

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

**TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2015  
8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD).

In attendance: Cllr. Elaine Robertson (ER); Keiron Green; Caroline Henderson, Clinical Services Manager, Lorn and Islands Hospital; 2 members of the public.

- 1. APOLOGIES** - JMcA; Cllr. Duncan MacIntyre
- 2. MINUTES OF MEETING** held 9th December 2014 - Proposed by AM and seconded by SGC to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none.

Caroline Henderson, Clinical Services Manager Lorn and Islands Hospital, gave a short address covering many aspects of how care for the elderly is delivered at present in Argyll and Bute and the radical changes needed for the future in the face of an ageing population. This was followed by further input from ER and discussion generally. The current consultation deadline for submission of the public's views has been extended to the end of February. A brochure outlining this important change is freely available and comments can be made by freepost or online. Owing to the short notice of arranging for Caroline Henderson to attend tonight's meeting it had not been possible to give wide notice of her attendance and since only two members of the public were present it was decided that Caroline and her colleague Shaun Davidson would attend the next Community Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th April in order to deliver the comprehensive presentation which has been addressed to many groups in the area already. Caroline undertook to send posters in order to publicise the meeting. It is hoped that many more members of the public will attend to learn about this very important change to a matter which will affect so many older people.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

a) **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN** - SGC, in JMcA's absence, showed the latest draft of the plan which included some amendments, including correct boundary. It is not complete and is a living document so it will be emailed to Community Council members and all other interested parties, asking for comments to come back to JMcA in order to be incorporated. The first version of the Plan will then be published. As changes occur over the years these will be included in what will become the latest version of the Plan at that time for general distribution. The meeting thanked JMcA for his excellent work.

b) **CARRAIG GHEAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND** - NM reported that David Wilkie has been officially appointed this community's nominee, along with NM, on the steering committee for distribution of funds under the above heading.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN** - NM asked ER if she knew the present position regarding LDP, as the community council has received no notification of current status and communication from NM to Mark Lodge, Planning Department had gone unanswered. In particular the community council had commented re PDA 4008, concerning clear view of cairn in the field adjacent to Kilmelford Village Hall. Discussion followed regarding the community's need to know what constraints have been

implemented. Everybody present agreed that trying to find the relevant information, in particular the maps showing any changes agreed by the Reporter, on the Argyll & Bute Council website was extremely difficult and time-consuming, if not impossible. ER undertook to ask Mark Lodge to contact NM in response to his (NM's) earlier request for up to date information regarding the LDP.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Celtic Sea Ltd** Ref. No.14/00403/PP Erection of 50kw wind turbine: application refused.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

**Highland Fuels** at [www.highlandfuels.co.uk](http://www.highlandfuels.co.uk) have flagged up the opportunity for communities to set up an oil buying group to purchase oil at advantageous rates. Anyone interested in pursuing this should contact Catherine Robertson at [crobertson@highlandfuels.co.uk](mailto:crobertson@highlandfuels.co.uk) or on 01463 245804 or 0800 224224.

**Defibrillators** - SGC was handed paperwork regarding possible fundraising for provision of a machine at Kilmelford (Village Hall) initially and at Kilninver (School). ER stated that Ardchattan and Connell were looking into purchasing machines - four and one respectively - and wondered if there was a case for bulk buying? Would this strategy be possible through the British Heart Foundation?

**Lorn and Islands Hospital** - ER advised that following Fire and Rescue advice, wards at the hospital are to be compartmentalised, with work due to start 2nd March. It will take about two and a half weeks for each ward to be remodelled and a total of eight to nine weeks to complete all work.

**A85 Closure at Cruachan** - The road to be closed completely for works to take place. ER to re-send email to NM advising of this. (See below for detail subsequently received.)

**A816 Eathie layby fly tipping** - Concern expressed over builder's rubble having been dumped. The layby is off southbound carriageway of A816 between Kames and Arduaine. Piles of lumps of concrete and of large (window?) glass, some of which is broken, and old wood and tyres have been dumped at the side of the road in the layby. Even in winter, the trees which have grown up beside the main road screen the layby and thereby aid such dumping. ER undertook to investigate the cutting down of the trees as a possible solution to the problem.

As a follow on from this discussion it was unanimously agreed that SGC would contact Celtic Sea Ltd to ascertain the position re the old rafts, pontoons and general debris which has been on the shore adjacent to their site for a number of years. Some of it is visible from the A816 and it is all on the shore of Loch Melfort which is a designated Area of Panoramic Quality.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th April 2015.

*Note: A85 Closure at Cruachan Falls - Essential bridge investigation works will take place west of Cruachan Visitor Centre from 0700 hrs Monday 9th March to 1900 hrs Wednesday 11th March. There will be a full road closure from 2100 hrs Tuesday 10th to 0600 hrs Wednesday 11th March, with amnesty periods on the hour approximately to let traffic through the site. Emergency services will go through at all times. If the weather conditions are adverse the work will not take place. (Note that the legend attached to the maps states full road closure from 2000 hrs on Tuesday 10th. That is the time from which they will be setting up - the road will be closed from 2100 hrs, as stated on the letter from David Miller, Deputy Bridges Manager.)*