

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

**TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017  
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL at 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); David Wilkie (DW) 7 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillors Elaine Robertson (ER); Keiron Green (KG) Stephen MacIntyre and Duane Coetzer, Marine Harvest Scotland

1. **APOLOGIES** - There were none.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING 10 OCTOBER 2017** - The Minutes were approved by AM and seconded by SGC to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

a) Speeding in the Village - Debate took place over effectiveness of flashing sign recently installed. Reports of vehicles travelling north speeding up on the straight into village, having gone past sign at 30 mph. Public urged to take registration number of offenders and report to police, a single witness being sufficient. RC to put notice on Kilmelford Community Page and ask for comments regarding people's views - particularly those living in the village - relating to effectiveness generally of the sign. The responses will help inform whether worth moving to the next stage of having a permanent sign installed.

b) Glenmore Woodland and Forest Road - DW reported that the group had held meetings recently with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) Community Asset Transfer Department and with Development Trust Association Scotland. There is a lot of information available from many bodies and this is being assessed before moving to the next step. The Community Council will be kept informed of any significant development.

c) LDP Main Issues Report - JR reported that she had attended a meeting in Oban organised for community councillors to meet planning officers and discuss issues concerning areas of change to the current Local Development Plan in the run up to publication of the Main Issues Report eight week consultation period. Owing to the timing of our December meeting we were given a week's extension in order to discuss any issues at this meeting and report accordingly. It was agreed that it was most important that the PDA for Community Facilities zoning for the field adjacent to the Village Hall should remain and lengthy discussion ensued regarding what could be provided for the benefit of the community during the lifetime of LDP2, with the ultimate aim of a primary school post 2025. JR to write to Planners outlining the community's opinions in the matter.

**5. PLANNING**

**Pending Consideration:**

**Kilchoan House, Kilmelford** - Formation of new private access road with passing place. Ref 17/03023/PP

**Pending Decision:**

**Land approx 830m North East of Atlantic Bridge Clachan Farm Oban** - Erection of recreational hut (part retrospective). Ref 17/02438/PP

**Land North East of Alsop Transport, Kilniver** - Formation of forest track (160m long) and upgrading works to existing track. Ref 17/03054/PNFOR

**Application Permitted:**

**Land East of Pier Cottages Kilmelford** - Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of vehicular access. Ref 17/02326/PP

**Land South West of East Kames Kilmelford** - Revised house position and driveway in relation to 17/01267/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse, general purpose storage shed and installation of sewage treatment plant). Ref 17/02530/PP

**Land West of Knipoch House Hotel, Knipoch, Oban** - Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank. Ref 17/02561/PP

**Land South West of Glenmore Farm Kilmelford Ref 17/01123** The matter of Planning Department ruling for owner of Tower House to re-grade access track by 31 December 2017 was raised and no action to comply was reported to date.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE** - There was none.

**7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

1) Stephen MacIntyre, Applications Manager, Marine Harvest Scotland attended, along with Duane Coetzer, Seawater Area Manager. Mr. MacIntyre was invited to address the meeting regarding planning applications to be submitted, probably in January. He explained plans to amend operations at Poll na Gille (PNG) and Bagh Dail nan Ceann (BDNC) off the east side of Shuna and off the mainland south of Craobh Haven respectively. The proposal to move the cages at PNG 75 metres further out into the Sound of Shuna and place the feed barge between cages and shore, for reasons of being better for production to be in deeper water, was met with concern. It was felt that this would have major implications for marine leisure as the Sound between the island of Shuna and the mainland is quite narrow at this point. Further discussion over various matters of concern ensued and it was noted that once the applications containing more detail were submitted to Planners there would be an opportunity for the community to comment formally.

2) NM reported that a micro grant application of £250 had been received from Kilmelford Parent and Toddler Group to hire a soft play package from local company Rosie Cheeks. Other pre-school groups such as at Kilmore and Craignish would come along to enjoy bouncy castle, ball pool etc. The meeting agreed to support the application.

3) DW reported that he had been asked to bring the Community Council's attention to the fact that the mussel strings in the site operated by Celtic Sea in Loch Melfort had recently been removed, leaving only one line - presumably to conform to conditions of lease.

4) DW advised that Kilchoan Estate wished the community to know that they would be applying to Crown Estate and Marine Scotland to install a 15m pontoon at the old pier.

5) Caroline Gillanders, Co-ordinator North Argyll Volunteer Car Scheme (NAVCS) requested that people fill out the form in connection with Planning Our Future consultation regarding public's views on the upcoming Argyll and Bute Council budget. NAVCS receives a discretionary grant which will be cut by one third this year, one third next and will cease the following year. Discussion ensued which made clear everyone's view that the car scheme was essential to the 120 passengers regularly depending on it to get to doctor and hospital appointments, the vet, post office, lunch club etc. Many of the passengers live where there is no public transport and depend totally on the car scheme for getting about. It has recently been officially acknowledged that social isolation is the next big killer, over and above the effects of drinking, smoking, drugs etc. Caroline Gillanders to liaise with AM who will write a hard copy letter to the Council in support of NAVCS, opposing any cut in funding and pointing out that the contribution from the Council is critical as it opens the door for match funding from other bodies.

6) KG echoed the importance of people contributing to the budget cuts consultation and urged everyone to fill out the form as their comments will carry weight. He urged people to go online and make their views known, not just for the risk to the car scheme but for many other services threatened with cuts or removal, such as public toilets and other important operations funded by the Council.

7) (a) Concern expressed over lack of grit for road at Ardenstuir, as elderly residents there unable to leave their home owing to condition of road in current icy conditions. ER undertook to continue to highlight this with Roads Department.

(b) Attention drawn to very deep pothole on A816 at Kilninver. ER undertook to investigate and advised that there is the opportunity to report such shortcomings online.

(c) JR reported that she was chasing up Callum Robertson, Roads Performance Manager, re his undertaking in early October to provide Hidden Dip signs on A816 between Scammadale and Kilninver.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 8 p.m. at Kilmelford Village Hall**