

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

**Draft**

**TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> October  
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, Andrew Vennard (AV) councillor – Oban N & Lorn,

6 members of the public attended

- 1 Apologies:** Keiron Green, Luna Martin. Stuart Cannon, Liz MacKay  
RC: take this opportunity to check that Georgina Dalton still interested in being co-opted onto the community council, GD agreed.  
Attendees voted unanimously by a show of hands.
- 2 Declarations of Interest:** There were none
- 3 Minutes of meeting:** held 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024; The minutes were approved by Gill Philpotts, and seconded by Jamie McAndrew
- 4 Matters arising/progress from previous meeting:**
  - a) Summer Festival  
Event was a huge success, with lots of positive feedback, well done to all involved  
Debrief meeting of committee is planned for next week  
Profits from event were approx. £900 which will be used for the event next year.  
Thank you again to Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit fund who provided a grant for this event, without which the event would not have been possible.
- 5 Roads;**
  - a) Scammadale road is being resurfaced so there may be some disruption
  - b) Progress is starting on the Kilmelford bridge, very little disruption so far.
  - c) Request for footpath from Loch Melfort hotel to Arduaine has been forwarded to roads Dept, and awaiting response.
  - d) 30mph sign at south end of Kilmelford have branches blocking the sign, GP to email roads
  - e) Road to Easdale is very bad in places, especially this side of Ardmaddy. Some work has been completed in last few days, RC will check, and report as required.
- 6. Future Events**
  - a) Tractor run. Provisional date for this year is 19<sup>th</sup> December.  
Notes for this year, plenty of notice requested, as well as a timetable and details of route.  
Possibly promote as a social event in the hall as some unaware of anything in the hall last year. Suggestion to coincide with the Christmas fair, but day event would not be dark enough for the tractor lights to be visible.

- b) 10<sup>th</sup> November, table top sale in the village hall organised by the Community Company
- c) Monthly Thursday lunch on 17<sup>th</sup>, this will be the first time using the new kitchen.
- d) Christmas fair, unsure of date. Further details to follow.
- e) Remembrance Sunday; There will be a service at the war memorial on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, followed by a service in the church led by the church elders.

Community is keen to keep the traditional service that we have had in the village, even though the church service by the minister is not scheduled to be held in Kilmelford on that date. It would be a shame to lose this in future years, so it would be good if this year was well supported.

## **7 Community Company; Loch Melfort and Kilninver Company Ltd**

David Wilkie: Company is now formed, and has 58 members. Will hopefully be able to achieve what the community wants it to.

Projects looked at so far;

Cuilfail hotel; Unfortunately, too much money and difficult to do as a first project

Village shop; Now closed so this is a concern to the community. Looked at existing building with Architect and builder, and it is not a viable option. Size layout and storage not ideal. Extension at the back is not in good condition. Current owner looking for £270k for the building, and would require a lot more spent. Would also need to reslate the roof within 10 years. Location not ideal as opposite side of road to most of the village, and limited parking.

The company is looking at alternatives. Firstly, they have contacted McLeods regarding land at the Glebe.

Another location they are investigating is the car park at the bus stop. Architect said there is enough space on the plot to put a shop the same size as Ardfern shop, with parking for 6 cars. It is on the council website as a piece of land that could be reallocated for community use. DW has started looking at the form required for requesting this.

Any new build would have the benefit of being exempt from VAT.

JM suggested that the plot at the fire station could be considered; possibly flood risk on that plot

RC asked if the community company has enough volunteers at the moment? DW; all directors are self-appointed at the moment, but in future the plan is to have directors that are elected.

DW has also written to the LDP planners to ensure they are aware that the community company is set up and they are interested in maintaining the hall field as designated for community use.

KKCC and community thanks all involved in the community company for their hard work.

## **8 Planning**

A list of planning applications was circulated. No objections were raised.

It was noted that there have been no notifications in the Oban Times in the last year.

Looking at the list, it could be that there were no applications that had to be advertised in that period, as the outstanding ones were all submitted in 2023. More recent applications do not require advertisement.

## **9 Correspondence**

- a) Police report. 45 calls for service, 12 crimes  
This covers a wide area and is not broken down to show how many of these are in our area.
- b) Visitors Levy; see attached information and link to information on A&B council website, including a pre consultation survey  
<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-community/recreation-and-leisure/argyll-and-bute-visitor-levy>  
AV; 1st paper on the visitor levy was published in August, and working group was set up. In November there will be a report to the council, then consultation with the public.
- c) Building a new democracy in Scotland awareness campaign. See attached information.
- d) There has been a request for a notice board at Arduaine. GP to get more information about reason for request and what information the residents would like to see in it. Scammadale noticeboard is to go up soon now that works are finished, and bins are away from road end

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

- a) It has been noted that the picture of the late Queen has been removed from the village hall. Is this being replaced by a picture of the King? The picture of the children has also been taken down. Noted that this is a hall matter, GP will follow up with the hall committee.
- b) It was raised that the lighting in the Glebe is particularly badly designed. Spills into bedroom window and back garden. Light pollution also restricting views of the night sky. Shields would help this, and timers would also save electricity as there is no need for these to be on all night. GP to email roads department to see if they can make adjustments. Noted that comments regarding lighting can be reported on the A&B council website in the same place that potholes are reported. If the letter from the community council is backed up by feedback from residents, then more notice may be taken. Encourage any neighbours to do the same. [https://argyllandbute.custhelp.com/app/RA/Road\\_Defect](https://argyllandbute.custhelp.com/app/RA/Road_Defect)

## **11 Date of Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Kilmelford Village Hall 8 pm**