

Community Council minutes are published in An Carranach for those that wish to see them in full. To summarise , we met in July and September but not August.

Many of our recent discussions, and agenda items, have been concerned with the problems brought by the increase of traffic on the roads and the impact that this and associated tourism related issues are having on our environment and community. We were aware (largely thanks to the forum working as it should) that the Trust very much share these concerns, so we invited them to attend our September meeting. Rodger, Archie and Jess kindly attended and we agreed to work - in the first instance with Jess - to develop a tourism management strategy that will aim to address the many challenges, and capitalise on the opportunities that such an influx has brought.

I am happy to try and answer any specific questions in this regard at the forum meeting.

With more specific regard to the pressure on the Bealach, Mark Stewart has commenced some work on behalf of the council to try and identify some measures that could ameliorate the problems. We have agreed that the problem is becoming serious and that serious solutions will require specific and detailed data to be collected. Mark has identified some researchers, and govt bodies that may be able to help, and we are grateful that PC Craig Allen attended our first meeting with some valuable initial traffic data. Again, I will be happy to try and answer any questions at the forum.

What has already become clear is that very high tech data collection systems are likely to be well beyond our funding capability so we hope that individuals and businesses across the community will be willing to help us collect data as our strategy for doing so develops. We very much hope that in the long term the whole community will benefit.

Our September meeting was lively and well attended and it was good to see representatives of the Trust and the Community Company. I would like to take this opportunity to the community that our meetings are open to all, and all are welcome.