

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP  
held in DALRIADA HOUSE, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on Monday 21 February 2005.**

**1 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

Colin Hossack representing the Forestry Commission, Scotland, who had only commenced work today, was welcomed to the meeting on behalf of the Forestry Commission.

Apologies for absence were received from George Lyon M.P., Eric Box, Roddy MacLeod, Wendy Mowbray, Felicity Kelly, Margaret McVicar, Sandy MacKilligan, Peter Slann.

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2005**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2005, were approved with two minor amendments.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

Car Parking in Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Bowmore

It was confirmed that the Area Committee had recommended that before any consideration was given to charging in Council owned car parks a survey should be undertaken to ascertain whether on street parking charges should be implemented in Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Bowmore. Various points were noted in regard to the effect the car parking charges would have on a tourism area.

**4 FORESTRY COMMISSION**

Collin Hossack advised that he was a replacement for Brent Meakin.

He confirmed that the Kintyre Way funding had been approved and upgrades were currently being carried out by the Forestry Commission between Tarbert and Skipness and Goodly and Ballochgair both to be completed by the end of March. It was agreed that a copy of the map showing the Kintyre Way between Tarbert and Southend should be circulated as part of the minute.

Dalriada Project

Colin reported that final funding bid was in and the foot paths at Ardcastle and Otter Ferry at Port Ann were all to be upgraded to an all ability standard. He referred to the Oak woods and the exhibition of art work to take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> February at the Kilmartin museum. He also advised that a feasibility study of local mountain biking possibilities was being undertaken.

**5a Ardrishaig Community Council – No report****5b Dunadd Community Council –**

They are discussing with Donnie McLeod flooding on the road which connects Castle Park and the new road which has not yet been adopted and it has problems with drainage.

**5c Inveraray Community Council – No report****5d Lochgilhead Community Council – No report****5e South Knapdale Community Council –**

The only issue will be taken up directly with Donnie McLeod in relation to soft verges and problems of vehicles attempting to park and turn using these. He also reported that the old mile post maker signs are being replaced or renovated by the South Knapdale Community Council.

**5f West Lochfyne Community Council –**

Various Bear issues were raised including missing Minard signs, road accidents at Knock Cottage, outside Lochgair, the bad state of the A83 and lighting in Lochgair adjacent to the hotel.

The issue of litter on and beside trunk roads was also raised and it was agreed to ascertain from Andy Law whose responsibility this is and what action is being taken.

It was also noted that the Council's side roads into upper Lochgair are not in good condition.

David Stark pointed out that at Auchindrain where the road works assumed to be finished by February had not yet started. This is still on ceefax as a road works problem. It was agreed that Inspector Dearie would try and raise this to see whether this should be removed and updated on ceefax. He will also take forward the other Bear issues with Inspector Sutherland.

**5g Craignish Community Council – No report****5h Furnace Community Council - see attached report****5i Tarbert & Skipness Community Council –**

The main issue still was the crossing required in the centre of Tarbert and Douglas Robertson asked if the Area Committee would take this forward by asking for a meeting with the Scottish Executive/ Strathclyde police and BEAR to push for this crossing.

A question was asked about the £300,000 allocated in this year's budget for events and festivals and it was agreed to ascertain whether this would be a budget heading for future years.

Phone Box Consultation

It was noted that most Community Councils were in favour of cashless phone boxes and this would be communicated to British Telecom.

**5j North Knapdale Community Council – No report**

**6 STRATHCLYDE POLICE –**

Inspector Dearie reported on various strategies which have taken place since the last meeting including the fireworks strategy, festive public safety campaign, and “ru2close”.

He also reported that the mobile police office was successfully visiting the MAKI area where there had been 81 patrols.

An issue regarding parking outside the co-op in Ardrishaig was raised, cars being parked not only on double yellow lines but facing the wrong way with their headlights on. Councillor McMillan pointed out that this had caused some accident in the recent past and it was agreed that the police would check what action had been taken to sort this.

**7 BRITISH WATERWAYS BOARD –**

It was noted that Danny Kennedy has retired and that British Waterways Board should be asked who should be invited to attend the meetings.

**8 COMMUNITY CENTRE COUNCIL –**

Copy of the report from Margaret McVicar was circulated for information.

**9 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE –**

It was agreed that the Chamber of Commerce should be included on the Agenda.

**10 COUNCIL REPORTS – No reports**

**(a) Roads**

**(b) Environmental Services**

**(c) Education**

**(d) Housing & Social Work**

**11 SCOTTISH WATER –**

It was agreed that a specific letter should be written to Stephen Greenhill inviting him to attend the next meeting.

**12 BEAR –**

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Area Manager in Killin inviting him to attend the next meeting of Mid Argyll Partnership.

**13 BLARBUIE WOODLANDS -**

A report relating to Blarbuie Woodland Project was circulated for information and is attached to the minute.

**14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Forest Enterprise produced a copy of a map showing the link road between Loch Awe and Loch Fyne and invited comments on this.

**15 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005, at 2.15 p.m. in Dalriada House, Lochgilphead.

The meetings thereafter will be the 29<sup>th</sup> August and the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005

**SEDERUNT SHEET**

**MID ARGYLL PARTNERSHIP**

**21 FEBRUARY 2005**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
David Starck	South Knapdale Community Council
Colin Hossack	Forestry Commission, Scotland
Ian MacIntyre	Tarbert & Skipness Community Council
Douglas Robertson	Tarbert & Skipness Community Council
Eric Dearie	Strathclyde Police
Marion Thomson	Dunadd Community Council
Liz Cockhill	Chamber of Commerce
Bruce Robertson	Alison & Bute Council
Mary MacGugan	West Lochfyne Community Council
Alison Hay	Argyll & Bute Council
Donnie MacMillan	Argyll & Bute Council
Deirdre Forsyth	Argyll & Bute Council - Corporate Services

Furnace Community Council Report

I shall be on my way back from Stornoway at 2.15 on Monday, so please convey my apology. I am sorry to miss the meeting as I always find them helpful.

The Community Council continues to liaise with Friends of the Furnace who are making good progress in meeting with organisations such as Historic Scotland which are interested in the preservation of the iron furnace and the eventual establishment of some kind of industrial heritage centre based on the Furnace. For the first time money has been made available through Historic Scotland for removal of branches and foliage which are endangering the stonework and some tidying of the site.

The Community Council has had complaints from cyclists and motorists about the poor surface and the many potholes appearing between the lay-by and the end of the 40 mile limit at Sandhole. While this is not a Council responsibility we hope representations can be made to Bear. Clearly this whole stretch of road needs to be repaired, as the filling-in of potholes can only be a temporary measure as within a few days the heavy traffic undoes the work done.

We are proud of the success of Furnace School Gaelic Choir at the National Mod and we were delighted when Argyll and Bute Council recognised their continuing success with a reception at the Lochfyne Hotel in Inveraray. We welcome the completion of the forest road from Loch Awe to Brenchoille and look forward to the time when timber is shipped out of Furnace. Having been involved in the creation of the Leacainn Walk the Community Council welcomes recreational facilities in forest areas.  
Roddy Macleod Furnace Community Council

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