

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

**APPROVED**

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019  
KNIPOCH HOTEL 8.00pm.**

Present: David Wilkie (DW); Jane Rentoul (JR); Roanna Clark (RC); Gill Philpotts (GP); Louisa Llewellyn (LL); Jamie McAndrew (JMCA); Stuart Cannon (SGC) plus 14 members of the public.  
In attendance: Kieron Green (KG); Elaine Robertson (ER); PC Iain MacLeod (PCIM)

Meeting started at 8.00 pm

**1. APOLOGIES** – Colin Clark

**2. Declarations of Interest** – There were none.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2018** – These were agreed as a true and fair record and were proposed by GP and seconded by JMCA.

**POLICE MATTERS – PCIM**

Reported that since the last meeting there had mainly been one or two road accidents mainly caused by the wintry road conditions. No major crimes. We commented that the Oban Times carried a report of damage to and attempted break-in to a caravan at a wrongly named location locally and wondered where the details had come from. PCIM would go back and check. There had been a report of domestic oil theft from a tank on Seil Island whilst people were away on holiday. PCIM admitted it was a difficult crime to solve. Also reported the danger of telephone calls from people pretending to be BT employees and trying to get money out of people for bills/connections so we need to be alert and report anything suspicious. A case in Oban where a house had been entered not for robbery of goods but to get access to a valuable car – the house was not locked – we need to be vigilant. PCIM commented on new speed limit signs in Balvicar and recommended looking at them as we considered new signs for our area.

**4. MATTERS ARISING –**

Health and Social Care Plan – DW asked KG if he had any information ahead of the big meeting in March? No real updates – after the meeting there will be follow-up meetings to consider the feedback and then to draw up a draft plan.

In response to posters in the Bus Shelters that was raised last meeting, DW had researched notice boards for the area that would offer space for local posters. Although funds are tight at the moment, it was hoped that this could be addressed soon.

Following the problems concerning the overgrown hedge at No: 10 Cuilfail Gardens JR had contacted the owners of the property – ACHA – the hedge was to be trimmed on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. but nothing. ACHA will pursue the matter. JR will keep us posted. ER advised that if it was encroaching the pavement then it should be given priority and she asked who JR was dealing with so she could check that action was happening.

Potholes on Scammadale Road have been addressed.

**5. a) GP Contract**

LL hadn't got much to add. Various discussions happening with Scottish Rural Action agreeing with petitioners. Following up with Jean Freeman. Working group still working. New appointments system at practice – been working well and adequate appointments offered. Propose setting up an informal

patient participation group with reps from each of the 3 Community Council areas (LL will be our rep.) no date yet but LL will keep us posted.

#### **b) Community Trust Company**

DW been putting feelers out to gauge general interest among local residents – article in local newsletter – just 1 response. If no interest then will not be pursued. DW intends to offer a public meeting then see where it goes forward. The “Other “ideas included affordable housing. ER said that if a need for housing could be identified then it may be worth pursuing. Another idea was an office hub. DW will offer a date for the public meeting.

#### **c) Emergency Acton Plan**

JMcA offered updates to the plan that is put in place in the event of an emergency such as a flu epidemic or communications disaster. Some of the telephone numbers on our plan need to be updated. The Hall in Kilmelford is seen as the HUB. Certain people are key so these need to be updated and the information shared with local residents. JMCA will put onto website and perhaps produce some posters. He acknowledged the general resilience of the residents and felt having 6-monthly practices like some areas seemed a bit too much. We now have defibrillators throughout the area. ER wanted to thank JMCA for his work and for helping another area to draw up their emergency plan.

#### **d) Footpath from Kilmelford Yacht Haven**

DW mentioned this matter raised by some residents to get a pathway from the Yacht Haven to Degnish Road which would increase safety and give better access for all, visitors and walkers. RC mentioned a footpath would be safer. ER mentioned that there was support for developing safer pathways and cycle paths such as Sustrans who may offer funding. Initiative by local communities and other partners must be shown but it is worth pursuing.

### **6. PLANNING MATTERS**

JR went through the attached Planning sheet showing local items that had come in. An additional item had come in. Application of a woodland scheme at Kilchoan. Planting 80 hectares of regeneration – native species to regenerate the area. We decided the CC would write generally supporting.

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

JR noted a letter we had received about Consultation events on fireworks throughout Scotland. Rest and be Thankful is to be closed for 4 nights 8pm – 5am from 10/3 for resurfacing. No diversion – long way round. KG mentioned it is likely to be single carriage way for some time.

**8. QUESTIONS** – there were none.

### **9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Problem with fly tipping at end of Loch an Drimnen above Kilmelford. KG had visited the site and the Council will work with the landowner to get it removed. DW asked why there were so few bins. KG & ER noted that the bigger the bin the more rubbish amasses. KG said the council will deal if on council land or at edge of roadside but if on private land then down to the owner. KG will contact owner for us and will provide feedback next meeting. Referred to PCIM.

Georgina Dalton mentioned that Rev. Ken Ross leaves on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Pot Luck lunch 1.30 at Easdale Hall after his last service at Kilniver Church on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Contributions welcome.

DW expressed “Thanks” to Knipoch Hotel for offering accommodation hoped we could come again.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 9 April 2019, 8.00 pm at Kilmelford Hall

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm