

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL at 8 p.m.**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC) 9 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Councillor Keiron Green (KG); Constable Jeremy Moore; Sandy Neil from Oban Times

1. **APOLOGIES** - Jamie McAndrew and David Wilkie.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 2015** - Proposed by AM and seconded by CC to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past 12 months has seen a busy year for the community council. Although there have been no major planning applications to deliberate, I feel we have achieved success with a number of small projects which hopefully helps the community.

Following a serious health incident in the Glebe, and because of the strange numbering which seems to have evolved with the building of the houses rather than having any logical progression, it was deemed necessary that a clear indication of which numbered houses were down which road in the Glebe would avoid confusion. Argyll and Bute Council agreed and now with number notices in five locations of the Glebe, hopefully the essential services and delivery vans will no longer get lost.

A generous, anonymous donation by a member of the community set the ball rolling on pursuing the location of three defibrillators for the village. This was managed by Stuart Cannon and although with the defibrillators plus their accompanying housing worked out quite expensive, the community council was able to add funding to the donation and at the time of writing three defibrillators are being set up. One is already in place at Kames Fish farm, one to be located outside the front door of the village hall and the third will be located at Kilninver Primary School, when the headmistress has decided where would be most suitable. Sometime in the near future those interested will be invited to attend a course on how to operate the defibrillators, although we are assured they are self-explanatory, quite idiot proof. My thanks go to Stuart for initiating this project.

Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has provided a number of grants to this Community. Both David Wilkie and I are on the Steering Committee managing these funds and so far, the village hall has benefitted from a major grant of £7,000, for the solar panels on the village hall roof. Time alone will show the savings there. However other micro grants of £250 have been applied for successfully by the Kilninford News Production Team, by the young teenage group who use the hall on Friday evening for a table tennis table, and more recently by the Village Hall committee for WiFi for the village hall. Once set up this will be paid for by the community council.

We felt we were the only hall in the area without this facility and now as the centre for the Emergency Action Plan this was a necessity rather than a luxury.

Jamie has completed our Emergency action plan and received the kit bag now stored in the office of the village hall. Our thanks must go to him for all the hard work he put into achieving this project.

Our Community Council joined with Luing Community Council and Seil Community Council to present Dr George Hannah with a gift on his retirement. This gift of an engraved slate table is a gift purely from the community councils and not from the communities. After so many decades of service to the above communities it was felt a gift of this kind was in order. Doubtless other local community groups and or individuals are making their own presentations.

The one rather unpleasant bit of news via the Scottish government was from the Boundary Commission alerting us to the fact that apart from reducing the number of Argyll and Bute Councillors assigned to each ward, this has already been done they were considering altering the ward boundaries. If this came about it would effectively take Kilninver and Kilmelford out of the Oban North and Lorn Ward and into mid-Argyll. This certainly had the locals writing to the boundary commission about how ludicrous the situation would be if this should happen. A strong letter of protest was sent by Toni on behalf of our community. Kieron Green has kindly been keeping us abreast of the situation, which of course not only affects the wards of Argyll but of all of Scotland. However, it would appear that a third of the protests about these ward changes came from Argyll and Bute. Sadly we have recently been made aware that the Boundaries Commission whilst accepting our protests and deciding to keep Dalmally and Bridge of Orchy in the ward, Kilninver and Kilmelford are to be assimilated into mid-Argyll!!! Kieron Green kindly supplied us with a list of MSP's to write to as well as Tony Domain appealing to them to speak for us when this proposal is put before the Scottish Government. These letters have been sent.

We had been operating with seven community councillors rather than eight so we were delighted when last October, when elections came around there were three potential candidates for the one post. After voting, David Wilkie was the successful candidate and we warmly welcomed him onto our committee.

Owing to the fact that I felt that apart from the post holders committee members were not sharing the workload and the Lions share fell to me, it was decided to share out various responsibilities to each member of the community council, dependent on their strengths and interests. At the same time it was a thought prudent to have an interim meeting every other month. This means the committee meets monthly and then bi-monthly with the community in attendance. This additional meeting should help us set an agenda and hopefully shorten the main bi-monthly meetings.

Obviously the council cuts have been something which has affected all of us across the board some more than others and although these have been discussed at community council meetings it has generally been felt that it is possibly not something we as a council should be too involved in. If you support one cause it may be to the detriment of another as the cuts have got to be made somewhere. A headache for Argyll and Bute I feel not for us.

We have been made aware that despite the 30mph speeding is still a problem in Kilmelford. A number of suggestions have been put forward for both trying to implement the speed limit and for traffic calming. We await Jim Smith head of roads to come and speak to us, in turn he is awaiting the results from monitoring the speed of traffic, these results have are being held up owing to faulty equipment. At the same time

discussion about a foot path from the Boatyard end to Degnish road end is being looked into.

No serious planning issues this year although we wait with interest developments concerning the Kilchoan Estate and hope the factor will continue to keep us abreast of decisions made by the absentee owners.

I would like to congratulate Kieron Green on his recent appointment as an Argyll and Bute Councillor and if we stay in this ward hopefully he will be one of the councillors appointed to us. Over the last couple of years he has been working hard on our behalf especially concerning the Ward Boundaries and has accompanied Elaine Robertson to most of our meetings, more than can be said for our other Councillors, so we are delighted to welcome him.

Sadly since the last Community Council meeting, Annie Delap has tendered her resignation for personal reasons. We thank her for her work on behalf of the community and wish her well. Finally, I would like to express my thanks to all the committee for their work in their various posts. I think this has been a relatively peaceful year without too much angst!

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

SGC reported that he was having great difficulty with The Bank of Scotland not recognising him as the officially designated Treasurer in spite of having received the necessary documents proving his status. He summarized that currently there is a small surplus of income over expenditure and the current balance is approximately £2460. The bank has not produced the latest statements and is still sorting out the paperwork. SGC continuing to chase them up. It was noted that SGC must submit Treasurer's Report to Argyll and Bute Council by end June and if problems with Bank still preventing this, Melissa Stewart, Law & Governance, A&BC, to be advised.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2015/2016

It was agreed that this item would be carried over.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016/2017

It was agreed that there would be no change in the posts held at present.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS - There was none.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.