

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The meeting of the above council was held on Tuesday 14th December 2010 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

Present: Nigel Mitchell(NM), Chairman, Antoinette Mitchell (AM), Sarah Edwards(SE), Matthew Anderson(MA), Colin Clark (CC), Sheila Whitlow (SW).

Also in attendance were Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer and 9 members of the public.

- **Apologies:** Councillor Elaine Robertson, Councillor Neil Mackay, Councillor Donald Macdonald, John Maclean.
- **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** The draft minutes of the AGM held on 12th October 2010 were deemed to be an accurate representation of the meeting (the minutes are to be considered for approval at next AGM). Proposed AM, Seconded MA.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th October 2010 were taken as a true and accurate representation of that meeting and approved. Proposed AM, Seconded MA.

- **Matters arising from previous meeting:**
 - a) **Raera Wind Farm** – The PPSL voted unanimously with the planners at the meeting on the 14th December to refuse the Rera Wind Farm application. Georgina Dalton and the members of the community present at the meeting thanked Toni and Nigel Mitchell for the huge amount of work they had undertaken with regard to the meeting and their fair and open approach. Any further developments would only arise if there was an appeal.
 - b) **Land Around the Village Hall** – NM referred to articles recently printed in the Oban Times which appeared to suggest that Mr Tilly notified the community council that he plans to submit an application in accordance with the views of the community council. NM contacted the Oban Times and a retraction was printed the following week. No other developments are now likely for twelve months. NM would like some indication of the community view with regard to this matter.

c) Clachan Wind Farm- There is no application at the moment. Rory Young may put in an application in the New Year. All three Community Councils involved had a meeting and all three have sent a letter. The community would not be interested in owning a turbine or in a co-operative. If the plan were to go through there should be a community benefit. NM will be taking on board the views of Clachan Seil and Easdale Luing Community Councils' views. It was felt that many of the points raised in the Raera Wind Farm meeting are relevant to other developments and there are many comments on the website so far regarding this issue.

d) Kilmelford Notice Board – NM has spoken to Alistair Oates who is quite happy for the notice board to be replaced. Alistair Oates would like prior notification to advise the tenants. A grant from needs to be completed. Laura Macdonald advised that the Village Hall Committee can apply for a grant but not the community council. Quotes for other noticeboards are required to apply for a grant. An application can be made for the two noticeboards in the village and at the village hall with photographs and the application needs to be made by 6th January. The application does not need to be classified.

e) Fences Around the Glebe – There have been no new developments. The issue with the Herries fencing is still with the planners at the moment, and the developers would like to keep it in place. NM will advise the planning department that the community is concerned.

f) Trust Fund – No further developments from the last meeting.

4.Planning Applications:

1. Marine Penned Fishing Farm in the Seil Sound- EIA Pre Application Consultation for application by Lakeland Marine Farm. This involves repositioning an existing farm, increasing the size and changing from a mussel farm to salmon. There is no application in yet. Concerns have been raised by Seil and Easdale Community Council regarding the location , pollution in an area that is not presently polluted, and the possible effects on wildlife. The area is currently used for recreational use and there are concerns that the width of the navigation channel could be affected.

2. Celtic Sea- Erection of Dwelling House and Permanent Siting of Caravan- pending consideration.

3. Land Northwest of Kames Farmhouse- Erection of agricultural shed, including farm shop and café- pending consideration.

4. Melfort Pier- Felling of two Trees. Application permitted.
5. Land North of Bragleen House, Kilninver – Erection of log cabin/mobile home. Installation of septic tank. Application permitted.
6. Clachan Seil – Temporary erection of 50 metre high Anemometer mast. Permitted for two years.
7. Loch Melfort Hotel –Application Permitted.
8. The Steadings at Kilmelford- 7 Dwelling Houses and 5 Holiday Houses . Water, sewerage and siting of road concerns. The applicants have now reapplied and the application is pending consideration.
9. Erection of 15KW Wind Turbine, Arduaine-Pending consideration.
10. Temporary Anemometer , Clachan – Pending consideration.
11. Kames Farmstead- 6 dwellings pending consideration- Resubmission. There will be a separate water supply. There is no detail for the water supply and the Environmental health department are seeking clarification. Anaerobic Digester Treatment plant. The plans are being reviewed, the community council have written twice in connection with this application.
12. Coach House- Knippoch – Application Permitted.
13. The Glebe, Kilmelford- Erection of dwelling house permitted.
14. Temporary Polytunnels- Kames Farm- 2 Separate applications for 2 tunnels.
15. Melfort Pier- Store and Laundry to Staff Accommodation- Application permitted.
16. Arduaine Farm – 19.34 metre Wind Turbine – Pending consideration.
17. Land North of East Kames – 2 Dwelling Houses and 2 Septic Tanks – Reference- 10/020448PPP. Application by Colin Gladstone. Responses by 4th January.

5. Correspondence

1. NM had received a letter regarding the North Argyll Voluntary Car Scheme asking for the community council to write to Argyll and Bute council regarding budget cuts. The public consultation ends 31st December. Currently there are 57 passengers. The view of those at the meeting was that there is a real need for the service but the cost may be too little and needs to be reviewed. It was agreed that the community council will send a letter supporting the need for the scheme, as bus timetables are not appropriate, and access to bus stops is an issue. The

view of the meeting is that consideration should be given to increasing the charge as it may be too low at present.

2. Transerve- Notification that the Connell bridge is to be closed from the 17th January for 5 nights from midnight till 6 in the morning for maintenance work.

4. Julie Mcleish from Strathclyde Police regarding drinking in Oban. The police are trying to get restrictions for drinking in public increased to the whole of Oban and the area out to Dalmally as they have little control of certain areas outside of the current restricted areas.

4. Community planning – NM attended the second Forward together meeting at Oban High School . The meeting concerned budgets and how cuts can be made and where the community want them to be made. Those attending were in four different groups and the matter is to be discussed further at the next meeting. Feedback is available on the council website.

5. NM had received a letter from Ian McTavish asking the community council to write to request extra grit bins and the refilling of existing bins. NM will send a letter to the roads department.

Correspondence on the table was pointed out including news releases from Argyll and Bute Council regarding the election of councillors.

6. Any other competent business:

1. Community Engagement Meeting – 20th December- CC, AM and NM will attend.

2. Laura Macdonald the Community Development Officer for Oban, Lorn and the Isles introduced herself. Laura is based in Oban and new to the post. Laura is keen to meet with community councils and will keep in contact with the council. Laura is involved with third sector grants for community groups and the 3rd sector grant scheme. Argyll Voluntary Action is still there and the community development department will work with them.

3. Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of accurate information when roads are closed in the area. NM will raise the issue of communication when there is a road closure with Jeremy Moore, the Community Policeman.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.24pm.

