

# KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 14th August 2012 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Present:** Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chair; Antoinette Mitchell (AM) Planning Officer; Lucy Files (LF); Jane Rentoul Acting Secretary; Sarah Edwards (SE); John MacLean (JM); Stuart Cannon (SC)

Also in attendance were Councillors Elaine Robertson (ER Cllr. ABC); Louise Glen-Lee (LG-L Cllr. ABC); Iain Angus MacDonald (IAM Cllr. ABC); Charles Reppke (Head of Governance and Law, ABC) and 24 members of the public.

**Not Present:** Colin Clark and Piet Hammick

**1. Apologies:** Matthew Anderson (MA)

**2. Minutes of Meeting on 12th June 2012:** All present were given the opportunity to read through the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th June 2012.

**3. Declaration of Interest :**

Sarah Edwards declared an interest in the PDA application at Kilmelford Yacht Haven.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup>.June.2012**

John Christlieb questioned why he was not allowed to speak. NM replied that he had subsequently removed a previous ban and had apologised to John Christlieb for the ban still being in place. JC then asked that the Minutes (of the meeting held on 12th June) be amended to include that he had been banned from speaking. NM confirmed that it would be done.

Ewan Kennedy read out an email dated 11th August which he had sent to KKCC councillors and which he afterwards handed to the acting Secretary. He asked that the Minutes be altered on the website and 2) he understands the Minutes are a corporate entity, not personal.

Chris Liversedge requested that the Minutes be amended re Declaration of Interest and read out his proposed amendment - which he later handed to the acting Secretary - before asking NM for a definition of Declaration of Interest. NM then outlined precisely what a declaration of interest was and whom it affected. NM confirmed his explanation of said D of I with Charles Reppke who introduced himself to the meeting and agreed that what NM had said was true.. He said that, speaking generally, he acknowledged that office-bearers on community councils are volunteers. In terms of processing and preparing minutes etc. it is to obtain a sense of the meeting and it cannot be asserted that it will be 100% correct. Decisions should be recorded, not quoted. The Chair should rule on matters of competence. If it is not possible to come to a conclusion the meeting should adjourn. Argyll and Bute Council would not change previous Minutes: they would update them. He went on to say that People remember different parts of a meeting; small nuances come forward. Minutes should accurately reflect what took place, as far as possible. Points should be considered and then Community Councillors decide what goes into the Minutes.

Peter Stott asked that the Minutes be withdrawn and re-written and stated his case, laying out his recollection of the last meeting where a vote had been taken which was a major point but it was not recorded in the Minutes. Discussion then ensued between Peter Stott, NM and Charles Reppke regarding what should take place. NM stated that it was for the CC to decide whether a vote should be taken not members from the floor and it was therefore regarded as an incompetent motion and not recorded. The chair decided that he would withdraw the Minutes and amend as there was now no secretary.

LF spoke in detail of the difficulty of taking minutes when there are contentious issues, saying she was careful to record accurately and feels she has been unfairly accused of bias and that is why she felt she could no longer carry on as secretary for the CC.

Ewen Kennedy said he was happy to allow the Community Council to put things right.

Building land on the Glebe - Georgina Dalton reported that the area had been tidied up and she had written a thank you note to Macleods.

### **Ardmaddy Fish Farm**

SEPA has issued a report which is possibly on the website. There is a 21 day period for representation. NM asked SC to have a look at report. SC explained procedure in such an application which involves issue of licences and is therefore a long way off being finalised.

### **Clachan Wind Farm**

Roads department have requested an impact assessment. The Application will not be heard at an August meeting - will possibly be September one.

### **Kilmelford Speed Limit**

John Christlieb expressed concern regarding narrow road at Cuilfail bridge and said that warning signs were needed. Sue Johnston, Jenny Moody, Chris Liversedge and LG-L agreed, the latter due to attend a Liaison meeting on the 16th where she will raise the matter. In September the proposed 30 mph speed limit will be advertised in the press. John Christlieb made a forceful request that traffic lights be installed immediately.

### **PDA Sites within KKCC**

NM asked the Community Councillors to comment:

Kames - removal of PDA. The Planners latest recommendation was approved.

