

# KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also in attendance were Cllr Donald McDonald, Cllr Elaine Robertson and 7 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** No apologies.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2008 were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed by RG Seconded by NM.

### **3. Matters arising:**

a) Community Policeman-LD informed those present of the change in PC Simpson's duties which means that he is no longer assigned to us as Community Policeman but back on the beat in Oban. We still have the services of the Community Policing Team and hopefully in the future Andrew will be re-assigned to us. We will pass on the emails from Andrew to Fiona Wylie for inclusion in Kilninford news.

b) Roads issues- Thanks to Cllr MacDonald and PC Simpson for the resolution of gritting issues.

c) Speed limit in Kilmelford – No action. To be carried forward.

d) Bus Shelter in Kilmelford- Now in place, RA to phone re out of date timetable.

e) Problem weeds in Scammadale- Budget allocation yet to done by Andrew Law. Cllr Elaine Robertson confirmed there always was a budget for this.

f) Sight lines in Arduaine-.Hedging plants still in place. John Stannard to watch. Will be removed from next agenda unless becomes a problem. Sight lines at the Mussel Farm now overgrown with vegetation. RA to put in letter re enforcement.

g) War Memorial- Contractors to action when go ahead given. Sandra Duncan has now left, RA to approach her replacement? Robert Pollok.

h) Data Protection Act- LD has completed the forms for this. Cllr MacDonald took our query of payment to the Area Committee but at present Argyll and Bute Council will not be paying this fee for us. This is an issue that will be discussed as part of the Community Council Review. We will now submit our paperwork with the relevant fee.

i) Kilniver Bridge- Cllr MacDonald has raised this issue with the Roads Department and the appropriate repairs are being actioned. A study of the ability of the bridge to take the loads it currently bears has been completed and no action has been deemed necessary. The same has been done for the Oude Bridge and this is now in the design stage, due for replacement in November. Cllr MacDonald encouraged the local community to report hits and near misses to assist in the monitoring process.

j) High Tide Marker- This has now been repaired. A vote of thanks was given to Ian and Gordon McKinnon for their hard work

k) Community Council Review- As part of the Community Council Review the Constitution is to be suspended this week and the review to commence. RA attended Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils (AABCC) latest meeting on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Highlighted at this meeting was the aim to develop communication between the Council and the Community Councils. The final draft of the Review to be out this week and AABCC will agree to use it as a document to work from. Responses to this draft document to be in by the end of March, which is before our next meeting. RA sought the opinion of those present as to whether we should have an open meeting or the Community Councillors review and comment. The Local Councillors agreed that this is a big issue for Community Councils but added they have had very little input to this point. This is a statutory requirement for the Council and should be done in line with COSLA guidelines. Cllr Robertson emphasised that there are

several organisations looking at this review at the moment all producing lots of information and that it is important for all the information to be pulled together into something meaningful. We have a contact David Price as a link who is putting together a power point presentation looking at the review. Cllr MacDonald added that the intention of this review was positive, to give Community Councils more responsibilities and promoting collaborative working. Cllr Robertson hopes that whilst the wording in one of the drafts indicates we may lose our Community Council the intention is not to lose CC's but for the CC's to be able to feed in more with our local services. A date will be set for an open meeting when the draft document arrives.

- l) West Highland Housing Association- the offer had been made for a representative to come and talk to the Community re the development in the Glebe. It was not deemed necessary to accept this offer as the letter from WHHA had answered most queries. In reply to a query from RA re an item in the press re additional monies for Housing Association developments Cllr Robertson informed us this did not apply to the Kilmelford development.
- m) Grit Bins-now in place in the Glebe and at the Village Hall.

#### **4. Land around Kilmelford Village Hall:**

No update at this time.

#### **5. Planning Applications:**

3 applications from Npower Renewables for temporary anemometry masts for a period of 36 months, Raera Forest. Discussion about the positioning of these masts in a constrained area. No objection to be lodged.

Erection of 3 11,000-watt wood poles for New Housing Development, in Kilmelford. No issues.

Non-material amendment to site chimney externally relative to extension, Bragleenbeg Cottage, Kilninver. No issues.

Change of use from storage building to dwelling house, Croft Cottage, South of Barrachuile, Kilmelford. No issues.

#### **6. Correspondence:**

- a) Newsletter from North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority.
- b) Public Document Pack-A&B Council Area Committee 17.12.08 and planning Meeting 11.11.08
- c) Notification from The Royal Society of Edinburgh of public event re. The Future of Scotland's Hills and Islands 19.01.09.
- d) Acknowledgment of our letter of objection to planning permission re 6 houses, access road and sewerage treatment plant at Kames.
- e) Notification from Npower renewables of Potential Wind Farm Development, Raera Forest, Loch Melfort. To invite to April meeting.
- f) Letter from the Scottish Parliament re leasing 25% of Scotland's Forestry Commission estate. Cllr MacDonald added that a public meeting re this issue was planned, provisionally 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- g) Invitation from Association of Scottish Community Councils, Regional meeting, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Elgin.
- h) Notification from Association of Scottish Community Councils of vacancy for ASCC Area Representative in the Argyll and Bute local authority area.
- i) Receipt from Association of Argyll and Bute Community Councils re membership.
- j) Public Documentation pack- A&B Council Area Committee 11.11.08, 17.12.08 and 04.02.09.
- k) Notification of Building Standards, Annual User Forum, 11.02.08.
- l) GRAB Trust newsletter.

- m) Notification of Scottish Ferries Review, Consultation seminar 17.02.09.
- n) Climate Change calendar from SNH
- o) Email correspondence- many notifications of the meetings that we requested we be informed of. Not many issues relevant to Kilninver and Kilmelford.
- p) Email correspondence re Review of Community Councils.

#### **7. Any Other Competent Business:**

- a) Communication from Cllr MacDonald useful suggestion for emergency situations. Suggestion that paramedics arriving at accidents often do not know who to contact. If people were to keep a space in their mobile phone for ICE (In case of Emergency) those assisting at an accident would have a contact.
- b) Kilninford News- RA passed on our thanks to the Kilninford News Team for their work. The Local Councillors passed on their thanks for receiving a copy.
- c) Village Hall Committee-RA passed on his thanks to the Village Hall Committee for all their work. Especially Mrs.Toni Mitchell.
- d) Mrs. Toni Mitchell asked of the Councillors why when they have Charitable Status do they have to pay to have their wheelie bin emptied. Cllr MacDonald to pursue.
- e) Jane Rentoul asked to highlight the state of the road north of Ardfern road end. Cllr MacDonald stated the roads in Argyll have a £2million pound backlog of road repairs and officially have the worst roads in Scotland. He added that they are required to act on hole notifications within a week. He advised that we keep roads issues as an ongoing issue and regularly update the Council for actioning. A &B Council have been using a hot box and this appears to be both effective and cost effective. There is a STAG survey going on at the moment that should highlight areas most in need of repair.
- f) There is a Public Consultation on the Core Paths on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of March in the Corran Halls. There will be an advert in the Oban Times.

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

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.