

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

**TUESDAY 14th April 2015
8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Jamie McAndrew (JMCA)

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Keiron Green; Shaun Davidson, Area Manager, Social Work, Argyll & Bute Council; Hilary Brown, representing Caroline Henderson, Clinical Services Manager, Lorn and Islands Hospital.

1. APOLOGIES - Annie Delap; Councillor Duncan MacIntyre

2. MINUTES OF MEETING held 10th February 2015 - Proposed by AM and seconded by CC to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

Shaun Davidson was introduced and took the meeting through the previously distributed brochure regarding Reshaping Care for Older People to enable people to live long, healthy, active and happy lives in Argyll & Bute. The integration of health and social care is legally required by the Scottish government to be in place by 1st April 2016. Argyll & Bute had hoped its plan would be implemented by 1st April 2015 but is now more likely to be end Summer/early Autumn, owing to a required inspection taking longer than expected. The public are asked to make any comments at www.healthytogetherargyllandbute.org.

Matters raised at the meeting included the problem of recruitment of carers as there are simply not enough people available. This is a national problem, not just in Argyll and Bute. There is a need to raise the profile of caring, starting in schools and colleges, to make it more valued and better remunerated and therefore more attractive to people.

For information generally about healthcare there is a new website up and running which gives comprehensive information concerning Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban at www.obanhospital.com, listing departments, services, contact phone numbers etc for the general public.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN** - JMCA reported that the draft plan has been submitted to Carol Keely at Argyll & Bute Council. Anyone wishing a copy to contact JMCA. In connection with this emergency planning NM announced that a benefactor, who wished at this stage to be anonymous, has offered to fund the purchase of two defibrillators, one for Kilniver and one for Kilmelford. ER undertook to find out about the permission required and suitable location for installing one at Kilniver School. SGC stated that the Argyllshire Gathering Christmas Ball has offered £350 and this, along with the £250 previously donated by the Kilniford Newsletter team, means that there will be a fund of £600 for any future expenses in connection with maintaining and operating the defibrillators. The meeting expressed its gratitude to the individual and the two groups for their generous donation to the community of this life-saving equipment.

- b) CARRAIG GHEAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND - NM and David Wilkie attended a meeting of the Steering Committee which will decide on the disbursement of funds. NM and David Wilkie can decide on application of funds (£1000 annually for 25 years per community, maximum of £250 at a time). If not applied for in any one year it can be carried forward. It cannot be awarded for any function that is currently carried out by Argyll & Bute Council. The possibility of all community councils affected joining together to use the funds for a major project such as improvement of broadband across the area was put forward as a suggested use of the funds. Community Councillors present agreed to administering the grants (a requirement of the scheme).
- c) GLENMORE FARM WOODLAND CREATION - There will be a drop-in session on Saturday 2nd May 2015 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The draft scheme, which has been produced and can be obtained from Stuart Cannon (stuartcannon@kames.co.uk; 01852 200286) on request, can be refined as a result of comments made by the public on 2nd May. People are urged to look at the plan before attending.
- d) GLEBE STREET NUMBERING - NM reported that there was a problem with the way the roads in the Glebe at Kilmelford are numbered, the emergency services having had difficulty finding certain houses. Lucy Files has come up with a more easily understood and logical way of indicating the street numbers in any one road and has suggested amending the plan to reflect this. ER undertook to speak to Graham Stone of the Roads Department on the matter.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Consideration:

Lagganmore Kilninver Oban Argyll and Bute - Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, demolition of existing buildings and amendments to existing access tracks

Plot 1 Ref 15/00700/PPP; Plot 2 Ref 15/00701/PPP; Plot 3 Ref 15/00702/PPP; Plot 4 Ref 15/00703/PPP.

Tigh Na Mara Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XD - Erection of dwellinghouse with attached garage Ref 15/00538/PP.

Pending Decision:

Glenmore Steading Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute - Renewal of planning permission reference 11/02141/PP - Partial demolition, alterations and extension of existing steading to form 12 dwellinghouses and associated storage building Ref 15/00658/PP.

The Steading Kilmelford Argyll and Bute - Partial demolition, alterations and extension of existing steading to form 12 dwellinghouses and associated storage building Ref 15/00667/LIB.

Permitted Development:

Land adjacent to 10 Cuilfail Cottages Kilmelford Argyll and Bute - Installation of telecommunications cabinet Ref 14/02775/TELNOT.

Prior Notification - no objection:

Raera Forest Kilninver Argyll and Bute - Rural Development Contract Ref 14/02839/RDCRP.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The next meeting (9 June 2015) will incorporate the AGM. Any invoices to be submitted to SGC by end April.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- a) Celtic Sea Ltd. SGC reported that he had had great difficulty in making contact with the mussel farm following a request from the Community Council meeting in February to do so regarding pontoons, mussel floats and general debris over a large area of the foreshore of Loch Melfort adjacent to and further away from the mussel farm. Concern was expressed by the meeting that nothing has been done to remove the eyesore this creates and which has been evident on the shore for many years now. Any approaches to Celtic Sea to remove the mess have been rebuffed. In an attempt to finally get something done about the situation, the meeting requested SGC to approach the Crown Commissioners and ER undertook to raise the matter with the Council Planning Department.
- b) The meeting expressed their appreciation of the speedy action by the Roads Department immediately after the last meeting to clear the Eathie layby of screening trees and thanked ER for her assistance in the matter.
- c) Anyone wishing to organise a community emailing list should contact JMcA or Fiona Wyllie.
- d) The issue of speeding in the 30 mph limit in Kilmelford was raised and the generally acknowledged deterrent of a flashing 30 mph sign was considered worthy of investigation. ER and NM to contact Constable Jeremy Moore regarding reintroducing regular police speed checks in the village.
- e) Keiron Green advised of proposed rearrangement of Ward boundaries and stated that Boundary Review Scotland would be seeking consultation in due course, giving the public a chance to comment.
- f) The matter of the ill-positioned large brown tourist sign in Kilmelford was raised. Particular concern was the fact that it appeared with no consultation having taken place. This matter was first raised at 11 February 2014 Community Council meeting when it was stated that it was in the wrong place, leading to confusion as to the location of the Loch Melfort Hotel - people heading down Degnish Road over 4 miles in the wrong direction as a result. ER undertook to speak to the Roads Department. ER also undertook to raise the matter of the broken sign (3 bar) counting down to 30 mph approaching Kilmelford from the south, it having been placed too close to the side of the carriageway initially and raised at previous community council meetings when it was only slightly bashed. Now it is completely broken. ER also undertook to bring the attention of the Roads Department to a further sign denoting an upcoming bend just south of the entrance to Kames Pier which has rotted at the foot of the supporting poles and as a result has swung to the side and is therefore not facing the oncoming traffic.
- g) The telephone numbers for Oban Police Station in Albany Street (01631 510 500/501) are no longer in operation. The public should now dial 101 to contact Oban Police Station.

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

Date of next meeting: 9th June 2015.