

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

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**TUESDAY 11th June 2024
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL at 8pm**

Present: Roanna Clark (RC) Convenor and chair, Gill Philpotts (GP) Secretary, Samantha Dunion (SD) Treasurer, Jamie McAndrew (JM) Vice-convenor, Stuart Cannon (SG) Kieron Green (KG) councillor – Oban N & Lorn, Luna Martin (LM) councillor – Oban N & Lorn,

1 member of the public attended

1 Apologies: Jane Rentoul, Liz MacKay

2 Approval of Minutes of AGM 13 June 2023: Proposed by Gill Philpotts, and seconded by Jamie McAndrew to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting

3 Convenor's report: Roanna Clark

When I started thinking about writing this report for tonight, I was feeling a wee bit guilty about how little I thought we as a CC had done this past year. It's not been easy just being the five of us, but as I sat and went through the last year, I've realised we've achieved a great deal. It may not all be visible, but it's all had a massive impact on Kilniver and Kilmelford. Stuart, Sam, Jamie, and Gill all promised that if I took on the convenor roll, it would be a team effort and it certainly has been. The CC is the grass roots-tier of statutory representation in Scotland, bridging the gap between our LA and the local community. As such we are involved in many discussions, meetings, consultations and get strings of emails which Gill does a phenomenal job deciphering what's relevant and where appropriate action is required. We have taken part in consultations such as the Scottish Parliament Boundaries, the Active Travel Strategy, locally looked into possible postal issues, planning issues, continued discussion around road safety and contacted appropriate council departments where required. Jamie has led a campaign to address the safety issues to the road north of the village and investigate the possibility of a crash barrier alongside Loch nam Druimnean. We've been involved in progressing the replacement of the Oude Bridge; facilitating a consultation on 5th October and promoting further updates of the consultation. Gill and Jamie took a lead in Corr Chnoc Windfarm and have both attended meetings regarding the impact and potential benefits for K&K. Gill has done sterling work in Carraig Gheal Windfarm and we've seen some important grants come through. In October our community was hit with flooding, taking out our bridge to the North of the Village. Although we had a means of getting in and out by Dalavich, for many of us we were on an Island. Businesses couldn't get supplies in, people struggled with daily living, commuting to work/ school etc. Our community once again showed its resilience and rallied round. A local estate opened up a road to allow a much shorter diversion. Flooding also affected our communities to the North with Kilniver Bridge being damaged and a landslide on the Scammadale road. CC volunteers were again at the heart, relaying information and ensuring our Community Action Plan was there if needed. From this, first responders were born. Sam has been invaluable to its success in supporting the volunteers taking this project forward. She's a wiz at a funding form and has also kept the defibrators across our area in tip top condition. We are looking into increasing the area these life saving devices cover and hope to cover Arduaine in the not-too-distant future. In December we organised a community event in the form of a Tractor Run, which proved immensely successful and as well as raising some funds, was a lovely opportunity for our

community to come together. Through our public CC meetings we've been able to facilitate discussions on the resurrection of a historical event; The Kilmelford Summer Festival. We are delighted this is progressing with the involvement of more community volunteers. A special thanks must go to Sam for the work she put into in the successful grant application. A standing agenda item has been the Community Company. We are delighted, with Stuart's support this is now progressing after many years hard work. It has been incredibly valuable to have Stuart sit on both committees to ensure we can support where possible, We also have some matters which still need to be finalised or need further progression. We have started the process of getting speed awareness signs for Arduaine We have purchased a notice board for Scammadale road end and are just waiting for the bins to be removed before putting it up. I'm sure there will be plenty I've missed out, but as you can see, there is always lots going on behind the scenes.

4 Treasurer's Report: Samantha Dunion

Year ended 31 March 2024

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 showed a bank balance of £2,312.78

The income for the year included the usual Argyll & Bute Council grant, plus Greenpower grants for Defibrillator parts (some expenditure in previous year), the Scammadale road end noticeboard, and grants to assist with the Kilmelford Lunches. There were also donations of £322.17 raised at the Tractor Run.

The expenditure for the year, apart from the usual annual costs, included a noticeboard for Scammadale road end, costs of replacement parts for the community defibrillators, carried over costs of the Queen's jubilee party, and costs of the Tractor run. The remaining donations from the tractor run were used to help provide lunches for a training course for the newly formed Kilmelford First Responders.

5 Approval of Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2024: The accounts have been externally audited by Shelagh Cannon.

6 Election of Office-bearers for 2024;

All office bearers are happy to continue in their current roles;
Convenor: Roanna Clark,
Vice-convenor: Jamie McAndrew,
Treasurer: Samantha Dunion,
Secretary: Gill Philpotts,

7 Any Other Competent Business

The Community council is still looking for new members as we are a small committee, please contact with any suggestions / volunteers.

Discussion regarding barriers to attracting new members; Possibly make the meetings more child friendly. Hopefully more community events will help familiarise people with what we do and encourage them to put themselves forward.

No other competent business.

