

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

**Draft**

**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Kilmelford Village Hall at 8pm**

Present: Roanna Clark (RC) Convenor and chair, Gill Philpotts (GP) Secretary, Samantha Dunion (SD) Treasurer, Jamie McAndrew (JMA)  
Councillors: Keiron Green (KG), Luna Martin (LM)

6 members of the public attended including a younger member of the community.

Meeting started at 8.05pm

**1 Apologies:** Stuart Cannon, Liz MacKay, Julie Mackenzie,

**2 Declarations of Interest:** There were none

**3 Minutes of meeting:** held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024; The minutes were proposed by David Wilkie and seconded by Jane Rentoul as a true record.

**4 Matters arising/progress from previous meeting:**

**a) Speeding/Roads update**

Scammadale landslide repairs nearly finished but bins creating a problem and a worry that this system may be suggested long term. GP to contact Amenity Services about this and any bushes/shrubs that need pruning/removing to make visibility safe. GP emailed Roads department but no reply concerning Cuilfail bridge pedestrian access.

GP did send letter of thanks regarding work so far.

As requested, GP will send a letter to relevant department about rusty/dirty/missing road signs in e.g.: Degnish Road and others.

**b) Community Company update**

Nothing to update this time.

**c) Summer Festival Progress**

SD reported they had been successful with a wind farm grant so planning could now move forward and requests would be made for volunteers soon. It will be **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. People from the Hall Committee had approached the owners of the field adjacent to the Hall to see if they may allow use for the Summer Festival. They agreed and also had some discussion about the future use of the land around leasing or ultimate use, mindful of the request for community use and still hoping to put housing on the site. This opened the debate about development and the LDP for the site and it was felt that there was a need for a public meeting so residents could decide once and for all what the long-term hopes were. RC will liaise with Hall to agree a date. It was felt this was the responsibility of field owners, not CC to organise.

DW suggested approaching the Oban Classic Car Club who might be willing to offer a display.

## **5 Broadband Speed/Access**

This was raised as there had been a decline in broadband speed and some places had poor connectivity. JMA asked that we start to take note of dates/times when access was poor so we could approach BT with facts to ask why? . He will put something on Facebook to ask people to start a log.

## **6 Corr Chnoc Wind Farm update**

GP and JMA attended a meeting with the team from the wind farm to hear about progress. Not a lot had happened just more liaison with various community councils. They envisaged their Community Wealth scheme to be a bit different from other wind farm schemes in that they would expect to pay over an amount to a community council and they administer the distribution among their community. They would be another way communities can benefit but this would be by investment and they would advise full legal advice for this undertaking.

They had a Memorandum of Understanding that had no legal bearing but showed a community's interest at this stage and we recommended that we sign and the meeting agreed. GP/JMA will do this and advise wind farm.

## **7 Planning**

A list of planning applications was circulated. There were few new applications.

## **8 Correspondence**

- a) Community Engagement & Systems Redesign webinar

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Rather short notice but about designing homes for healthy cognitive ageing.

- b) Living Well – Drop-in event **14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 1pm-2.30pm** Rockfield Centre

Lots of organisations with advice to help us live better in Oban area and the Islands.

## **9 Any Other Competent Business**

- a) **Rubbish tidy** - Request for a small working party to set about clearing the rubbish moved about during the recent floods. There are still collections of stuff here and there and people may actually find things they had lost. RC will put something on Facebook to ask for volunteers in May when better weather/ lower burn.
- b) **80<sup>th</sup> Commemoration D Day 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024** – Looking to do a similar event to previous years: gathering on the field and music and a chance to relax together and remember.
- c) **Meeting minutes** – future minutes will be put on Hall website once established which should be a lot easier to access.

**10 Date of Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Kilmelford Village Hall 8 pm**  
**AGM followed by General Meeting**