

## **KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Robin Asbury (RA) Chairman, Lindsay Davies (LD), Robin Grey (RG), Nigel Mitchell (NM).

Also in attendance were Cllr Donald McDonald, Fire Station Commander Ian McMeekin, Fireman David Millward and 17 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Alasdair Oatts, Cllr Elaine Robertson and PC Kevin Moffat.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:** Before approving the minutes the Chairman read from the Kilninford news with the intention of clarifying several issues. The Kilninford News will always print all minutes of Community Council Meetings since the last edition of the Kilninford News. The only Draft Minutes that may be printed are those which will be approved at a meeting within 2 weeks of the circulation of the Kilninford News. Where there is time gap of more than 2 weeks the Community Council will post the draft minutes on the 2 official notice boards at the same time as the Agenda is posted for the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed RG, Seconded NM.

**3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- a. Roads Issues- Stewart Clark has confirmed that the white lines issue has been added to a list of works.
- b. Speed Limit- No further info. The Chairman suggested that when any action on this item we should seek to extend the limit to include the new houses, south of the Glebe, to just beyond the Degnish Road End.
- c. Bus Shelter in Kilmelford- Stewart Clark has confirmed that the shelter is being delivered to the depot this week. NM confirmed that all component parts are in the depot and Kilmelford will be installed as a priority.
- d. Blaran Road End- the Chairman stated that it appeared a satisfactory stalemate had been reached regarding the bus pick up/drop off. Children are picked up at the Glengallan lay-by and dropped off at Kilninver Primary School. This issue will be dropped from the agenda now with the possibility of the issue arising again.
- e. Insurance for Kilninver Notice Board- RG stated he was having difficulty getting a quote for this. Cllr McDonald was not aware of this as an issue but will enquire on our behalf.
- f. Problem weeds in Scammadale- the Council confirmed they have a limited budget for roadside weeds via Roads Budget. Cllr McIntyre has forwarded information regarding Strachur Community who have tackled their problem weeds. LD in receipt of this info should the Community wish to take forward.
- g. Sight Lines in Arduaine-There is now an agreement by the Roads Department that the sight line is okay. Fence still on land is to be moved by agreement. Hedge is

- still in place. Cllr McDonald confirmed that if the sight line is not enforced in 15 years then it lapses. John Stannard added re the height of hedging by the mussel farm. Recommended height is 1.2m. The Enforcement Officer has now got additional duties which will add to the difficulty of enforcing these sorts of things. To continue monitoring.
- h. War Memorial- email received from Cllr. McIntyre. Kilmelford memorial is known to be requiring work however there is not any suitable equipment to carry out this and other works in the area. Remedial works will not be done in time for Remembrance Sunday. The Council does intend finding a way of dealing with the memorial in order to make it safe.
  - i. Data Protection Act 1998- LD has looked at the literature available and it looks as if we will be required to register in order to comply with this, LD to continue with this issue.

**4. Presentation by Fire Officer :** Mr Ian McMeekin, Commander at Oban Fire Station gave a presentation of what service they offer as well as fire fighting and attending roads traffic accidents. Lots of emphasis on fire prevention and working with the local communities. You can contact Ian via a local fire-fighter or at Oban Fire Station on 0800 0731 999.

The local fire service is trained to carry out Home Fire Safety visits and provide advice and fit smoke alarms free of charge.

In October 2006 legislation was passed that affects B&B's/self catering/shops. They must have a fire risk assessment. If there are more than 5 employees or the premises are licensed they must have a written report. The onus is on the individual to be responsible for their premises.

The Fire Service has carried out a Young Drivers Project working with 17, 18 & 19 year olds in Oban, Lochgilphead and Campbeltown. They are also participating in an Education event for P4, 5 & 6, doing presentations to all schools.

Commander McMeekin is keen to have ongoing contact with Community Councils.

Georgina Dalton added she attended a fire service course, through the self-catering association and found it very useful.

#### **5. Land around Kilmelford Hall:**

Cllr McDonald confirmed that the Lorn Plan will not be ratified until the 27.11.08. The Report done on the Plan recommends that the Rural Opportunities Area be reduced. The Local Councillors are not in support of this. The Local Plan does not include the land around the Village Hall and the Reporter does not approve changing this. Adrian Jackson Stark, Local Plan Officer, is to visit Oban re Local Plan. It is likely that there will now be a delay of several months before we know the outcome as it then goes back for Public Consultation, then to the Scottish Executive who has 28 days to approve it. Cllr McDonald confirmed it now looks unlikely that a competent motion will be prepared but we can write again in support of our proposal. RA to action this.

