

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 9th October 2012 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Councillors Elaine Robertson (ER Cllr. ABC); Duncan McIntyre (DMcI Cllr. ABC) and 14 members of the public

Not Present: Colin Clark; Piet Hammick;

Apologies: Matthew Anderson; Councillor Louise Glen-Lee; Councillor Iain Macdonald; Inspector Julie McLeish, Sarah Edwards

1. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

2. Minutes of Meeting on 12th June 2012: Amended Daft Minutes of meeting held on 12th June 2012 were circulated and taken as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by SC and seconded by AM.

3. Minutes of Meeting on 14th August 2012: Draft Minutes of meeting held on 14th August 2012 were circulated and taken as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by LF and seconded by JM.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting:

a) Clachan Wind Farm - NM announced that a Hearing would be held in Corran Halls on 31st October, Argyll and Bute Council giving notice of this to those who have made representations.

b) Fish Farm - SC explained that the planning application had been lodged in June 2011 and the SEPA application in January 2012. It is not surprising that nothing has been determined yet as it is a complicated procedure. SEPA will carry out a rigorous risk assessment concerning various criteria covering water quality, crustaceans, dolphins, environment etc and this may well take a year or more. In addition there will be a visual survey, SNH will be involved and generally it is a very slow process. NM said that Richard Kerr, Senior Planning Officer, would let him know once the application is ready to go live.

c) Speed Limit - DMcI said that consultation ends 26th October. The village wishes extension of the speed limit and so people must write in to support this.

5. Planning Applications: AM read out current applications relating to the Kilninver and Kilmelford area. No comments were forthcoming.

6. Correspondence:

FEMTO - We have not been put on the list and will remain on shortlist.

Kilmelford - overgrown grass - ER had met with WHHA. Scottish Water will not part adopt land - this will only happen when the McLeod development is complete. WHHA have agreed to cut the next time the contractor is in the area.

Guide to Helping your Community - community councils are being asked to prepare emergency plans and carry out risk assessments etc in case of floods, fire and other emergencies. AM & LF volunteered to take this on. DMcI advised that the community could apply for funds as, for example, Kilmelford Village Hall could be used in case of power cuts, snow etc. The community should have an input into setting up a resilience fund in the case of a local emergency. ER said that after last winter the Scottish Government wished to go to the local community to have a plan in place. She told the meeting that there will be an Information Day (Drop In) on 13th November in

the Corran Halls from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. where there will be representatives from the power and water companies and the Scottish Government to advise. Every community council has received an information pack and community councils are expected to go along. LF & NM volunteered to attend. The aim of the initiative is to make communities more resilient and to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies.

LF said that the Community Council had bought a printer for correspondence as she did not possess one, secretaries generally using their own machine and claiming expenses. She has now resigned as Secretary and wishes to buy the current printer at the price paid originally. MA and NM had agreed to this course of action at the meeting NM further agreed.

7. Any Other Competent Business:

Ian Tegner thanked the Community Councillors for their time, energy and commitment and expressed his gratitude, to applause from those present.

AM announced the good news that funds of over £9,000 would be forthcoming to insulate the loos and changing rooms in Kilmelford Village Hall - work to start January/February 2013.

Jane Rentoul wished it put on record that AM be commended for her efforts to obtain the funding which resulted in the recent painting of the exterior of the Kilmelford Village Hall.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held at Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 11th December at 8:00 p.m. NM cautioned that if there is no Secretary, there will be no meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.