Kilmelford Yacht Haven - Concerns were raised about the number of properties.

**Land around Village Hall** - NM explained that after last meeting of the Community Council he had withdrawn the PDA on behalf of KKCC. SC, LF, NM, AM and JM agreed that the land should now go through as a PDA. There were no comments from the rest of the committee. LG-L explained the land could possibly be used for a school. The funds were there but not for use in the immediate future. John Christlieb read out a prepared statement outlining his opposition to the development of the field and a printed copy was handed to the acting Secretary. Christine Roberts said people should be glad to welcome new development. Jenny Moody had reservations about the working of a possible play area and the finance to develop it, saying that situations are fluid and perhaps it is not feasible. NM summed up by confirming that the land around the Hall is no longer anything to do with the Community Council.

On a separate issue NM stated that the forest at the back of Kames would not be going through the PDA system.

### **Accusations made against the Community Council**

NM outlined the background to the Community Action Plan discussion which had taken place at the last meeting of KKCC and the controversial content of part of the Minutes of that meeting. NM had asked LG-L to organise a meeting with Ewen Kennedy and himself to attempt to resolve the situation. To general agreement LG-L said that since Ewen Kennedy stated all was well we should move on. Discussion followed during which Ewen Kennedy stated that he had put in writing that the error contained in the CAP flier should be corrected. Charles Reppke stated that it should be minuted that Ewen Kennedy said that he had no intention of calling AM a liar and that KKCC should adjust the record to take account of Ewen Kennedy's statement. ER reiterated that a line should now be drawn under the matter.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

AM read out the most recent applications there were no objections.

SC told the meeting that there are two applications by Kames Fish Farm in the pipeline. One is to formalise sites in Kames Bay which have been in place for years - this is simply to comply with the regulators. The second is for a new site for halibut/salmon on the west side of Shuna which is at the scoping document stage. He will keep the community informed.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

NM informed the meeting of the following:

Long term forestry plan for Barachuile - contact NM if anyone interested. Comments to be in by 23rd August.

Core Paths - plans finalised for Lochavich to Loch Feochan and the Bridge at Clachan. Any comments should go to Core Path people.

Cairn at Hall field, Kilmelford - Historic Scotland mapping at present and will come back to NM.

Wind Farm Musdale - at pre-application stage. Plenty of time to discuss this matter later.

Femto form from Vodaphone

Land around Hall, Kilmelford - Reiterated that since last meeting Community Council no longer officially involved. NM has sent email to that effect to John Tilly and to Fergus Murray and Adrian Jackson-Stark of Argyll and Bute Council.

## **7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Sue Johnston asked if the community was interested in looking into raising around £2000 to build a skiff to be used by the community. Seil Island had done this and raised the funds by selling 64 parts of the boat at £60 each. Ewen Kennedy said that he had been involved in the Seil Island project and that boats have been built at Islay, Ullapool and Lochgilphead, among other places. Discussion followed as to where it would be built (Kilmelford) and where it would be kept (Kilmelford boatyard - outside in the dinghy compound). It was thought to be an excellent community project in which all could be involved and the Community Councillors agreed it could be a good idea they needed to know far more details to which Sue Johnson said a letter would be distributed.

Georgina Dalton drew the meeting's attention to the lovely flower displays in the village for which Sheena Hammick was responsible. It was agreed that she should be thanked.

Various people spoke about the dreadful state of the verges in the village. The matter of the general untidiness at Lower Glebe was raised and ER undertook to take the matter up with West Highland Housing Association.

Colin Carmichael was commended for cutting the verges on Degnish Road. The meeting was informed that it was likely there would be a plan of verge cutting next year.

Georgina Dalton referred to the hill to be planted at the back of Kames Farm and was keen to see hardwood incorporated in any scheme. SC is monitoring the situation and will keep KKCC informed of any planting plan, which should come forward in 2013.

NM told the meeting that Lucy Files had resigned as Secretary and appealed for someone on the Community Council to take it on, or any other member of the community.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council which will include the AGM will be held at Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at 8 p.m. The Chair (NM) thanked all present for attending. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.