Georgina Dalton had asked previously regarding the affordable housing if there was a stipulation in the planning consent as to where in the order of build they should come. RA enquired of the Planning Department and there is no stipulation in the planning

consent. The Community Council will write to West Highland Housing Association to clarify the position of the affordable housing.

### **6. Planning Applications:**

RG stated there are 2 planning applications

1. Erection of dwelling house, land NW of Bragleenbeg, Scammadale. Some local concern that this is outside the Local Plan and has already been refused once.
2. Scottish Water- small extension of working area at Degnish Road end Sewage Site.

It was added by Cllr McDonald that the Planning Department would value feedback, from the Community Councils, on all applications that affect them both positive and negative.

### **7. Correspondence:**

- a. Roads and Amenity Survey- Completed by Community Council.
- b. GRAB Trust Newsletter.
- c. Consultation on marches and Parades. Not appropriate to complete
- d. Town Centre and Local High Street Consultation.
- e. Area Committee Document Pack.
- f. DigitalUK Events- No member of Community Council able to attend.
- g. Updated list of A&B Council contacts- circulated round Community Council.
- h. A&B Council Control of Japanese Knotweed Document.
- i. Scottish Government Affordable Housing Investment Programme. Detailing 15 affordable houses, with West Highland Housing Association, within the new Glebe development. RA to follow up re details.
- j. Postwatch Scotland's final newsletter.
- k. Invitation to Reception for A&B Regional Environmental Education Forum Environmental Fair- No members of Community Council able to attend.
- l. Notification of A&B Council ceasing circulation of hard copies of Committee reports and Agendas. - LD to request email notification for Area Committee, Planning Meetings, Full Council, Executive Meetings and Policy and Performance Groups.
- m. Area Committee Document Pack.
- n. Notification of Community Engagement Meeting- NM attended. LD to email regarding short notice of this meeting.
- o. Application for Conversion to Premises Licence- Shower of Herring.
- p. North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Area Plan and Annual Report.
- q. Notification from A&B Council re tree felling along Degnish Road 27.10.08 for 1 week.
- r. Parks and Open Spaces Survey- completed by Community Council.

### **Any Other Business:**

- a. The Chairman asked for confirmation regarding new bin for the Village Hall. Toni Mitchell confirmed Village Hall to keep with 1 wheelie bin.
- b. Toni Mitchell, as Chair of Village Hall Committee, advised they had applied for a Wee Green Grant to pay for painting the inside of the hall. The bid has been short listed to 20 and will soon be told if bid successful.
- c. Telephone kiosk, after many calls regarding kiosk not working it has now been repaired.
- d. NM raised the issue of damage on Kilninver Bridge- being kept an eye on at present.
- e. RA raised the issue of damage to the high tide marker. Having discussed with Stewart Clark he has been informed this does not come under the Council's remit. The Chairman asked if there were enough funds in the CC Account. Sandra Duncan, A&BC will assess and fix with Community Council funds.
- f. LD raised an issue on behalf of a Scammadale resident regarding a proposed development of 5 linked houses adjacent to Cuil Darroch. It lies outwith the local plan, is not in keeping with local building and many residents of Scammadale are in opposition. The Community Council has not had notification of this but is aware of it. RA to write to the planning department in opposition.
- g. John Stannard advised those present of a recent incident in the Arduaine area regarding forestry felling that caused the water supply to be contaminated. With good communication between the company and the community felling was halted and the problem repaired. He emphasised the importance of local communities developing and maintaining good communication links with contractors in their area.
- h. Community Engagement Meeting-NM attended this meeting. He noted that at the next election CC boundaries may be changing. Also, if we choose to do a postal ballot we can claim for postage.
- i. Cllr McDonald advised of an application for a grant for £10m for development of the harbour and bypass in Oban. If this bid reaches the finals Cllr McDonald will give a presentation to the Community Council.
- j. Oyster pickers were noticed at the head of the loch. A member of the public phoned the relevant authorities and the individuals were picked up.

### **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 9th of December at 8pm. With our Chairman unavailable for this meeting, the Community will be notified if a Quorum is not available.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm. .