

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY 14 February 2017
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL
8 p.m.

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Roanna Clark (RC); Jamie McAndrew (JMCA) 13 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Elaine Robertson (ER); Councillor Kieron Green (KG) Constable Jeremy Moore

1. APOLOGIES - David Wilkie

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2016 - SGC proposed and JMCA seconded that the Minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Speeding in the Village - NM reported that DW had been advised that Carraig Gheal would not fund a speed advising sign for Kilmelford since, as the management and enforcement of speeding falls under Council/Local Government responsibility, it is outside the remit of the wind farm fund. ER said a permanent sign would cost £4,000 but that last week she had been advised by the Roads Department that mobile signs had been ordered and that Kilmelford was top of the list for one of these - solar powered and flashing - for an as yet unspecified trial period. RC had investigated if a Health and Wellbeing grant might be available but has been advised that we would not be eligible.

b) Carraig Gheal Community Fund - NM reported that applications for a micro-grant of £250 each had been approved for Kilninford Association publication costs of Newsletter and for tubs and plants for Kilnilver and Kilmelford. £95,000 is a possible outgoing of major grants from 17 applications ranging from £306 to £7,000 - the maximum for any one grant. Of the £2000 available to us as micro grants we did not take up the full amount, being £750 short. For the next 12 months £1,000 maximum is now available as 4 x £250 individual micro-grants.

c) (Extra item - not on Agenda) - Loch nan Druimnean Accident July 2016 - ER reported that the investigation report had been completed and there would be no further proceedings by Police Scotland or the Procurator Fiscal. The report found no requirement for any works in regards to prevention of such an incident. It is now with the Crown Office who may or may not make recommendation to be acted upon. After much discussion it was agreed that we should push for the re-trunking of the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban road.

d) Re-trunking of A816 - Reference was made to the Highlands and Islands Enterprise report of June 2016 entitled Argyll and Bute Transport Connectivity and Economy Research Report which identified the A816 as an important transport corridor but acknowledged that constraints caused by poor carriageway width and alignment should be removed, improving journey times and supporting economic growth. KG and ER reaffirmed that good infrastructure is critical to Argyll and Bute and that the economic argument for upgrade carries much weight. After much discussion it was decided to write to Ministers and MSPs, Argyll and Bute Council at a senior level and all Community Councils in the area, including Lochgilphead and Oban, expressing our wish to press for trunk road status. An article in the upcoming Kilninford News will ask for comments from the community on this matter. It is hoped that if there is enough pressure and it is sustained we collectively might be successful in achieving this.

The matter of safe crossing of main carriageway in Kilmelford Village was raised, having been discussed at previous meetings. It was agreed that ownership of the existing path parallel to the road would have to be established before funds could be sought to create a safe passage for pedestrians.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Pending Decision:

Land North West of Garraron Farm Kilmelford Argyll and Bute - Erection of telecommunications equipment compound with 15 metre high lattice tower and associated works. Ref 16/02606/PP

Pending Consideration:

Port Na Croe Fish Farm Shuna Sound - Re-equipment of marine fishfarm from 8 no 24 x 24m square pens to 4 no 120m circumference cages, installation of feed barge and enlarged mooring area. Ref 16/03407/MFF

Plot 2 Arduaine Caravan Park Arduaine - Erection of dwellinghouse (amended design relative to planning permission 14/01488/PP). Ref 17/00240/PP

Prior Notification - No Objection:

Arduaine Farm Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XQ - Erection of agricultural shed. Ref 16/03112/PNAGRI

Application Permitted:

Loch Melfort Hotel Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XG - Internal and external alterations including; erection of replacement shed, external steel staircase to side elevation, formation of deck areas and installation of external extractor flue. Ref 16/03201/PP

Police Transmitting Station Loch Melfort Kilmelford - Proposed upgrade to existing public electronic communications site. Ref 17/00227/TELNOT

Land West of Kilmelford Fire Station Kilmelford - Renewal of planning permission in principle 13/00947/PPP - Site for the erection of a multi purpose building (ground floor restaurant/retail and residential accommodation on first floor) Ref 16/01216/PPP

In connection with the Planning Permission in Principle granted for the above, concern has been expressed by members of the public that a wall has recently been built close to the road at this site. Planning Department enforcement is aware of this situation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Loch Awe/Loch Avich Public Petition to Scottish Government for National Scenic Area status - leaflet available. Petition prompted by relentless applications from companies mainly based outwith the UK to build significant numbers of windfarms in the area, to saturation point.
- b) Police offices at Lochgilphead and Oban - retaining present buildings but looking to relocate to more modern facilities suitable for their requirements if opportunity arises.
- c) Local Housing Strategy - leaflet available.
- d) Upcoming meetings: Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership meeting Corran Halls
Thursday 16 February 2 p.m.
Argyll and Bute Council Budget meeting Council Chambers Kilmory
Thursday 23 February 11 a.m.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- a) JR explained the initiative sponsored by our local Lions Club of Message in a Bottle whereby medical etc. information is held inside a small plastic bottle and kept in the fridge door. This is flagged up by strategically placed small labels inside front door and on fridge outer door to aid emergency services. Supplies available from Jane Rentoul 01852 200331 or Kilmelford Shop.
- b) The deteriorating state of Degnish Road was raised - at points where land drops steeply away and at Melfort bridge (is there a weight restriction?) and where increasingly lorries turn at village hall, now that waste ground adjacent to Fire Station is being built upon. ER advised that the Council has a team which monitors bridges throughout the area.
- c) Consultation on the Future of the Scottish Planning System - KG explained that the consultation period runs from 10 January to 4 April. The Paper outlines a desire by the Scottish Government to increase community involvement and strengthen the planning system. The Council will summarise findings and copy to community councils in due course.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: 11 April 2017 at 8 p.m. at Kilmelford Village Hall.