

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

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**TUESDAY 13th February 2024
Knipoch Hotel at 8pm**

Present: Roanna Clark (RC) Convenor and chair, Gill Philpotts (GP) Secretary, Samantha Dunion (SD) Treasurer, Stuart Cannon (SC),

5 members of the public attended

1 Apologies: Jamie McAndrew, Liz MacKay, Julie Mackenzie, Keiron Green

2 Declarations of Interest: There were none

3 Minutes of meeting: held 12th December 2023; The minutes were approved by Stuart Cannon, and seconded by Gill Philpotts

4 Matters arising/progress from previous meeting:

a) Roads

Scammadale landslide repairs nearly finished, Cuilfail bridge repairs have not progressed to complete the pedestrian access. GP to check timescale for completion with roads department.

Bealach landslide repairs still underway

Road between Arduaine and Kames had issues with flooding. The council have fixed the issue. GP to send letter of thanks.

b) Tractor Run

The Tractor Run in December was well attended. Funds raised; £247.78. These funds will go towards the costs of providing lunch for the Kilmelford First Responders Group training sessions that are taking place 24/25th Feb and 2/3rd March. A micro grant has been applied for by Mark Dunion for remaining funds required for lunch, hall hire and heating tokens – Mark is hoping to hear this week if this application is successful.

c) Community Company Update

Update by Stuart Cannon; A name for the company has been decided; Loch Melfort and Kilninver company. The formation of the company is with solicitors and once formed they can canvas for members. Their current project is the village shop and post office. The landlord is happy to sell and the current lease runs out in June 2024. This project is more manageable than the Cuilfail, which after looking at the survey, is out with the community company's reach at present. Estimates for the project were in excess of £2m.

Jane Rentoul – have we lost sight of the hall field? David Wilkie; Wrote to planning department re LDP2 & LDP3, to confirm that the community company is close to formalising its formation, and want to ensure that the hall field retained for community development. The response from planning was that the comments have been noted.

RC; is the plan to hold the summer festival in the hall field? SD; at the meeting held, that was the preferred option. Jamie indicated that the August date would be better to fit in with sheep in the field and silage. The landowner's permission is required, and this is in progress. If we go ahead with the date in August, the date that had been discussed was Sunday 18th August. We were hoping to get a date finalised before this week, but need to find out if the hall field is an option. Alternative would be the church field. SC; Kames farm have indicated they would be happy for their field to be used.

5 Police Report;

No constable in attendance, no police report received.

6 Postal Services

After reaching out to the community for comments on the postal service, it appears that recent issues that individuals are having with the postal services appear to be one offs and the general feeling is that the postal service locally is good with lots of support for our local posties.

Instance recently of no post on one day due to post van breakdown, and caught up the following day.

7 Planning

A list of planning applications was circulated. A couple of new applications, but no objections raised.

Kilmelford Boat Yard – change of use to include campsite. Query raised to see if there was provision for disposal of chemical toilets. GP to check.

There is now a sign saying registered campervan site, and it was raised that the current refuse disposal was inadequate with recycling bins being used by visitors for general refuse and therefore not being emptied.

8 Correspondence

a) Defibrillators

Communication regarding further financial help to provide AEDs. Look at the possibility of providing 2 further defibs at Arduaine and Scammadale.

If access is outside then a source of electricity is needed for the cabinet.

Some batteries and pads on the current 3 defibs will need replacing this year Oct/Nov. SD to check number and dates and get quote for replacement. Possibly use this avenue for funding, or windfarm main grant.

We currently have funding from the Carraig Gheal windfarm for one further set of pads as the last application included a spare set that has not been purchased yet.

b) Transport Scotland – Scottish Government consultation. Public consultation regarding Clyde & Hebrides ferry services. Closing date 8th March.

www.transport.gov.scot/consultation/public-consultation-for-the-next-clyde-hebrides-ferry-services-contract/

Consultation can be completed online, or download questions and return by email/post.

- c) Corr Chnoc Wind Farm, Galileo; KKCC area falls in to the catchment for community contributions from proposed new wind farm south of Glen Lonan. GP attending the Kilmore community council meeting to find out what they think as they are closer and will be more affected by this. Their opinion was, if the windfarm is coming, they want to be part of it. GP to share memorandum of understanding regarding proposed Corr Chnoc Wind farm, and proposed community wealth payments.

9 Any Other Competent Business

- a) Village hall kitchen. The hall committee have applied for a windfarm main grant to improve the layout of the kitchen. Current arrangement of units could be better, and could do with a few more. They have got quotes for rearranging the work surface. SC- when the hall was built there was a previous plan to add on to the west side of the building to increase the kitchen size. This would make the hall much more useful for functions if this could be done. Georgina Dalton – along with Jennie, regularly uses the hall kitchen in its current state and can they be involved in the planning of the new layout? GP to feed this back to hall committee.
- b) Carraig Gheal Wind Farm grant; Jane Rentoul would like to acknowledge that the community appreciates the input of a major grant of £10k for the church annex to build in disable access and overflow space. This grant has triggered eligibility for other grants that required match funding.
- c) Meeting minutes – JR, how are these accessed prior to meeting. RC; Kilmelford website currently has an issue with updating. Previously Jamie would upload, but this has not been working.
It was noted that the village hall website is currently getting a revamp – would they consider hosting the minutes for the community. GP to query with committee.
- d) Query re fibre installation by BT. The cables are there for fibre but not getting connected. Can KKCC write to BT regarding this? As a note someone had no landline for some time, and RC put a post of Facebook in November about alternatives to BT, and the next day it was fixed.
Comment from community member that the delay could be caused by lack of engineers to connect.
Also, on Degnish road, a fallen tree has lifted cable at the side of the road. Not cut off service at present.
- e) Member of community queried whether anyone else having issues with TV reception. Yes, reception is not great, most others had an alternative – Sky, amazon firestick, and via internet. Community member was happy to follow this up at present.
- f) Member of community queried whether anyone else has total control electric heating. It provides a cheaper rate for heating at night. Not many companies still offer this, and not offering new tariffs. Was on a tariff at SSE, which changed to OVO. Ovo are now doing away with that tariff, supposed to be in March 24, but this has been postponed to March 25. No one present has this tariff.

Thank you to the Knipoch Hotel for hosting the meeting and for the provision of tea, coffee and some delicious cakes and shortbread.

10 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 16th April 2024 Kilmelford Village Hall 8 pm