

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM

The meeting of the above council was held on Tuesday 11TH October 2011 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chair, Antoinette Mitchell (AM) Planning Officer, Lucy Files (LF) Secretary, Matthew Anderson (MA) Treasurer, John MacLean (JM), Sarah Edwards (SE), Colin Clark (CC).

Also in attendance were Councillors Neil MacKay and Duncan MacIntyre and Chief Inspector Brian Auld and 24 members of the public.

Apologies: Stuart Cannon, Peter Hammick and Councillor Elaine Robertson.

Minutes of the last AGM: All present were given the opportunity to read through the draft minutes of the last AGM held on Tuesday 12th October 2010. The minutes were taken as a true and accurate representation of the meeting and approved. Proposed MA seconded SE.

CHAIR'S/CONVENOR'S REPORT

This year has been the second year for this community council and like last year Planning applications have been the most significant issues for the whole community.

The Land around the hall remains unresolved and will now be taken to a public poll within the community.

The Raera Wind Farm application finally went to Hearing in February and was unanimously rejected by all the Argyll and Bute PPSL committee, and N'Power decided against going to appeal.

At the time of writing two other significant planning applications, The Ardmaddy Fish Farm and the Clachan Wind Farm are still pending and are likely to go to Hearing.

The problems of water supply at Kames Farm and how it would affect the residents on the Kames Peninsula was resolved at a Hearing in March, when the PPSL committee recommended that a Hydrologists Report be submitted before planning for further development could be granted.

We have become aware of 3 other proposed Wind Farms in the area, on the Braes of Lorn, in Kames Forest and at Garraron; all are, at present, in scoping. The latter will be dealt with by Craignish community council although the KKCC will still be consultees.

Argyll and Bute Council have completed the first part of their Main Issues Report and it would appear that Kilmelford could be one of the six Renaissance Areas within Argyll and Bute, which should prove advantageous for the area. Toni and I have attended a number of Planning meetings in Oban which have dealt with this as well as the ongoing Community Engagement Meetings. At our invitation Fergus Murray the Development Policy Manager for A and B, addressed the June CC meeting about the Main Issues Report and its' likely effect. Although ultimately it will be the community's choice as to whether Kilmelford proceeds as a Renaissance area, nevertheless I feel it was made clear that to accept being a Renaissance area was the way to go.

The problem of the Harris fencing around the new Glebe development, even with A and B Council's intervention, remains unresolved. MacLeods appear determined to fence off their land but we hope, if the lack of further building on this site runs into years, that they may be prevailed upon to change the type of fencing, but don't hold your breath.

As we enter our third year of office we welcome 3 new members to the KKCC bringing our numbers to 9, we should under the new rules have 10. Toni and I, as well as being Chair and

Planning Officer, have shared the task of Secretary for the last two years and are therefore very grateful to Lucy Files for agreeing to take on the not insignificant duties of Secretary. We would like to thank Sheila Whitlow and latterly Lucy for acting as Minutes Secretary. This, at some recent meetings, has been a very onerous task, hence the decision to record future meetings and produce the written minutes in a condensed form.

The death of our Argyll and Bute Councillor Donald MacDonald came as an awful shock and I will miss not only him as a person but his prompt and wise advice. Toni and I represented the KKCC at Donald's memorial Service in Oban in August.

I would like to thank our other A and B Councillors for their timely interventions at meetings, their advice, support and guidance particularly with the more contentious issues.

The support of non community council members in Kilninver and Kilmelford with the idea of helping to spread our load of work is becoming essential as the Government delegates more to County Councils and they in turn pass down more responsibility to the community councils. The KKCC work load will increase not lessen, so any help, advice and support is always welcome.

Please remember we are all volunteers and although we do not expect thanks or praise, we do get both and are grateful, yet continual castigation is really counter productive and not helpful for the harmonious running of the community council.

Owing now to the size of the community council and our recent large community attendance, we think it best for future meetings to be held in the main hall here.

Finally I would like to thank those of you who regularly attend the Community council meetings and urge you to encourage others to attend also. The greater and more widespread the community involvement the more successful we can become at serving the whole community.

Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The closing balance in the bank is £1523.50. The main expense this year has been the notice boards for Kilmelford at The Village Hall and The Shop. Sundry printing and office supplies expenses have been incurred. The books are to be audited within the next two days.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following the election of councillors to KKCC for the coming year an extra meeting was held on September 9th. The office bearers were confirmed in positions by unanimous vote in every case as follows:

Chair	-	Nigel Mitchell
Planning Officer	-	Antoinette Mitchell
Treasurer and Vice Chair	-	Matthew Anderson
Assistant Vice Chair	-	Stuart Canon
Secretary	-	Lucy Files

There being no further business to discuss the AGM closed at 8.10pm. The next AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th October 2012.