

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

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**TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 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); David Wilkie (DW) 6 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Kieron Green

1. APOLOGIES - The Chairman reported that Councillor Duncan MacIntyre had resigned owing to ill-health. It was agreed to write to him, thanking him for his invaluable support during his many years of service to the community.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th October 2015 - CC proposed and AM seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Carraig Gheal Community Fund - Major grant funding of £7,000 has been secured for installation of solar panels at Kilmelford Village Hall, with work due to start 9th December. Any request for micro grants (£250) should be made sooner rather than later and need not be from a registered charity. It can be from an individual, provided an application meets the criteria.

b) Post Allocation - A sheet listing the responsibilities of each committee member was distributed.

c) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries - ER reported that we will not hear the progress until probably well in to the New Year. She reported that Argyll & Bute had made more representations than any other local authority. Kieron Green said that he understood that a third of responses across Scotland were from Argyll & Bute.

ER reported:

(1) She was very appreciative that Graham Stone of the Roads Department had acted immediately on the issue of overgrown bushes in the Lower Glebe, Kilmelford, which was raised at the October meeting. AM reported that the member of the public who raised the issue initially wished to record her thanks for such a speedy and satisfactory response.

(2) That Graham Stone has now received the new signs for the Glebe in Kilmelford which will be put in place once he has the manpower available. The meeting wished the community's thanks to be conveyed to him.

(3) She has obtained from the Planning Department a map of Kilmelford which will hopefully assist with the problem of couriers etc being unable to find certain dwellings. In response to a question about the availability of a map including the whole area of the Parish, ER said she would investigate further.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Decision:

Melfort Pier and Harbour Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XG - Discharge of planning obligation in relation to planning permission reference 01-95-0311 Ref 15/02206/PP

Pending Consideration:

Plot 3 Lagganmore Kilninver Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4UU - Site for the erection of dwellinghouse Ref 15/03210/PPP

Permitted Development:

Kilmelford Telecommunications Mast Kilninver Argyll and Bute - Installation of 1 dish antenna on existing lattice tower Ref 15/03214/TELNOT

(Extracted from official list dated 8 December 2015)

The Chairman stated very clearly that he wished a letter be sent to the Planners, critical of the department's handling of numerous different plans put forward over the years for development at Lagganmore, Scammadale. Since no communication expressing these concerns officially had been received by the Community Council nor anyone from Scammadale had attended any Community Council meetings to raise the matter over the years, it was agreed that no action be taken.

ER advised that Councillor Roddy McCuish had sent out a message, to be relayed through councillors to all community councils as statutory consultees, that the Planners would appreciate guidance as to the public's views on planning applications. A single email covering multiple applications would suffice, simply stating approval, objection or no comment to each item.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Argyll and Bute Council Planning our Future Public Consultation Document - Caroline Gillanders, Co-ordinator, North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme (NAVCS) addressed the meeting and explained the role of NAVCS in enhancing the lives of its over 100 passengers throughout a wide area surrounding Oban, namely Seil, Easdale, Luing, Kilninver, Kilmelford, Taynuilt, Avich, Kilchrenan, Dalavich, Glenorchy, Innishail, Dalmally, Eredine and Lochawe and set out the implications of the proposed removal of the discretionary community transport grant funding (currently £9,500 per annum) under the proposed Budget Cuts which are out for consultation until 31st December 2015. This funding is key to financing NAVCS as support in this way from the Council allows other funding to be pulled in. Its proposed removal makes the future look uncertain, if not bleak. She urged as many people as possible to comment online, on paper (copies available at Council Offices) or write to Douglas Hendry, Executive Director, Customer Services. Of especial value is filling in the comments box, as this gives depth and a clearer picture of a particular issue, rather than just ticking boxes. ER said she intends to make a submission as she has been totally supportive of NAVCS over the years since its inauguration, recognising it as being a very important scheme. She stated that the Council as a whole finds itself in a very challenging position over the entire range of proposed cuts and unpalatable choices are going to have to be made.
- 2) In connection with proposed budget cuts, the possibility of increasing revenue to the Council by rating village halls was raised. The Treasurer of Kilmelford & Kilninver Community Association, which oversees the operation of the Kilmelford Village Hall, undertook to contact ER by email outlining how the imposition of rating would affect the operation of the Hall.
- 3) Community Emergency Plan - ER produced the large emergency bag provided to Kilninver and Kilmelford and a photograph was taken of the handover, as required by the Contingency Planning officer at A&BC.
- 4) The issue of cuts in provision of electricity was raised, there having been two instances of one hour and of four and a half hours on two separate days the previous weekend. JMcA requested that, from the Community Emergency Plan standpoint, we would like to have feedback, possibly through the Community Council, from SSE as to why an incident occurred and what SSE will do to ensure it doesn't happen in the future etc. The meeting agreed that it is of concern that we have a deteriorating service with undoubtedly more power cuts now over the winter months than there were twenty or so years ago. A promised phone call from SSE to JR was due to take place the following morning. JR was asked to obtain details of the Community Liaison Officer so that the information can be fed in to the Community Emergency Plan.
- 5) Defibrillators - SGC reported that new funding from Kames Fish Farming now allowed for a third defibrillator to be provided at Kames Fish Farm which will serve Arduaine, Loch Melfort Hotel and Kames peninsula - in addition to the ones already allocated to Kilninver School and Kilmelford Village Hall. Discussions are ongoing to decide exact location and management of the machines and encouragement of people willing to come forward to familiarise themselves with the equipment, which has simple instructions displayed, will be sought. SGC responsible for taking this forward.
- 6) ER reported that owing to the resignation of Councillor MacIntyre there will be a by-election, possibly at the end of February 2016.
- 7) Oban Bay Regeneration Project update - Open Evening - Tues 15 Dec Corran Halls - 7 p.m.
- 8) Argyll Countryside Trust (access in and around the countryside) - Open Meeting - Tues 15 Dec 11 a.m. location to be advised.
- 9) Water Treatment Works, Oban - Open Session - Wed 16 Dec Glencruitten Church Hall 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- 10) The Council is urging homeowners over the age of 60 to take advantage of the Help to Adapt scheme.
- 11) Warmer Homes for Scotland - leaflet outlining eligibility for grants.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9 February 2016.