

KILNINVER and KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM

Draft

Tuesday 10th June 2014, at 8pm, Kilmelford Village Hall

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM), Stuart Cannon (SGC), Antoinette Mitchell (AM), Colin Clark (CC), Annie Delap (AD), Jamie McAndrew (JMCA), Cllr. Elaine Roberston (ER)

Apologies: Jeremy Moore , Jane Rentoul

1. MINUTES of AGM 12th October 2012 were approved as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by SGC, approved by AM, CC seconded

2. Chairman's report for 12/10/12 to 10/06/14 was read by AM

Owing to Argyll and Bute Guidelines our AGM is now earlier in the year, June rather than October. Owing to elections last year we didn't have an AGM, so it is about 18months since our last one.

I didn't expect to be presenting a Chair's report this year as last Autumn when Argyll and Bute's local community council's were up for election, I had not intended to stand again. However, with other committee members resigning, and only two of last years community council committee prepared to remain in office, Colin Clark and Stuart Cannon, and only Annie Delap prepared to stand, to insure Kilniver and Kilmelford actually had a community council, Antoinette and I agreed to volunteer our services again. After Argyll and Bute Council extended the advertising and election times further we managed to persuade Jamie McAndrew and Jane Rentoul to join us. I am of course extremely grateful to them all. We are still 1 short of the 8 required for a community council but we are allowed to operate with 6+. There was a brief time last year until we were constituted as a new committee in January 2014, when like some other Argyll and Bute community councils, Kilniver and Kilmelford didn't actually have a functioning community council.

I therefore find it very insulting to my fellow community council colleagues, who are all volunteers of course with busy lives, to hear when I attended a local public meeting in this hall, that a member of our community announced that they do not regard us as a proper community council as we have not be elected by the community. It is hard enough to get volunteers to stand let alone get people who are also prepared to canvass to be elected.

This is an AGM and Office bearers have to be agreed by their fellow community councillors, so once again I am asking if any one of the other 7 of you would like to take up the reins of chair now is your opportunity.

Most projects of importance Like Wind Farm's and Fish Farm applications are still ongoing, although both Clachan Wind Farm and the Ardmaddy Fish Farm have been, in the case of Clachan rejected and Armaddy accepted within the last 18 months.

We have had success with both the 30mph speed limit and the extension to the 30mph areas in Kilmelford, which hopefully the community are pleased about.

A number of very worthwhile road repairs have been carried out on stretches of the A816 between Kilniver and Kilmelford and our grateful thanks to Councillor Duncan McIntyre for facilitating this.

Jamie McAndrew has kindly agreed to take on the task Matthew Anderson started of setting up our Community Emergency Plan. Thank you for that Jamie.

It was with great sadness for our community that we read in the Oban Times of the resignation of Louise Glen-Lee as an Argyll and Bute Councillor. She has served our community well and I will miss her wisdom and support of me especially during rockier times.

My thanks as always to our Argyll and Bute Councillors, Louise of course, Duncan McIntyre and especially Elaine Robertson who has guided and advised us so admirably over the months. Thank you Elaine.

I do of course thank my fellow community councillor's for their hard work and other members of the community, they know who they are, for their support of this Community Council. I also appeal most sincerely to other members of the community to come forward and serve as a member of their community council. If you can't serve at least come to meetings to support us but also please ask the wider community for their support if only to let us know what they would like us to do. We can only follow up things albeit not always successfully if we know what they are and what your opinions are. We are here to serve you, the community, as best as we can.

3. Treasurers Report given by SGC There are 2 sets of accounts, 1 for 2012-13 (ending 31.3.13) and 1 for 2013-14, both accounts have been audited by SJ Cannon and the balance at the end of the 31st Mar 2013 was £935.21 and there have been 4 transactions during the year. For 2013-14 there is a balance of £1435.86, and there were 13 transactions during the year. Agreed that as rent for the hall was not showing as a transaction this would be rolled into 2014-15 accounts. Approved by NM

4. Election of Officers Not having heard to the contrary Jane Rentoul to remain as Minute Taker, SGC to remain as Treasurer and Vice Chair and Stand-by Minute Taker Who to take the Chair? SGC happy to take in the future but not now, JMCA not enough experience, therefore with full support of members, NM to carry on for another year as Chair Therefore the same people to take the original roles.

5. No other competent business

NM closed AGM at 20:14