

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL at 8 p.m.**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Stuart Cannon (SGC); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC);
Roanna Clark (RC); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); David Wilkie (DW) 14 members of the public.

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

- 1. APOLOGIES** - Antoinette Mitchell; Councillors Andrew Vennard and Keiron Green
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 2016** - Proposed by SGC and seconded by CC to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To have our full Compliment of committee members, eight, this year with all of them having dedicated areas of responsibility has I feel created a far more efficient and involved community council. This coupled with an interim, closed, community council meeting in the months when we don't have our official bi-monthly meetings, open to the general public, has all helped to make us feel, I hope, that the community council is both more efficient and more constantly in tune with our community's needs and wants.

David Wilkie and Roanna Clark, our newest committee members have brought a diversity of input to our meetings. It is also a bonus to have two such dedicated members of the younger generation like Jamie and Roanna on our committee. This is perhaps not unique among community councils nevertheless it is encouraging to know that future generations are and want to be involved in local community matters.

Most community councils have many similar problems to be dealt with and we are no different.

Despite the 30mph signs, speeding both in Kilninver and along the straight stretch through Kilmelford Village is an ongoing problem for us. The Police and Argyll and Bute Roads department have been involved with monitoring the situation. Hopefully the flashing signs promised for a trial period will make a difference along with the police's ongoing and regular apprehending of offenders.

All the three Community Defibrillators have been erected, at Kilninver School, Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall and Kames Fish farm. Our thanks to Stuart Cannon, the money from an anonymous donation and funds from the community council these are now up and running. Some interested parties will be trained in how to use them although we are assured any member of the public would find their use self-explanatory.

The Public Consultation on Ward Boundaries proved that community intervention can influence Government decisions. The number of letters and petitions from both individuals and community councils insured, as was the local public's wish, that we remained part of Oban and North Lorn and were not assimilated into Mid-Argyll. A triumph for Community involvement I think.

On behalf of the Community Council, and with the Hall committee's permission, I had WiFi

installed in the hall. Only the general public can say how successful or not this has proved to be. However, as most community halls and public buildings now provide this service it was deemed a modern necessity. Having now come to the end of the Community Council's 12 month trial period, the Hall Committee has agreed to take over the annual payment for this community facility.

Some members of the community expressed a desire for the community council to investigate the re-trunking of the A816. Although at first this seemed a desirable proposition, Our A and B councillor Kieron Greene pointed out the unlikely possibility of this happening owing mainly to the cost involved which appears to be prohibitive. So continuing appeals to A and B roads to maintain and update sections of this arterial road seems to me our only realistic option at the moment.

The Glenmore Woodland and Forest Road is an ongoing issue, local to Kilmelford. Stuart, David and Jane have so far been the most active in appealing for an Environmental Impact Assessment, and looking into a possible community Buy Out, with all the implications this would involve. Having all lived in the area for so many years and having an in depth knowledge of the areas to be planted they are far better placed than I to head up this project, and I am most grateful to them for their hard work. Thank you All!

The Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has continued to provide both the hall and other individual groups with funding for both major and micro-grants. Hopefully the major grant given to the hall for their curtains will soon be completed.

Once again no major planning issues although there are minor ongoing issues that the Argyll and Bute Planning Department are dealing with at the moment.

I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work, especially recently during my illness when Jane kindly took on Planning jobs as well as her normal duties. Everyone appears to have slotted in well to their particular areas of expertise. Thank you all for helping to make my position less arduous and stressful. Special thanks to Elaine and Kieron our two faithful Argyll and Bute Councillors. We are so pleased you were re-elected recently, your support, advice and help continues to be invaluable to us all. Thank you!

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

SGC summarised accounts for year ended 31st March 2017 which showed balance in bank of £1,732.98. Further grants still to come in and public encouraged to put forward ideas for spending the available funds. The three defibrillators installed at Kilniver School, Kilmelford Hall and at Kames Fish Farm have been donated as follows: one by an anonymous donor along with contribution from former newsletter team and Community Council, one by Kilchoan Estate Management Limited and one by Kames Fish Farming Limited.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2016/2017

The meeting approved the accounts.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017/2018

Posts will stay the same except JR would be named contact for Planning. JMCA will undertake the duties of keeping website up to date and posting Minutes etc.

7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS - There was none.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8:22 p.m.