

**KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NOTES OF ZOOM MEETING**

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**TUESDAY 6th OCT 2020
ZOOM meeting at 8 p.m.**

Present: Present: David Wilkie (DW), Jane Rentoul (JR), Gill Philpotts (GP), Jamie McAndrew (JMcA), Stuart Cannon (SC), Colin Clark (CC), Louisa Llewellyn (LL), Roanna Clark (RC).

Councillors present: Kieran Green (KG), Elaine Robertson (ER) Andrew Vennard (AV).

DW opened the Zoom meeting at 8pm and thanked everyone for attending.

1. APOLOGIES – There were no apologies

2. MINUTES - last formal meeting minutes adopted at informal meeting
KG updated us on the situation with Care Providers in Kilmelford where there had been some disruption to the service during Covid. He advised that there had been some re-jigging with new providers but that said that the usual care service should now be continued.

3. LOCH AVICH ROAD – Residents and regular users had been concerned at the sudden increase in heavier vehicles negotiating the road with difficulty. SC and JMcA felt better signage about weight limits would help. JMcA will monitor and report back for next meeting.

4. ACCESS TO ARGYLL & BUTE CORRIDOR OPTIONS – we were reminded that the consultation paper was available for comment with 11 options on offer. KG noted that although all options were there for comment, those that cost less were more likely to succeed. He also mentioned that some of the options would create a longer journey time for users. Some options involved tunnels or bridges or viaducts or other cross-county routes with varying price tags. Solutions didn't have to be the cheapest and it was accepted that a real solution needs to be found but those with higher costs were likely to take longer to adopt.

DW encouraged us all to review the options (and encourage others) and make comments before the closing date of 30th October 2020. He also felt that we should submit comments from the Community Council. KG mentioned that options 4,6,8,and 10 offered no journey gain.

5. KILNINVER SCHOOL SITUATION – locals wanted to raise awareness that the school had a staffing problem with no Head Teacher and Admin. Assistant due to illness. Parents had no problem with their children's education but felt the Council should know as communication had been sketchy. KG will tactfully raise.

6. SPEEDING IN KILMELFORD, KILNINVER AND ARDUAINE – there continues to be a problem with speeding through the villages and now motorcycles seem to be using stretches near the Hotel to race towards the south.

Arduaine residents had contacted the community council as they are getting exasperated as it is a nuisance and unsafe. ER mentioned she had spoken to residents in Kilmelford and reported to the Roads Dept. and would feedback recommendations. A virtual policeman is newly in place in Kilmelford and additional scarecrows may be an idea for other problem areas such as Arduaine. KG suggested requesting speed monitoring equipment for Arduaine, as had been in place in Kilmelford in the past, but not until busier time of year. ER had already requested this for Kilmelford.

So Councillors could leave early we moved to any follow-up items:

ER wanted to update us regarding Otter Bay and the blocking of access to the foreshore which residents felt could pose a safety problem. ER had met with the Access Officer and a resident and they were awaiting a report that ER would feedback to us.

7. PLANNING – The field adjacent to the Hall has been sold. The new owner is not known yet but JMCA will keep us posted.

JR reported that in response to safety concerns about the new access off A816 by Forest Scotland and possibility of a lay-by, Council's response was "no money" at moment. The only current application is by Kames Fish Farming to replace four square wooden cages with three round plastic cages at Loch Losgann Mor.

8. COMMUNITY COMPANY – DW reported some signs of interest from new areas but still need to find someone to lead it.

9. COVID FUNDING – DW reported More hand sanitizers had been bought plus masks but ideas still needed. JR thanked DW for funding so far which had made a difference. A locker for items at the Hall was a good on. JMCA suggested a generator but then where to store – still felt that was a good idea so he will research.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – Glenmore Hill - Following the letter about concerns about overgrown hedgerows taking valuable safety space away from cyclists and walkers, we were advised that when our area next gets temp. traffic lights then this can be looked at.

Provision of footway from Yacht Haven to Kilmelford village - KG advised that Roads and Amenities Enquiries on Council website was a useful way to get an enquiry picked up and directed to the relevant council section. The question is always cost. Roads had advised that a stumbling block can be getting permission from landowners and in this case, they would be asking to give up a couple of meters.

11. AOCB – DW mentioned that by Feb. 2021 he will have done 6 years on the Wind Farm Committee so we will need a new person.

Hall Committee still concerned about the bins.

RC mentioned that there had been a request for "Squirrel" signs in certain places where there had been some squirrel casualties it was hoped that this could also contribute to the speeding problem. DW will research cost of signs.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – **1/12/2020 at 8pm** and we will try to make it a public meeting although will still be virtual. More detail to follow.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm approx.