

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

**TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2020
KNIPOCH HOTEL at 8 p.m.**

Present: Present: Jane Rentoul (JR); Gill Philpotts (GP) Stuart Cannon (SC); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); Louisa Llewellyn (LL); plus 7 members of the public. In attendance: Councillors; Kieron Green (KG) later joined by PC MacLeod and another PC.

With David Wilkie absent and Roanna Clark unable to attend, Jane Rentoul stepped in to chair the meeting which was much appreciated. She welcomed everyone especially on such a wintry evening and opened the meeting at 8.00 pm

1. **APOLOGIES** – David Wilkie (DW); Colin Clark (CC); Roanna Clark (RC); Cllr. Elaine Robertson (ER);
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – JR declared an interest in a couple of items in Planning Matters and item 8 the Glenmore Hill item on the agenda.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10th DECEMBER 2019** - Proposed by SC and seconded by LL
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2019**
 - a) **VE DAY 75 – May 2020.** Planning was progressing well in that we had a £500 grant in the pipeline from the Wind Farm and the Newsletter had advised that they would like to offer a donation of £400 to help with costs of the celebration. JR reminded us that so far there was a hog roast organised for the daytime and a “40’s” musical evening with Oban Spotlight Theatre – Boogie Girls and Dick Lee Swingtet on Saturday 9th May in Kilmelford Hall. Offers of help from community would be appreciated.
 - b) **GLENMORE HILL** – Following the previous meeting DW will be holding a further meeting at the end of the month.
 - c) **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**
KG confirmed that all comments that were submitted are gathered together by the Council and will then be passed on to the Scottish Government. Then The new plan will then be published next year and come out for comment.
 - d) **COMMUNITY TRUST COMPANY**
DW had chaired a meeting on 8th January which was attended by Laura Macdonald from the Council. As a result, more people have shown interest and he will be arranging a further meeting for the end of February to take this forward.

e) KILMELFORD - SPEED SIGNS

SC reported we are just down to approval of positioning of the poles. There was still the idea of having an artificial PC to deter speeding and this was being made and should be ready by end of this month.

f) SUMMER EVENT

GP gave an update following the successful application for Lottery funding. The Hall committee would be leading on the event but help and ideas from all the community would be essential so we can make sure it is a fun day for everyone. It is likely to be in July/August but more detail will be announced in coming weeks. Anyone keen to be part of a working party please contact Gill or any of the Hall committee. (Gill Philpotts gill@thephilpotts.me.uk 01852 316018)

g) DEFIBRILLATORS

Pleased to announce that an application had been made to the Wind Farm for a significant grant to cover the cost of replacing batteries and pads and this will be confirmed by end of March.

h) CARRAIG GHAEL WIND FARM STEERING COMMITTEE VACANCY

Pleased to announce that Dave Millward (retired firefighter) will be joining the Steering committee.

i) KILMELFORD – MIRROR AT LOCH AVICH ROAD JUNCTION

The mirror has now been fitted – thanks to DW for organising.

5) KILCHOAN – UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE

Jon Strickland from Kilchoan Estate gave an update as to works on the estate. He apologised for any inconvenience but reported that extensive road improvements are underway and whilst it will mean some short-term closures it will result in a much-improved road (which has needed repair for some time). He acknowledged that heavy lorry use has added to road problems. There was also a discussion about right to roam access through locked gates on the estate. Again, he apologised and said there was a dilemma between access and crop damage but that he hoped the access code **2020** that could be used at any gate should give easy access BUT begged people to remember to close gates to avoid deer damage etc.

6) KILMELFORD HALL – BINS

Following problems with binmen accessing the bins the Hall users and committee are to request that another venue is found for the bins. Matters came to a head when binmen moved bins to “disabled” spaces in the car park because “it was easier for them with all the cars parked”! Venues such as the Scottish Water site on Degnish Road or the Car Park in the Village or perhaps in The Glebe will be suggested but NOT the Hall Car Park which is private ground and some potential users have been put off by the sight of bins and litter on the ground. Astrid van der Kraan, Chair of Hall Committee, agreed to arrange a meeting in the first instance with Council representative at which a CC member would be present

PC REPORT

PC MacLeod gave a brief report on crimes in our local area which were not many but included car incidents by Loch nan Drimnean and the reporting of flares on 3rd January

in the Loch Melfort area which turned out to be a false alarm. He advised us about a new system of evaluating calls being used in Oban T.H.R.I.V.E. (Threat, Harm, Risk, Investigation, Vulnerability) www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/every-caller-is-different

He mentioned that the recent break-in at a house in Kilmelford showed that nothing was taken or damage but was still being investigated. There was a warning from the floor of a silver van calling on houses to sell tools but seeming to study the places in a very suspicious way. PC said often these vans operate throughout the area and we just need to be vigilant.

7) KILNINVER – ROAD SAFETY

Following another incident on the main road in Kilninver at the bends by Barochreal there was a request for improved signage to warn drivers. There were already “bend” warnings and chevrons from the school direction but not enough from the Kilmelford direction. This last incident had been a close shave with garden/fence damage but apart from the distress and inconvenience to the residents it was felt this bend was dangerous and we needed better warning for all our safety. The Community Council will write a letter to Andy Barron – Traffic Management at Oban Police and to Malcolm Cullen of the Roads Department asking for urgent attention.

KG had already sent an email to Malcolm by the end of our meeting.

8) PLANNING MATTERS

See attached sheet.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

- There will be a Quiz at Cuilfail Hotel 29/2 7.30 run by Dave Millward for charity MacMillan Cancer Care
- Invitation to participate in the Town Twinning Association in Europe – hand out available
- A leaflet for settlement of EU Citizens in Scotland was available

10) ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

LL gave us an update on Health Matters:

Mary Phillips of Easdale Surgery circulated the Remote and Rural short life working group's report (relating to new GP contract) she said “it all sounds very positive and the Petition is given a mention more than once. But No definite solutions yet!”.

Reminder of a short lunchtime concert of classical music at Kilmelford Church Friday 10th April (Good Friday). This will be publicized through the usual channels.

Toni Mitchell announced annual World Day of Prayer will be held in Kilmelford Church on Friday 6 March at 7:00 p.m.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 7TH April 2020 8pm at KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.