KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014 8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Stuart Cannon (SGC); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Nigel Mitchell (NM); Jane Rentoul (JR). 7 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES - Colin Clark; Cllr. Louise Glen-Lee; Cllr. Elaine Robertson; Constable Jeremy Moore.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST - SGC and JMcA Agenda Item 4(g)

3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS held in October and December 2013 were approved as true and accurate representations of the meetings held. 8th October meeting: Proposed by SGC and seconded by JMcA; 10th December meeting: Proposed by AM and seconded by JMcA.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Community Emergency Plan - NM had received resilience pack and appealed for someone to volunteer to be the initial point of contact in an emergency. Folder explaining operation of contingency plan passed to JMcA for consideration by him to undertake to be the nominated person for our area. Concern raised regarding breakdown in communication by telephone, internet etc. owing to storm damage as had happened over a wide area and for a long period recently. AM undertook to write to BT expressing these concerns.

b) Community Council Elections - The following posts were allocated:

Chairman - Nigel Mitchell Vice-Chairman and Treasurer - Stuart Cannon

Secretary - Antoinette Mitchell

Minutes Secretary - Jane Rentoul

Planning - Nigel Mitchell

Licensing - Antoinette Mitchell

Copies of Model Constitution and of Best Practice Agreements had been circulated to all members.

c) Musdale Wind Farm - Awaiting Environmental Impact Assessment and report from SNH. Community Council unable to put in representation until these are forthcoming and feedback received.

d) Glenmore Farm - Forestry Commission have replied to members of the public whose comments followed the meeting last September. SGC gave a powerpoint presentation on the Forestry Commission document. Type of fencing proposed and access were questioned. Community Council to recommend longer term tenancies of the farmland to prospective tenants and/or purchase of the farmland by members of the local community. SGC to draft letter to Community Council members for comment before submitting to Forestry Commission.

e) Raera Forest Plan - NM has copy of the Scoping Report which is available for anyone to see. Concern from community regarding the use of bridge over the Euchar at Kilninver.

f) Scammadale Wind Turbines - NM outlined the proposal which had been presented at December meeting. To date there had been very little community awareness of the proposal, other than consultation only with those within 1km of the site of the turbines. The Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) connected with the project is funded by the Scottish Government and requires community engagement and discussion.

4. f) Cont'd.

If successful, £16,000 or a greater amount would be available for community benefit and which would be channelled through a Community Trust, yet to be set up. The Community Council has to await loan approval.

g) Proposed Fish Farm South West Shuna - SGC took the meeting through a detailed presentation of the proposal and answered questions from the floor. The application will be submitted early March.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Land East of Tigh Na Ghlinne Kilninver - Erection of dwellinghouse and garage. Ref 13/02246/PP

Permitted

Land South West of Glenmore Farm Kilmelford - Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage, upgrade of existing access and formation of new vehicular access (amended design, siting and new altered access relative to planning permission 13/01485/PP) Ref 14/00125/PP **Pending Consideration**

Glenmore Power Station Glenmore Kilmelford - Certificate of Lawfulness (existing use) - Power Station. Ref 13/02635/CLAWU **Pending Decision**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Carraig Ghael - NM reported that the fund offered to the community will be backdated.

2. Police Scotland - the role of traffic warden had been withdrawn from 3rd February.

3. Police Scotland - closing police stations. Restructuring will take place over next 2 years. GPS technology will be used in future.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Concern was raised over the size and positioning of the newly erected sign in Kilmelford concerning Loch Melfort Hotel and Arduaine Garden and Coastal Viewpoint. People living in the village wished that it be moved to a position opposite the Degnish road end in order that it was obvious that the destinations on the sign were further out of the village along the A816, thereby avoiding the confusion that has arisen in the past when people, seeking Loch Melfort Hotel and Arduaine Garden, end up at Melfort Village on the Degnish Road.

2. Thank you letters be sent to Councillor Elaine Robertson (redundant signpost removal) and to Jim Smith, Roads Department (dislodged boulders removal A816).

3. Request that the Community Council pays for the poppy wreath (costing approximately £30) that is laid annually on Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial in Kilmelford. Proposal approved by SGC and seconded by JR.

4. The matter of the shrubs obstructing clear view of the Cuilfail bridge on A816 travelling north was raised, having been brought to the attention of previous meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.