

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Draft mins
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 12th October 2010 in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Present: Nigel Mitchell, Chairman, (NM); Matthew Anderson (MA); Colin Clark (CC); Sarah Edwards (SE); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Councillor Donald Macdonald, Councillor Duncan MacIntyre and 7 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: John Maclean; P.C. Jeremy Moore; Councillor Neil Mackay; Councillor Elaine Robertson.
2. MINUTES OF THE 2009 AGM: Minutes of the AGM held on 9th June 2009 were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed: Robin Asbury. Seconded: Nigel Mitchell.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT: The almost completely new composition of the Community Council over the past year has seen duties carried out at a new and exciting time for Community Councils. We are now statutory consultees on planning issues and with Community Engagement meetings the concerns and feelings of the local councils are given greater prominence than in the past. We now feel that local government allows us to play a role in our community, that we will be listened to and that sometimes we can make a real difference, which is all very heartening. We can, however, only be of use as councillors if the community generally makes its views and concerns known to us.

This year most of the issues concerning Kilninver and Kilmelford Council have been to do with Planning and have been dominated by wind farm applications. Raera – the largest – has taken up much time and currently discussions are taking place concerning Clachan wind farm and CorryLorn wind farm which are all in the Kilninver area, with the possibility of two more for the Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish. This means we will be busy trying to get the best financial deal for the community, as no doubt one or more will be approved. To better facilitate this we have considered setting up a Trust Fund to deal with the possible receipt of substantial sums of money coming in to the community if all three go ahead. Community Councils are not empowered to deal with any financial gains and so should we be given the land around Kilmelford village hall with a lump sum then a Trust would be in place to manage that as well. All this has been in discussion for some time, both with the last Community Council and the present one.

My thanks go to the rest of the councillors for their help and to Sheila Whitlow for kindly acting as minutes secretary. To the Argyll and Bute Councillors for their help, support and attendance and for their patience in guiding a new chair through the ramifications of many of the 'new issues' regarding the New Local Development Plan. To the Kilninford News for help in research and printing and not least to those of you who attend the Community Council meetings.

4. Treasurer's Report:

5. Approval of Accounts 2009/2010: The Accounts were approved by Matthew Anderson and seconded by Nigel Mitchell.
6. Election of Officers for 2010/2011: The current councillors were all willing to serve again. No applications had been received. The post of secretary is vacant and hope was expressed that someone would come forward to fill this position.
7. Any Other Competent Business: None
8. Close of Meeting: The meeting was closed at 8:09 p.m.