

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

**TUESDAY 9th JUNE 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); Jamie McAndrew (JMCA). 6 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Councillor Roddy McCuish; Keiron Green; Deirdre Henderson, Argyll & Bute Libraries

1. APOLOGIES - Councillor Duncan MacIntyre

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 APRIL 2015 - Item 4b Carraig Gheal Community Benefit Fund - it was drawn to the Chairman's attention subsequent to the meeting that the life of the fund is 25 years, not 20 years as stated at the meeting. With this amendment CC proposed and SGC seconded that the minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN** - ER reported that informal discussion with Argyll & Bute Council has resulted in a generally favourable reaction to the proposed defibrillator for Kilninver being located at the school, although she is awaiting a formal response. A copy of the plan has been given to the staff at Kilninver School. ER undertook to find out if staff would be willing to train to operate the machine, although wider members of the community would also require to do this. Precise location of the machine is yet to be decided upon.

b) **GLEBE STREET NUMBERING** - ER reported that Graham Stone, Roads Department, is happy to go ahead with the suggested signage in the Glebe in Kilmelford. ER also stated that, while on the subject of signs, a survey is being undertaken at present of all road signs on the A816.

The meeting expressed concern yet again at the wrongly located large brown sign in the middle of Kilmelford village.

CELTIC SEA LTD - SGC reported that the staff at Kames Fish Farm have removed much of the rubbish on the shore at Celtic Sea, in spite of being unable to make contact with the owner. The sole employee left at Celtic Sea has undertaken to dismantle one of the remaining rafts which Kames were unable to get to, although he is lacking suitable equipment. There is a further large raft on the shore which Celtic Sea says is nothing to do with them and which has been on the shore for a number of years. Upon investigation it was found to be full of cement. Kames is prepared to break it up but would need guidance - possibly from Crown Estate - as to where it should be removed. Councillor McCuish offered to make enquiries and advise SGC. The meeting thanked SGC for undertaking to provide Kames staff in the operation to clear the shore of the considerable amount of long-standing debris.

MACMILLAN CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Deirdre Henderson, Service Manager for the above and based in Argyll and Bute Council's Library Service, gave a short address to the meeting outlining a new strategy which will be in

place in Oban Library from November. In this new initiative, what the NHS provides will now be complemented by non-clinical support. She passed round copies of a number of very informative booklets covering all aspects of cancer, ranging from how to talk about cancer, talking to children, legal issues, finance, practicalities of end of life, work issues, carers, support after treatment ends etc. These will be available at the Library, along with the offer of emotional support and the opportunity to have a cup of tea and a chat in a homely atmosphere at a drop in session once a week. They will be looking for volunteers who will be trained, with ongoing support. A consultation day in Oban Library is planned for the end of July. Further information: Deirdre Henderson Tel: 01586 555937. deirdre.henderson@argyll-bute.gov.uk. www.argyll-bute.gov/macmillan

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

- a) Community Emergency Plan - JMcA has distributed the plan around the area. It is a living document and consequently open to changes.
- b) Carraig Gheal Community Fund - NM and David Wilkie attended a meeting in May. The initial £1000 in the annual fund is now £2000 as the fund has been running for a year. The £2000 is therefore a one off and will revert to £1000 annually. The fund will be administered by NM and David Wilkie through the Community Council, SGC to advise NM of bank details and proposed method of distributing the funds.
- c) Glenmore Farm Woodland Creation - a revised plan which has taken into account views expressed at the latest drop in session for the public has been published via the Community Council. People who attended the latest drop in session at Kilmelford Village Hall and who asked to be kept informed of developments expressed concern that they have not received any communication from the Forestry Commission. The possibility of holding a separate meeting to enable members of the public who had not received notification of the amended plan to be informed of the changes was considered. After much discussion NM decided that there was very little point because there would be an opportunity to put the community's views through the Community Council once the application has gone in to the planners at Argyll & Bute Council. Meanwhile the public can comment individually direct to the Forestry Commission.
- d) Glebe Street Numbering - see 4b above.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - List not to hand at meeting. List below dated the following day - 10 June 2015.

Pending Consideration:

Arduaine House Arduaine Oban Argyll PA34 4XQ - Alterations and erection of entrance porch. Ref 15/01287/PP

Lagganmore Kilninver Oban Argyll and Bute - Site for the erection dwellinghouse, demolition of existing buildings and amendments to existing access tracks. Plot 3 Ref 15/00702/PPP; Plot 4 Ref 15/00703/PPP.

