

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

**TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2015
8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); 5 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER)

1. APOLOGIES - Councillor Duncan MacIntyre; Constable Jeremy Moore; Keiron Green (Jamie McAndrew was unavoidably detained at work and unable to advise of this as out of mobile phone range.)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. AGREE MINUTES OF AGM OF 9th June 2015 - Item 6. Election of Officers for 2015/2016. Penultimate line: alter "We have six members at present" to "We have seven members at present."

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th June 2015 - AM proposed and CC seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) **Carraig Gheal Community Fund** - A further meeting is proposed for August. Treasurer (SGC) to advise NM of bank details and proposed method of distributing funds.

b) **Street Numbering Glebe Kilmelford** - ER has spoken to Graham Stone who agrees it is a good idea and has the matter in hand.

c) **Community Council Elections** - 17 August Nomination papers available. 3 September 4 p.m. Close of Nominations. 8 October Election Day. 9 October Count of Votes. If there is more than one candidate, which would bring the Council up to full strength of eight members, there will be an election. Discussion took place regarding ways of attracting people to serve. Georgina Dalton reported that she had approached around 12 people to encourage them to come forward and suggested they attend this evening to get a flavour of meetings but disappointingly none had attended. The meeting was grateful that Iain Bark offered to put himself forward. NM reaffirmed his wish that members on the Community Council take on more of the duties which he alone performs. He is prepared to offer advice and assistance but does not wish to continue with the heavy workload as at present. It was agreed that a meeting of the community councillors would be held subsequently in order to discuss this matter. Holders of present posts would remain in place for now.

d) **Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries** - ER stated that this is a huge issue and of grave concern to everybody. The Scottish Government has reduced the number of councillors representing us from 4 to 3 in order to increase the number in Dunoon from 3 to 4 as it is designated a deprived area. This decision is not negotiable. Removing a councillor will place a much greater burden of work on the remaining three, not only concerning the geographical spread involving lengthier and more time-consuming travelling but compromises the two levels at which all councillors function, namely strategic and local. It would inevitably mean less time for contact with local people. Of further very serious concern is that the Scottish Government has decided that we will no longer be in Ward 5 Oban North and Lorn but moved to Ward 3 Mid-Argyll and administered from Lochgilphead. The concerns are many: Oban is our natural hub, is the administration centre for us, and our services come from Oban, along with our Area Committee. All this will be centred on Lochgilphead if the change goes ahead and local links built up over many years will be broken. It was stressed that socially, culturally, commercially and historically we have always had stronger links with Oban than Lochgilphead and to change that would be a very disturbing development to the community as a whole. It was observed that the Scottish Government policy is to support rural communities and enable them to flourish. Removing a councillor, expanding the ward boundary and transferring us to Mid Argyll is flying in the face of such a policy. This is a matter for individuals to address and express their concern - it is not just a community council matter. There is a booklet available describing these changes which is available from NM by email: Nigel@themitchells.co.uk or phone: 01852 316151. Discussion took place regarding how to inform people and spread the word as widely as possible so that individuals respond, rather than the community council. Suggestions were: Piece in the September Kilninford Newsletter, flier to be delivered in our area - by post or volunteers, possible meeting to be addressed by Argyll & Bute Council officer or Kieron Green who has taken a great interest in this matter, encouragement of discussion and of people to submit their views to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

ER undertook to find out if a consultation form was available at Albany Street. If not, we would create our own and encourage people to make their views known as weight of numbers would count. The consultation period ends on **Thursday 22nd October**.

In writing: **Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD.**

By email: **lgbcscottishboundaries.gov.uk**

Online: **www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk.**

e) **Celtic Sea** - ER reported that Roddy McCuish had followed up the matter of debris on the shore at Celtic Sea with Iain Mackinnon, Environmental Health officer. A site meeting with Stuart Cannon is proposed.

f) **Community Emergency Plan** - JMcA not present to report.

g) **Glenmore Farm Woodland Creation** - People who had showed an interest had not received the latest plans. Feedback had not been positive. Tommy McGrory, at Forestry Commission Tel 01546 605097, is the person to contact for a copy of latest proposal.

h) **Defibrillator Kilniver School** - ER reported that Malcolm McFadyen, Estates Education Department, approves in principle to have it installed at the school. Community Council to meet with Head Teacher to discuss siting and management of the machine.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Consideration: Land to East of Hill House Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XQ - Renewal of planning permission Ref 12/01179/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse) Ref 15/02118/PP

Pending Decision: Lagganmore Farm Kilniver Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4UU - Demolition of two buildings Ref 15/02132/PNDEM

Permitted Development:

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

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

Application Permitted:

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

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

Pebble Beach View Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XD - Extension to dwellinghouse Ref 15/01938/PP

Land South East of Tigh Na Bata Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute - Renewal of planning permission Ref 12/00907/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of new access) Ref 15/01443/PP

*Note: The following, listed on planning list of 10 June 2015 as **Pending Consideration**, does not appear on planning list of 11 August 2015:*

Lagganmore Kilniver 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.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) is undertaking a review of police call handling across Scotland, deadline 23 August 2015.

b) Forestry Commission. Consultation on licence application for further clear felling at Loch Seil.

c) Understanding Community Renewables and Shared Ownership Opportunities. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday 9 September 2015 at Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

d) reen Energy UK Direct Ltd. - wish to identify green or brown field sites for solar farm in the area which would benefit the community by reduced tariffs, long term revenue stream etc.

e) Scottish Cabinet will be in Oban 24th August. Timings and venues to be advertised in the Oban Times.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at **???**

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2015.