

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
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TUESDAY 9th August 2022
KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL at 8 p.m.

Present: Roanna Clark (RC) Vice-Convener and Chair; Stuart Cannon (Treasurer); Jane Rentoul, (JR); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA); Gill Philpotts, Secretary (GP); Samantha Dunion (SD)

7 members of the public attended.

In attendance: Councillors Kieron Green (KG) and Luna Martin (LM).

Meeting opened: 20:00

1 **APOLOGIES:** Colin Clark, Louisa Llewellyn, Councillors: Julie McKenzie, Andrew Vennard

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.

3 a) **Minutes of AGM:** held 14 June 2022. The minutes were reviewed and agreed as being correct. Proposed by GP, seconded by JMcA. These will be approved at the next AGM.

b) **MINUTES OF MEETING** held 14 June 2022. The Minutes were corrected item 4 b +c Drhue, then approved by JR and seconded by SC to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

c) **COUNCILLOR CO-OPTED** After approval from the Community Councillors prior to the meeting and a vote involving members of the public present, Samantha Dunion was Co-opted as a Community Councillor.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Speeding**

Arduaine – No Progress reported after the response from the council. GP summarised the police report which had been sent to the Community Council. Nothing reported in our immediate area. Police have offered to attend meeting, if required. GP to request attendance of Police officer to next meeting. The female replacement “Police Officer”, Isa Polis has been acquired by RC. Community Council thanked RC for her efforts. A face is to be added to the officer, then she will be ready for duty. Theft prevention measures have been put in place.

b) **Village Hall Field & Community Company**

Mark Dunion updated the meeting on progress. The Plunkett Foundation has been very supportive in the concept of a community company purchasing the Cuilfail Hotel. The outline proposal will be presented to the communities of Kilniver and Kilmelford through a postal questionnaire in the near future. The owners of the Cuilfail have been consulted on the concept. Progress has also been made in drafting a constitution. The potential revenue from the hotel could be used to fund projects in the future, like buying the village hall field. Many exciting ideas were discussed around how such an asset could be used for the benefit of the community.

c) **Marquee storage**

The hall committee has agreed in principle to housing a 20 feet container next to the village hall. This container would be used for storing the community marquee and other items the community have. GP will now submit the grant application, which would fund the purchase of the container. The Community Council are waiting on a response from A&B Council regarding what planning consents may be required.

5 **NEW MEMBERS**

RC invited members of the community to put their names forward for becoming a community councillor. The election, if required, will be held on the 20th of October. Two members plan to step down, JMcA also

expressed an interest in stepping down, if there are enough volunteers. The need for an election is only if we have more applications than vacancies. Max number onto committee is 8.

6 EDUCATION

No further developments. A letter was submitted to the consultation from the Community Council. A decision is expected on the 25th of August. The report will be available from the 18th of August on A&B Council website.

5 PLANNING:

A list of planning applications was circulated. There were no comments.

6 CORRESPONDENCE:

GP had written to A&B Council commenting on the lack of maintenance of local grave yards. No reply had been received. SC asked if extending the Kilmelford graveyard would be of interest to the community. The CC agreed to write to A&B council to ask their thoughts. The lack of local Crematorium was also discussed.

The deadline for the Municipal Harbour Authority in Oban Consultation is the 26th of August. The Community Council will seek views from the community and make a representation.

7 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

SC informed the meeting that Kames Farm and Kames Fish Farm (where parking would be) are interested in holding a community event in 2023. There was overall support of the idea after the successful PLATINUM JUBILEE celebration in 2022. A group of volunteers will be required to organise the event.

JR has not received a reply from A&B Council regarding the defective flashing speeding sign in Kilmelford. The last correspondence gave the 7th of March as date of planned repair works. Sign is still not working. KG will raise this issue with the relevant Council department.

GP had received a report from PS Chris Edwards informing us of crimes in the area all of which centred on Oban and the focus of police attention to monitor serious organised crime, theft, road safety, violent crime and public protection. Chris offered to come and address a future and those present felt it would be useful. GP will invite.

A letter of thanks is to be written to A&B Council to thank them for the quick response to the request to remove the dead Ash trees near Tullich Farm.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 11th October 2022 Kilmelford Village Hall at 8 pm.

The meeting closed at 21:00