

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The meeting of the above Council was held on 10th of June 2008 at the Village Hall.

Present: Robin Asbury, Chair (RA), Lindsay Davies (LD), Robin Grey (RG), Nigel Mitchell (NM), Alasdair Oatts (AO),
Also in attendance were Cllr Duncan MacIntyre, Cllr Donald McDonald and 8 members of the public.

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th of April 2008 were taken as a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed RG, Seconded Mrs. Toni Mitchell.

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:

RA confirmed with Cllr MacIntyre new contact person for Roads etc. Stewart Clark.

Roads – No action on white lines as yet, to put in letter to Stewart Clark. Some potholes repaired, some to be done next week. Speed Limit – no response, carry forward.

Bus Shelter – old one has been removed, to action if not replaced in near future. It was noted that the timetable that has been recently put by the bus stop is out of date, RA to action.

Blaran Road End- no response from bus company. To carry forward.

Kilniver Notice Board- money granted in March not received as yet, Cllr MacIntyre assured cheque would be forthcoming in next week, he will take responsibility for chasing up. NM enquired re insurance. Cllr McDonald stated should be covered by insurance of landowner, however ACHA who own the ground stipulated at the time of proposing notice board that they would not accept liability. Cllr MacDonald to check re.liability.

Weeds in Scammadale – No action, to put in letter to Stewart Clark.

Community Defibrillator – Jeff Dawson, Scottish Ambulance Service, has been transferred out of the area. No replacement at present. To put on hold due to poor response at last meeting and lack of trainer in post. Cllr McDonald advised that the British Heart Foundation were funding 4 trainers, he will keep us informed.

Hedge planting in Scammadale- National Farmers Union have advised that planting of laurel is advised against but no legislation in place regarding its planting. It was notices that many of the laurel planted have failed to survive. RG has discussed with Neil McCorkindale and Angus MacFadyen, no further action indicated.

Sight lines at Arduaine – Cllr McDonald stated ownership of boundaries still being established.

4. Land around Kilmelford Village Hall: RA advised that the Planning Committee have deferred a decision until August in order to consider the application regarding the Lorn Plan. Cllr MacIntyre confirmed pursuit of a competent motion would still be

pursued in support of this proposal. A letter has been sent to M&K MacLeod regarding co-operation in joining footpath from the Hall to the new houses. A positive response was received very promptly and asking to be copied into future correspondence regarding the development.

5. Kilniver Primary School Staffing: LD updated regarding a response from Carol Walker, Head of Pre School and Primary Education. She stated the framework re staffing levels and acknowledging the Parent Councils concerns, which would be taken into account. The Headmistress has recently received confirmation of a primary school child moving into the area prior to the new academic year which will prevent the loss of a teacher as long as no families leave the area. The Parent Council will advise the Community Council should this issue arise.

6. Planning Applications: AO advised there were 3 applications, 2 of which have already been granted permission, and none of which were contentious. These were:

Erection of dwelling house at Lagganmore, Scammadale. Permission already granted. No issues raised.

Formation of an access track, land north of Barrachuile, Kilmelford. Permission already granted. No issues raised.

Construction of temporary road access, land south west of The Glebe. No issues raised.

7. Correspondence:

RA advised of the following correspondence

a) Oban Fire Station temporary Commander would like to make a presentation to Community Councils. RA to suggest October or December. The Fire service is trying to encourage members of the public to take advantage of Home Safety Visits.

b) Leaflets about The Licensing Scotland Act 2005 which comes into effect on 1st of Sept. 2009.

c) NHS Highland leaflet on how the public can be involved in the provision of services re. Mental Health.

d) The Scottish Government is seeking 4 members for the Public Transport Users Committee. Final date for applications: 20.06.08.

LD advised of the following correspondence

e) Notification of Croabh Haven Village Stores conversion to premises licence. This has been on display in CC Notice Board for public objection/representation.

f) Consultation on Draft Model Scheme of establishment of Community Councils and Draft Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. This has been emailed to all members of Community Council for review prior to meeting in order to respond by 01.08.08.

g) GRAB Trust leaflet covering eliminating food waste, beach and marine litter projects, green tip for the office, switching to re usable nappies and eco laundry balls. Further information can be found on www.grab.org.uk

h) Information from War Memorial Preservation Organisation detailing grants available. The war memorial in Kilmelford is owned by the Council therefore Cllr MacIntyre took this information in order to action.

i) Community Engagement Meeting 19.06.08. NM and LD to attend.

j) Public Document pack from A&B Council containing minutes of Area Committee meetings and minutes of Oban Harbour Development Inter-Modal Transport Sub-Group Meeting. Point of note- BT proposal to re-align payphone provision. It was noted that in the minutes CC's were to have BT's proposals circulated and we had not been in receipt of these. It was also noted that the pay phone in Kilmelford has been identified for removal. Attendees of the meeting felt this was a vital facility within the village due to poor mobile phone reception and was used by locals and visitors to tourist facilities within the village. RA to action this.

8. Any Other Business

a) RA referred to the availability of 'Wee Green Grants' which may be available up to £500. This could be relevant to Beach/roadside clean ups or developments behind the Village Hall. Re application can be made on a 3 monthly basis for as long as funds last, administered by CVS Inverclyde

b) Glen Euchar House- still awaiting reply from Ian MacIntyre regarding the specifics of the planning permission granted.

c) RA asked Cllr MacIntyre about current communication difficulties when dealing with A&B council. Firstly we have no contact list which makes initial contacts difficult, also we are currently experiencing difficulty re getting assistance, getting passed from one department to another, often going full circle and finally not getting replies from messages left. Cllr MacIntyre will arrange for a current contact list to be sent to the CC. All departments to move into Oban Municipal Buildings which may help. To monitor.

d) NM asked whether, in order to secure the negotiated price, he could go ahead and order Notice Board. All agreed.

e) Dr Julie Forsay, GP at Easdale Medical Practice is moving to Australia. There will be a Strawberry Tea held in Seil Hall on 26.06.08 from 2.30-3.30pm. Posters to be put up at the hall and in Notice board.

f) Deirdre Campbell-Gibson asked about the logs on the shoreline opposite their house. This could be hazardous should there be a high tide. RA to write to the owners of the logs requesting them be moved.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council should be held on the 12.08.08 however due to some members of the Community Council being unavailable it was proposed to change it to 05.08.08. There being no opposition to this proposal the date of the next meeting can be confirmed as Tuesday 5th of August at 8pm in Kilmelford Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm .