Buntin about the speed limit. As there is alot of access to housing and also commercial premises on this stretch of road. It was suggested that this stretch of road should be reduced from a 40mph to 30mph. Cllr Macmillan said he would find out what the procedure is to get this reduced.

**11**)**Litter**: This will be discussed in April meeting.

**12)Correspondence:** A letter recieved about Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils. E Rhodick proposed that the LCC purchase 50 of these to be given to members of the community. I Liddell seconded the proposal. This will be put on hold until numbers of 90yr olds in community is verified.

Scottish Hydro Electric will be organising public exhibitions for the

Inveraray to Crossaig overhead line replacement project. This will take place in Argyll hotel Lochgilphead on Wednesday 23rd March 2pm till 7pm.

**13**)**A&B update:** The Budget proposals have been approved on the 11th February.Job losses werent as bad as expected.There has been a package brought forward, money for rural regeneration fund for Mid Argyll. Investment in inferstructure,more information will be issued at a later date. Burials and Cremations have increased in price. There will be fewer bin lorries. Flower beds will be dug up and filled in, reduction in grass cutting. General bins will be emptied every 3 wks and recycling every 2wks.

**14) AGM**: 11TH April 7pm Lochgilphead Community centre. New members can be co-opted on to LCC. Cllr S Taylor to chair this meeting.

**15) AOCB**: Lochgilphead Armed Forces meeting MS centre Monday 21st March at 7pm.

**16) DONM**: Monday 11th April 2016 at 7pm