

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DRAFT**

**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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 2014 - Proposed by JMcA and seconded by AM to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This past year has, thank God, proved to be a peaceful one for the seven of us acting as your Community Councillors. We would still like to welcome an eighth member, as this is the recommended number as advised by Argyll and Bute. Sadly no one put themselves forward last October.

Our newest and youngest member Jamie was kind enough to immediately take on the task of developing a Community Emergency Plan for us. He has been working hard on this all year and after some successful drafts the final document is near completion. My grateful thanks go to him for taking on this time consuming project.

I think Jane has found the recording of the minutes a great help to her production of them. I thank her for her speedy writing up of them and her clarity and brevity. I appreciate not the easiest task.

The usual sprinkling of Wind farms and Fish farms have been on our Agendas. The latter resulting in a successful outcome for the proposed Fish farm West of Shuna. The Celtic Sea Turbine was refused to the delight of locals and after many years of discussion and presentation the Musdale Wind Farm has been withdrawn, doubtless to be re-presented when certain amendments have been made.

Carraig Gheal Wind Farm has of course been in operation for a couple of years now and to ensure that our community didn't lose out both myself as a community councillor and David Wilkie as a community member put ourselves forward to act as your representatives on the steering committee of the Carraig Gheal Community Benefit Fund. The latest report on that will be given during the meeting. At least it seems some money will be coming our communities' way.

It is still a bone of contention with me and doubtless many others that the government changed the Local development Planning Policy3 to SPP3 almost overnight as it were with no consultation with us the community councils and precious little with A and B council this supposedly in a climate of transparency. So our community's representations may be even more

difficult to put forward, one fears it will be the big businesses who will benefit yet again and not the little guy.

Care in the community has been not only on the news but much in evidence locally. We had one brief presentation at our meeting in February but as there were so few of the community in attendance it was thought best to advertise it more for another larger presentation in the large hall in April. This was very well supported and I hope answered the many questions emerging about the integration of health and social work.

Thanks to the kindness of a community member who wishes to remain anonymous we will no doubt soon have two defibrillators one here at the hall for Kilmelford and one somewhere in Kilniver, site still to be decided.

30mph signs sadly don't seem to be as effective as we had hoped but hopefully in time with more police presence and law breakers caught speeding may improve. Although no longer a community council matter it is always sad when the council does it's best and the outcome is not as successful as we had all hoped. Hopefully the number signs in the Glebe will have a better outcome.

My thanks to all members of the committee for their attendance at meetings and the work they have put in over the last 12 months. I am conscious that a community council is a matter of team work and to that end I am grateful for all and any help offered.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Delivered by SGC and summarized as follows:

Account year ended 31st March 2015; Income £784.30 Expenditure £157.51

Excess Income over Expenditure £626.79

Bank Balance b/f on 1 April 2014 £1,435.86 Bank Balance c/f on 31 March 2015 £2,062.65

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2014/2015

NM proposed that the Accounts be approved and this was seconded by AD.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015/2016

NM announced his wish to stand down as Chairman. As no-one volunteered to take his place he agreed to continue and to chair the next ordinary meeting in August. SGC undertook to canvass the community council members regarding the chairmanship and report to next meeting. ER stated that the community council was operating very well and we should endeavour to continue to operate at this good level. Councillor McCuish conceded that Planning matters are a large burden on community councils. ER and Councillor McCuish stated that it is very important to keep all community councils so that they can contribute to decision making generally. Community Council elections will be held in October. We have seven members at present. If more than eight people put their names forward it will trigger an election.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS - There was none.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

With a vote of thanks to the Chair, the meeting closed at 8:28 p.m.