

**ACHARACLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ACHARACLE RESOURCE CENTRE  
ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2007.**

Present: Roy Cattle, Peter Stace, Liz Connell, John MacMillan, Howard Hoare, Claire Doyle (Sec)

8 members of the public.

Apologies: Hugh MacPherson, Donnie MacGillivray, Alisdair MacGillivray, Anne Marie Clegg.

Amended Minutes of last meeting approved.

**HIGHLANDS SMALL COMMUNITIES HOUSING TRUST**

Mr Di Alexander introduced the CC to Susan Hunter and 4 members of the public along with Jamie MacIntyre and Kevin Pierce from Forestry to discuss the Salen Housing project. The HSCHT is a charity to help small communities tackle the problems of affordable housing in the Highlands by identifying needs and helping with the problems attached to finding plots, etc. A proposal from 4 Glenborrodale members of the public are looking at a site at Camus Torsa, west of Salen, and the HSCHT is helping them at the moment. If a model like theirs can be made to work, this can help others in the community and in neighbouring communities. The Forestry works closely with HSCHT and can help by offering what is called the National Forest Land Scheme. It works in three ways, sponsored sale of surplus land, buying Forestry Land and affordable housing land. The land is valued at much lower than market value and there is a guarantee that the property or land must not be sold on at a profit. This scheme is 2 years old and the Acharacle Community Council then proceeded to ask questions to the members of the public and the HSCHT. It was agreed to back the proposed house builders.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The finalisation of the Accounts have to be confirmed (1 month left) The problem of the John Dye Calendars has still to be accounted for and a meeting has to be held with the Accountant to mediate with the relevant parties to enable him to sign off the accounts. It was agreed this meeting should take place asap. £100 to be granted to Shinty Club. £200 to be given to Acharacle School to help with the purchase of waterproofs.

**NHS HIGHLAND**

No response from Theresa James at the time of going to press or from 4 councillors written to last month. It was decided letters to be sent to Jill MacVicar and Ken Proctor to chase this up. The CC feels strongly that they should be consulted about any changes in our Medical service as yet, despite promises of close interaction between NHS Highland and ACC, none has been given.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Despite letters being written to Hugh Fraser, Director of Education, it seems that the school is now inviting new tenders going to HC at the end of October. Letters again to be sent.

#### VILLAGE CLEAN UP

TBC.

#### FUNERALS

Ella Jamieson attended the meeting and explained the problems with the church Roof. All the work has now been completed to the roof and in the process, more problems have been found. It will take 18 months for the church to completely dry out but hopefully this can all be work done that will not disrupt the smooth running of the Church. Funerals can now take place at the church and Ella would like to thank all the people that have supported the restoration process.

On a different note, Ella also informed us that a new Dentist will be in place at the Top Shop Surgery on a full time basis and will be NHS.

#### MOSS FLOODING

A member of the public from Moss expressed concerns over Moss flooding. No response from correspondence to Sam MacNaughton, another letter to be sent asking for an update. An article appeared in the P&J which raises some questions.

#### SCOTTISH WATER

A new water system is to be set up in Acharacle and this is to connect to Salen. RC to enquire at Scottish Water what up to date situation is.

#### MATTERS ARISING

Plans were received showing that the School Road in Acharacle be made into a 20mph.

PLANNING - None received this month.

The CC box will now be situated at the Post Office for Councillors to obtain easier. As the Minutes are summarised and edited in the press, copies can be made available for the public in the PO also.

Date and Time of Next meeting AGM 6th November 2007 at Acharacle Resource Centre.