

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

**TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016
8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jamie McAndrew (JMCA); David Wilkie (DW); 14 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER)

1. APOLOGIES - Stuart Cannon (SGC); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); Kieron Green; Constable Jeremy Moore (JM)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8th December 2015 - AM proposed and JMCA 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 – DW gave a report on the application process for micro grants. Money granted locally includes £7,000 for the fitting of solar panels to the village hall and £250 for the Kilninford news letter. The Cut off period was 31st of January 2016. DW and ER discussed that Green Power was in dispute with the committee set up to manage the funds and after months of consultation Green Power have over-ruled the way in which the money is being managed. The scheme is still open to applications for grants.

b) Community Defibrillators – On behalf of SGC, JMCA updated the meeting on progress made so far. The units are more expensive than initially thought. For a good easy to use defib. the cost is £900, plus a stainless steel weatherproof box would be required which is £900. It was agreed by the CC that the increased cost was necessary to ensure the units installed were easy to use and well protected from the elements. It was reported by JMCA that an application for lottery funding would be likely, unless money could be raised locally. The locations have been agreed as Kames Fish Farming canteen (doesn't require weather proof box); Kilmelford village hall and Kilnilver Primary. The primary school is still to be contacted to discuss where the unit will be positioned. It was agreed that having a combination lock on them would not be suitable.

c) Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries – ER updated the CC that no decision will be made until after the Scottish election. ER commented that the response from the Argyll and Bute area was overwhelming for the consultation group.

d) SSE power cuts – JR and AM contacted SSE regarding the increasing amounts of power cuts. SSE replied to JR with a report of all recent power cuts and reasons for them. JMCA informed the meeting that SSE has appointed two community liaison people who we can contact directly, if we have any issues.

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 (Extracted from official list dated 9 February 2016)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1) Public footpath from Kilmelford Yacht Haven to Kilmelford Village – DW has contacted the council regarding the installation of a footpath. DW commented that the response has been poor. ER believes that the footpath has been put into next year's budget. The floor and CC agreed that pedestrians including children were walking along the road and that it was dangerous. ER suggested that Safer Routes to School (part of Transport Scotland) may be able to help with funding, due to the number of children involved and that the path would help people coming from Glenmore and the Yacht Haven. An email was to be written by the CC to ER explaining the situation and asking for action from the Council.

7. COMPETENT BUSINESS

1) Village Hall Wifi – NM proposed that the CC pays for Wifi to be installed in the village hall. NM highlighted the fact that Kilmelford village hall was one of the last village halls in the surrounding area without it. It would therefore be beneficial to the CC and other hall users. After some investigation work NM discovered there would be no installation fee, so only a monthly charge would be applicable. The CC agreed that this was a good use of funds and agreed to proceed with the installation. Fergus Gillanders (Treasure of Village Hall Association) agreed to invoice the CC for the cost of the Wifi.

2) Speeding and overtaking through Kilmelford – Due to several recent events the issue of road safety in the area was highlighted. A discussion was taken from the floor which highlighted the following concerns:-

- Pedestrians crossing the road and bridge in the area of the Cuilfail and Village Shop.
- Speeding in the Kilmelford 30mph zone.
- Overtaking in the Kilmelford 30mph zone, especially between the Glebe entrance and Degnish road end.
- The lack of a safety railing, where a footpath coming from the Glebe enters the main road (between numbers 38 and 43).
- Signs are poorly placed and are being regularly struck and broken by lorries.

During the discussion many suggestions were made on what could be done to improve the situation. These included flashing 30mph signs, chicanes, priority signs at the Cuilfail bridge, speed humps and double white centre lines. NM read out emails from JR and AD expressing their concern at the current situation. An email was also read out from Constable Jeremy Moore (JM) confirming that there was an issue with road safety in Kilmelford and that they would continue to carry out speed checks on a regular basis. JM welcomed further actions by the council to improve road safety and suggested that engineering work may be required. JM also suggested that the council carry out a road monitoring survey to check the speed and numbers of vehicles. ER and the CC supported this suggestion.

ER recognises that this is a serious issue and will do what she can to assist. ER recommended writing a letter to Jim Smith (Head of road and amenities) raising the issues discussed. NM highlighted that the issue of enforcement (speeding and dangerous driving) was an issue for the police, but the council are responsible for the infrastructure. ER suggested that members of the public writing to the council would also help increase the pressure on the council to take action.

3) Road incidents Barochreal corner, Kilninver – NM and AM raised their concerns about the sharp corners near Barochreal, where there have been several serious incidents in recent months. It was suggested that extending the Kilninver 30mph would help resolve this issue. NM also expressed concern that the inside of the corner was crumbling away and increasing the level of danger.

4) School children crossing road at the bus stop in Kilmelford – Concerns were raised from the floor regarding high school children crossing the road in front of the bus. It was requested that parents remind their children to take more care when crossing the road. It was suggested that the children should wait until the bus had gone before crossing.

5) Grit bins – ER brought up the lack of grit bins in Kilmelford. It was confirmed from the floor that there has been a lack of grit bins this winter and that they are empty. ER going to ask the roads department to deliver more salt bins and ensure they are stocked.

6) By-election – ER reminded the meeting attendees that there is a by-election coming up. She highlighted that it is important that members of the public do turn out to vote. The CC and floor commented on the lack of attendance by certain elected councillors and thanked ER for regularly attending meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 April 2016.