

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

**TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2018
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL 8:00pm.**

Present: David Wilkie (DW); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Roanna Clark (RC); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA) 8 members of the public.

In attendance: Councillor Keiron Green (KG)

1. APOLOGIES – Stuart Cannon; Louisa Llewellyn; Gill Philpotts; Councillor Elaine Robertson; Constable Iain Macleod

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were none.

3. AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 AUGUST 2018 - The Minutes were approved by JR and seconded by RC to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 14 AUGUST 2018 - The meeting moved to item 5a on the agenda.

5 a) GP Contract - DW read out submission from LL in her absence. The Short Life Working Group had visited Easdale Surgery in early September in the persons of the Chair, Prof. Sir Lewis Ritchie, and Primary Care Senior Advisor for the Scottish Government, Fiona Duff.

The Practice Manager, Mary Phillips, said that the Practice and community's concerns had been expressed and it seemed to be an informative and constructive meeting. Karen Murphy from Carradale Patients' Group had submitted a Petition to the Public Petition Committee, outlining the potentially disastrous effects of the new GP contract on Remote and Rural Practices, which was heard on 13th September. The official response that, "*The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and the Rural GP Association of Scotland. It also agreed to draw the petition to the attention of the Health and Sport Committee*" was felt to have gone above and beyond what Karen was expecting them to do.

The assembled committee members were struck by the strength of feeling in the patient communities. They were surprised at the absence of proper consultation and lack of dialogue with rural and remote communities and noted the fact that when belated consultation was undertaken communities were coming together in significant numbers to express their concern. They noted that the petition comes at an opportune time to highlight the issues, particularly when it comes to determining Phase II of the new GP contract.

The Oban Times had published an article on 20 September submitted by LL, although framed slightly differently to what she would have preferred. Further developments will be posted on the Kilmelford Community Page.

Dr. Andrew Strain advised that those involved in the petition to the Scottish Parliament should be applauded as it was now doing the rounds of all GP practices in Scotland.

b) Formation of Community Trust Company - DW stated that in order to form a Trust Company 50% of the community should attend a meeting and of that number 50% should agree to form a Company. Meetings have already been held with various bodies set up to assist in such ventures - we now need to take steps to get a Company up and running in order to access the funds available. We would need a minimum of 8 for a steering group. Spread the word through a mailshot/knock on doors? Informal social meeting in the run up to Christmas? Should there be two separate companies covering Kilmelford and Kilniver?

c) Health and Social Care Strategic Plan - DW read out submission from LL in her absence. She had attended a focus group as part of the HSCP's engagement process seeking feedback on the 8 strategic areas of service change. She reiterated the Community Council's concern about the new GP contract. They are seeking responses until the end of October, after which a proposal will be put forward to the Integrated Joint Board for their sign-off in January. The situation can be summarised thus:

- a) Money is very tight.
- b) Oban and surrounding area is the ONLY area within Argyll to be bucking the population downward trend - a point we made which should be taken into account by the IJB.
- c) A big problem in Oban is not lack of funding but lack of workers: there are beds in Eider Glynn Care Home that can't be filled - not because they don't have the money but because they can't staff it.
- d) £19m goes on prescribing/pharmacy - there will undoubtedly be moves to reduce this and where that affects GP surgeries (such as Easdale which is a dispensing surgery) we'll have to be vigilant. (We know what is happening in Aberfoyle/Buchlyvie at the moment.)

KG advised that consultation re quality and finance was about to end. There will be further engagement with the community. Plan not available until the New Year.

d) World War 1 Beacons of Light Tribute Armistice Day 11 November - RC read out from Battle's O'er - A Nation's Tribute: After darkness has fallen more than 1,000 Beacons of Light will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. It is planned for the community to meet at the village car park in Kilmelford and watch a bonfire lit on the hill beside the road to Loch Avich above the village at 7 p.m., the same time as thousands of others. Soup and rolls will be served. There will be 984 pipers playing The Battle's O'er at 6 a.m. on the 11th. Kilmelford's contribution will be at the War Memorial at 6 a.m.

6. PLANNING MATTERS - JR went through the list of planning applications in the appendix attached to these Minutes.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - There were none.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - Letter from Royal Mail alerting people to be aware of scam mail. This will be posted on the Kilmelford community web page.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Application has been made for a £250 micro grant from Carraig Gheal windfarm for Christmas lights in Kilmelford, to which a member of the public stated that not everyone wished to have lights and asked if there had been consultation on the matter.
- (b) Application has been made for a £250 micro grant from Carraig Gheal windfarm to purchase up to date sound system for Kilmelford Hall.
- (c) Public concern raised over the state of the tree/brush cutting back at the roadside of A816. It was pointed out that this is a tourist area and the ugly flailed bushes and trees lining portions of the road were extremely unsightly.
- (d) The absence of white lining on the A816 after recent road dressing and current re-surfacing was noted. KG advised that it was likely this would be carried out once all roadworks were completed. He undertook to have an update to report to the committee for its interim meeting on 8th November.
- (e) Concern raised over recent appearance of badly holed large vessel on beach at Celtic Sea site in Loch Melfort. Kames Fish Farming had secured it to avoid it becoming a hazard to shipping.
- f) Issue of dog fouling in Kilmelford was raised and the contact number at the Council 01546 605514 was given out.
- g) Telephone kiosk at Kilmelford - report of light not working. BT to be contacted.
- h) Jamie McAndrew reported that he obtained two 20kg sacks of daffodils free of charge and asked for volunteers from the community to plant at Kilmelford and Kilninver.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 December 2018