Pending Decision:

Farm House Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XQ - Change of use of dwellinghouse to general agricultural store. Ref 15/01281/PP.

Permitted Development:

Kilninver Telecommunications Mast Kilninver Argyll and Bute - Installation of 2 replacement panel antennas on existing 18 metre high lattice tower and replacement ancillary apparatus. Ref 15/01434/TELNOT

Kilmelford Telecommunications Mast Kilninver Argyll and Bute - Installation of 2 preplacement panel antennas on existing 15 metre high lattice tower and replacement ancillary apparatus. Ref 15/01433/TELNOT

Application Permitted:

Lagganmore Kilninver Oban Argyll and Bute - Site for the erection dwellinghouse, demolition of existing buildings and amendments to existing access tracks. Plot 1 Ref 15/00700/PPP Plot 2 Ref 15/00701/PPP

Traighuaine Ard Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XQ - Partial change of use of dwellinghouse to use lower ground floor to provide self catering accommodation. Ref 15/00901/PP

Land West of Hill House Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XQ - Site for the erection of dwellinghouse. Ref 15/00876/PPP

Discussion took place regarding ease of obtaining information on status of any planning application. NM offered to produce a step by step guide to finding such information on the Argyll & Bute website and would email this through to community council members.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Rona Gold, Community Planning Manager Community and Culture, Argyll & Bute Council, replied to concerns expressed at a recent community council meeting regarding Broadband for our area. Extract from her email:

In the Kilmelford area, BT Openreach are working on behalf of HIE to bring next generation broadband to the area through the Highlands and Islands Project. The first live connections are expected by the summer. Unfortunately they are still evaluating the Kilninver exchange area so there are no plans for deployment currently. The interactive map at www.digitalscotland.org/whereandwhen allows people to get the most up to date information for their premises and it will indicate when they can order the new fibre service.

General information on mobile and broadband coverage is available from www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/superfast-broadband which is updated as we become aware of progress.

She added that a colleague, Shona Barton at Argyll & Bute Council, was looking into the issue - also raised by us - of BT response times.

b) Seil and Easdale Community Council has approached us regarding a presentation from the community to Dr. George Hannah who has recently retired. The meeting agreed in principle to contribute to this and further information will follow.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

a) ER reported that integration of Health and Social Work is progressing and should be in place by 1st April 2016.

b) The question of budget cuts in Argyll & Bute generally affecting, among other things, care for the elderly was raised. ER said that the cuts will fall right across the board, affecting all departments.

Councillor McCuish put forward the view that the Council should be looking at generating income, not cutting all the time. He cited grass cutting contracts, which are carried out by the housing associations, could be done by the Council as the infrastructure - depots, machinery and men are already in place and if Argyll & Bute Council bid for these contracts jobs could be retained, instead of laid off owing to the budget restraints. He also suggested that services could be shared with councils on our borders, such as Highland and Dumbarton. Gritting of roads, amongst other tasks, could be more streamlined and carried out more economically, to the benefit of the budget. ER pointed out that all Councils are affected by the need to make cuts, it is not just Argyll & Bute.

c) NM reported that it had come to his attention that in future Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council might not come under Oban, Lorn and the Isles. There has been no consultation or correspondence on this matter and it would be likely that we would now come under Mid-Argyll. ER said that consultation will take place. It was agreed by the meeting generally and forcefully that being moved away from the Oban area would be quite unacceptable. NM paid tribute to the good working relationship this community council has had with Oban and in particular his gratitude to ready assistance over the years from Councillor McCuish.

JMcA asked what was driving the redistribution and KG replied that it has been proposed as a result of a review by the Scottish Government across the whole of Scotland, whereby they

wish to allocate more councillors to deprived areas, e.g. Glasgow. The total number of councillors will not be cut which means that councils outwith these deprived areas will be allocated a reduced number.

d) The matter of non-attendance of two of our councillors at Community Council meetings was raised. The meeting expressed extreme disappointment that Councillors Iain Angus Macdonald and Iain Stewart Mclean did not attend meetings or even send their apologies. A view was expressed, to general agreement, that they would be more likely to attend around election time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th August.