

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the above Community Council was held on the 10th of June 2008 at 9pm in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Present: Robin Asbury (Chairman), Lindsay Davies, Robin Grey, Nigel Mitchell, Alasdair Oatts, Cllr Duncan MacIntyre, Cllr Donald McDonald and 9 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Elaine Robertson, Cllr Neil Mackay, PC Kevin Moffat, CI Fred Hall, Dorothy Carmichael, Peter Menzies and Georgina Dalton.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 12th June 2007: The minutes of the meeting on 12th of June 2007 were taken as read. The minutes were approved by Alasdair Oatts and seconded by Lindsay Davies.

3. Matters Arising: Linda MacKinnon asked for the entry in the Treasurers Account named 'Cuilfail Cottages Rent' be detailed so as to indicate this is for the car park as discussed at last years AGM. It was noted that it is logged as 'Cuilfail Cottages' as this is what appears on the invoice. However it was agreed that in order to dispel any confusion it could be detailed to indicate 'car park'.

4. Chairman's Annual Report: The Chairman expressed that as with most Community Councils in most years the ongoing Planning Applications are a major area of discussion. This year two items dominated our discussions (a) the MacLeod's development in The Glebe and (b) the development of land around the Village hall. In the first case, A&B Council Planning Department noted our comments and one or two suggestions will be incorporated eg. protective fencing set back from the road during construction and appropriate and consistent fencing at the roadside on completion. As for the Village Hall Area we have had the full support from the Planning Committee, but not the chief Planner unfortunately, and we now only await the final outcome of the Lorn Plan to see if the way ahead is easier. A favourable response could see approval being given in August. Dealing with this has been time consuming and frustrating and as a result progress on the formation of a Land Reform Act Community Company has had to be sidelined until time permits.

In addition to these matters we have kept in touch with the Council, mainly Roads Department, over such matter as potholes, scrub clearance, passing places and footpaths and while some progress has been made the timing is so often resource/funding dependant. No doubt this will be a continuing saga.

I do not anticipate the work pattern to be significantly different in the coming year, the last for the current team, but we will continue to act as best we can in your interest. However, I would like to stress the need for the involvement of others in the voluntary work of the community if it is to continue successfully into the future. I will refer to this

again under AOCB. It remains for me to thank Neil Manchester for all the previous work as secretary and Chairman until his resignation in February, my colleagues on the Community Council for all their hard work in different areas, our Councillors for their attendance and support, the Kilninford News Team for their efforts in researching, writing, reporting, printing and distribution of the three editions in the past year and last but not least, all of you who come and support our meetings with your views and suggestions.

5. Treasurer's Report: Robin Grey presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2008. It was noted that as per proposal at last years AGM the National Savings Bank Investment Account had been closed and lodged in the Bank of Scotland Treasurers Account. The planter project had been completed by Elizabeth Asbury and Toni Mitchell and there remained money available for this project if needed. The Football Club entry was from Robert Carmichael from the now obsolete Sailing Club Account. This has been passed on to the Kilmelford Football Club. Alasdair Oatts expressed thanks for this donation on behalf of the Football Club noting how grateful they were for this donation. The Football Club has recently been awarded a Fair Play Award. It was noted we closed the financial year with a balance of £1476.97.

The Chairman asked if this money could be used for development around the Village Hall. Cllr McIntyre confirmed that it could be used for whatever projects the Community felt appropriate. He also added that was worthwhile holding a balance in the account as it was often a requirement of grant givers that the Community provided "matched" funding.

6. Approval of Accounts: The audited accounts were approved by Robin Asbury and seconded by Alasdair Oatts. The Chairman asked for our thanks to be passed on to Shelagh Cannon for auditing the accounts for this year, and proposed that Mrs. Cannon be asked to audit next year's accounts.

7. Election of Office Bearers 2008 /2009: The Chairman advised that all office bearers would stand down and the make themselves available for re-election. There was unanimous agreement to all office bearers being re-elected into their previously held positions. This was proposed by Nigel Mitchell and seconded by Cath Manchester. The office bearers for the forthcoming year can be confirmed as

Robin Asbury – Chairman.

Robin Grey – Treasurer.

Alasdair Oatts-Planning Officer.

Lindsay Davies- Secretary.

8. Any Other Competent Business:

1. The Chairman has been in contact with A&B Council regarding some proposed changes to the Community Council. There are two proposed changes-

- 1) It is proposed to change our quorum as stated in our Constitution from 4-3.
- 2) It is proposed to treat Kilninner and Kilmelford as one area not 2 sub areas for the purpose of election to the Committee.

There was unanimous agreement that these two proposals were in the best interests of the Community Council.

2. The Chairman pointed out that the Community Council Elections will be called in April 2009. Neither the Chairman nor Alasdair Oatts will be standing for re-election at this time which will leave 4 vacancies. The Chairman asked those present to think about the future of the Community Council and asked for members of the community to consider what they could contribute.

3. Robin Grey mentioned the Land Reform Act. The Chairman stated that due to changes within the Community Council it was necessary to wait for the Planning Permission regarding the land around the hall to be resolved before someone could be identified to take on the mantle of taking forward the Land Reform Act Community Company.

4. Alasdair Oatts offered a vote of thanks to Robin Asbury for taking in the role of Chairman and for the work he has done since Neil Manchester's resignation.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone in attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.