

# **KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING**

**TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2014  
8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA).

In attendance: Constable Jeremy Moore and 5 members of the public.

Before the meeting started a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for Peter Menzies, Corrylorn, whose funeral had taken place earlier that day.

**1. APOLOGIES** - Stuart Cannon; Councillor Elaine Robertson

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING** held 12th August 2014 - NM read out from email received from ER covering the following six points: (1) Waste Collection - any questions to be directed to Stuart McCracken, A & BC, who is in overall charge of the new arrangements. It was noted that there are different collection days at Kilninver and at Kilmelford. (2) Kilmelford War Memorial - The railings around the memorial will be repaired before Remembrance Day, 11th November 2014. (3) Verge Cutting - a plan for a better service is being discussed and will be in place for 2015. The problems this year were outwith the control of the Amenity Department at A&BC. The situation on the Lochavich road has been highlighted with the above Department and our MSP. (4) Provision of footpath from Kilmelford Yacht Haven to Degnish road is in A&BC capital programme. (5) ER had been contacted by Lucy Files concerning recent near accident at Kilninver School. ER had spoken to Pippa Milne, Executive Director of Infrastructure, and Jim Smith of the Roads Department. A meeting is to be held between the Police and Roads Department to discuss what further measures can be put in place to slow down traffic past the school. (6) ER emailed Mike Russell regarding the Community Benefit Programme relating to Carraig Gheal windfarm, who advised that nothing has happened concerning this.

Celtic Sea Turbine - NM had spoken to Stephen Fair, Planning Department. Contrary to what NM understood before August Community Council meeting, the application has not been refused. The status of the application at present is Pending Consideration. Stephen Fair will be decide if it will go to the PPSL Committee, who would decide if it should go to a Public Hearing. NM has stressed to him that the large number of representations from the community should be taken into account in any decision he makes. The alternative is for the application to be refused which would allow Celtic Sea to go to appeal.

Musdale Wind Farm - application not yet submitted.

NM proposed that the Minutes of meeting held 12th August 2014 be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was approved by AM and seconded by JMcA.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

JMcA to check with SGC if accounts have been sent to A&BC.

a) **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN** - JMcA took the meeting through the areas of most concern incorporated in the basic layout of the plan. The areas of high priority were agreed to be (1) Disruption to Utilities covering power, water supply and drainage (2) Road Closures and (3) Communication Services. Discussion ensued on various aspects of the plan and Constable Moore summed up by saying that the plan should reflect what suits our community and that local knowledge is paramount in the preservation of life and assistance in an emergency to the elderly and infirm in the area. JMcA undertook to develop the plan to suit our needs. He is to check contact names and

numbers and finalise the draft before sending to the Community Council and to Constable Moore and Carol Keely, Civil Contingencies, A&BC in due course. Once the action plan is submitted funds will become available to purchase any equipment considered necessary.

As a result of the foregoing discussions the meeting agreed to ask that a defibrillator be positioned as soon as feasible at Kilmelford Village Hall and at Kilninver. The operation of such a machine is now much more simple, with clear instructions attached. This would be an initiative quite separate from the Community Emergency Plan.

b) **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS** - Anyone interested in standing should put their name forward by 4 p.m. on 27th October.

c) **LDP CHANGES** - NM reported that the Local Development Plan had been submitted by Argyll and Bute Council to the Scottish Government in Edinburgh and the Reporter has been determining that what had been submitted is acceptable. It has now been brought to NM's attention that the SPP3 (Scottish Planning Policy 3) was approved a few months ago and this basically means that parts of the Argyll & Bute Council Local Development Plan have been thrown into the bin. There has been a re-designation of constrained areas concerning windfarms, housing etc. These changes apply across the board, not just to Argyll and Bute. Up until now developers of windfarms, housing etc. had to prove an application would be acceptable. Now the public has to prove an application would be unacceptable. The criteria has changed, constraints have been removed and our (the Community Council and individual) representations ignored. NM spent a long time talking to the developers of SPP3 who agreed that there had been no consultation with any community on the changes. It has since emerged, however, that some communities were given the opportunity to respond within seven days to these changes but Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council were not contacted in this connection. The meeting greeted this news with dismay and was greatly concerned that comments made by the Community Council and by individuals to the Local Development Plan current when the submissions were made, would now be assessed under a completely different set of criteria. SPP3 is available to read on the Scottish Government website.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Celtic Sea Ltd** Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XD Ref. No. 14/00403/PP Erection of 50k wind turbine (24 metres to hub height). Status: Pending Consideration.

It was noted that an application would be forthcoming from the Melfort Club regarding extended hours for the Shower of Herring Restaurant, allowing representations to be made within 21 days of 9th October and advertised in The Oban Times.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Bin collection - confirmation of new arrangements.

b) Installation of telecommunications apparatus at Cuilfail Cottages, Kilmelford. No further action as 4 mb/second broadband speed would be required.

c) Oban High School - start of 12 week consultation regarding new campus.

d) Criminal Justice Team for Argyll and Bute. Seeking community views on appropriate forms of unpaid work under the Community Payback Order, such as cleaning road signs, verge cutting in villages, removal of silted up road edges e.g. on Cuilfail Bridge in Kilmelford etc. Community Council members to receive list and comment.

e) Police Scotland and other bodies in Argyll and Bute seeking views on issues of interest to communities, to be returned by 31 October.

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

a) Constable Moore reported the following in the Kilninver and Kilmelford area:

Road Traffic Incidents since 1 August (15), of which 6 were sent to Procurator Fiscal.

Disorder and Public Nuisance (7).

Theft - Referendum Yes and No signs and a quantity of tea bags on 18th September.

Stolen car abandoned on A816 after keys left in ignition.

Telephone fraud - never give out bank details.

Constable Moore summarised by saying that care of vulnerable people in the community is of paramount importance. If anyone has a concern on this front they should contact him as he would be able to contact the appropriate body to offer assistance.

b) The meeting wished it put on record the appreciation of the community for the grass cutting and general keeping tidy of the roadside in Kilmelford which is done completely voluntarily by Colin and Cameron Carmichael, Ian and Gordon MacKinnon and Duncan MacMillan. They have all done a terrific job of contributing to make Kilmelford such a pleasant village through which to pass.

c) If anyone wishes to comment on the service standard of their broadband connection they should not go through BT Openreach. They should contact their individual Internet Service Provider. BT Openreach will only respond to a situation such as a dangerous pole etc. - not to a complaint about general service quality.

d) JMcA and Fiona Wyllie are continuing to work on producing a list of email contacts which people have requested to receive, relating to information on Community Council business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th December 2014.