

KILNINFORD NEWS

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WISHING ALL OUR READERS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

PEACE AND HAPPINESS

IN THE NEW YEAR

2001



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 9th December – Parish Christmas Party from 3 p.m. till 5.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome 0 – 100 year olds. Kilninver Primary School will be there to entertain you and Father Christmas has promised to fit us into his busy schedule.

Baking donations would be much appreciated (please contact: G Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 or Dorothy Carmichael Tel: 01852 200374).

Parents bringing children should name their presents for Santa's sack (maximum value £2).

For further information, and anyone needing transport, please contact:- Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373)

Saturday, 16th December – St Trinians Reunion Dance in the Village Hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

St Trinians School for Boys and Girls is happy to invite all present pupils, old boys, old girls, and past and present members of staff to a grand school reunion.

School rules will be relaxed for the night. Pupils may partake of alcoholic refreshments from the licensed bar, in moderation of course, and decorous dancing will be allowed to the music of Gallus Ramaigh, a group of old boys who have played at less salubrious dances in the Hall on previous occasions.

Tickets for this unique event are £5 each, available at the shop. Funds raised will go to Kilninver Primary School.

For further information, please contact:- Helen Thompson (Tel: 01852 200384) or Jill Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373).

Friday, 22nd December – Carol Singing meeting at Melfort Club at 6.30 p.m.

Friday, 12th January, 2001 - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in the Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

Organisers are Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373).

Friday, 26th January, 2001 – Traditional Burns' Night Supper at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Supper will be served at 8 p.m. B Y O B. Tickets are £10 each and include supper and a dram, speakers and local artistes followed by dancing to the music of Winnie Campbell and John Allan McLean. Proceeds to the Village Hall funds.

Tickets are available from the shop and from Cath Manchester at Melfort Club (Tel: 01852 200257) or at home (Tel: 01852 200272)

Anyone willing to sing, recite, make music or help in any way please contact:- Bruce Howard (Tel: 01852 200395) or Cath Manchester.

Early February (date to be announced) – Car Boot Sale in the Village Hall in aid of Barnardo's Trek Peru.

Contact: Janet Thom (Tel: 01852 200381)

Friday, 23rd February, 2001 - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in the Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

Organisers are Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) and Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373).

Wednesday, 28th March, 2001 - Coffee morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in the Village Hall run by and for the Mothers' and Toddlers' Group.

Contact:- Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

March or April (date to be announced) – Dinner and Jazz in aid of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust. Look out for posters.

Contact: Jane Rentoul (Tel: 01852 200288)

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND LOCALLY

Mothers and Toddlers (0 - 5 year olds) meet every **Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. till 12.30.** £1 per child per session.

Stops: 20th December

Starts again: 10th January, 2001

Co-ordinator - Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

The Kilfern Football Club – anyone wanting to arrange a match should contact: Alan Manson (Tel: 01852 200315)

Indoor Football – in the past regular Wednesday evening sessions have been held during the autumn and winter for young adults and older. If anybody is willing to organise these sessions and resurrect what was a popular activity in the Hall, please get in touch.

Badminton Club – the **weekly Tuesday night** sessions will stop on Tuesday, 12th December and start again on Tuesday, 9th January, 2001 in Kilmelford Village Hall from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. All ages from Primary 7 upwards are welcome for the first two hours and the final hour is reserved for young adults and older.

Co-ordinator: Mike Erskine (Tel: 01852 200373).

Country Dancing – takes place **three out of four Thursdays** each month from 8 p.m. till 10 p.m.

All welcome, beginners and experts alike. £2.50 per person per session.

Thursday, 20th December – party and final session this year.

Starts again: Thursday, 11th January, 2001 when further dates will be notified.

Art Classes – classes are held **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall.

All welcome – beginners and more experienced alike. £5 per person per session.

Stops: Thursday, 21st December

Starts again: Thursday, 11th January, 2001

Teacher – Fiona Blakey (Tel: 01852 300579)

Embroidery Workshops – **every Wednesday** from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.

All welcome. No previous experience necessary.

Starts again: Wednesday, 10th January, 2001.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

BADMINTON AND SQUASH

Badminton: £2 per hour

Squash: 16 years and over £3/hr

Under 16 years, OAP's, students and unemployed £1.50/hr

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

Caretaker:- Deirdre Campbell Gibson (Tel: 01852 200224).

Bookings should be made during business hours at the Post Office (Tel: 01852 200271) and at Melfort Club (Tel: 01852 200257), both of whose support is much appreciated.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES

Lesser and Main Halls	Lesser Hall	Main Hall
Charity Fund Raisers	£1.20/hr	£2.50/hr
Non profit making uses other than Charities	£2.20/hr £2.50/hr after 5 p.m.	£4.20/hr £5/hr after 5 p.m.
Profit making events	£5.20/hr	£10.50/hr

*Above charges **include** kitchen power and use of equipment for light refreshment and drink preparation only.*

Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for food preparation can be made at the following rates: £10 per event.

Evening Dances/Functions	5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (1 a.m. for dances)
Charity	£50/session Deposit: £20
Private	£50/session Deposit: £20
Commercial	£75/session Deposit: £50

N.B. Charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for food and refreshment preparation.

Hire of Equipment

1. Crockery, tables and chairs etc may be hired from the Caretaker who has a full list of the rates.
Charges will be reduced by 50% for non profitmaking local members e.g.
Tables (12) = £1 per table (50p each for non profitmaking events by local members)
Chairs (120) = 50p per chair (25p each for non profitmaking events by local members).
2. Hire is subject to a minimum charge of £10.

Membership and Lost Keys

£10 each

After each use the Hall must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do this will lead to a further charge of £50.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Neil Manchester	Chairman
Colin Clark	Vice Chairman
Robin Asbury	Treasurer
Melissa Oatts	Secretary
Marjory Morrison	
Anne Saunders	
David Taylor	

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL - UP-DATE

Congratulations to the Gaelic Choir who gained a very creditable fourth place in what was a very high standard of competition at the Royal National Mod in Dunoon.

At a special assembly Mrs Grant, the music teacher and Mrs Graham, the Gaelic tutor were presented with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of their hard work preparing the choir for their visit to the Mod.

The senior pupils have been invited to attend a conference in March in Larbert organised by the Scottish Schools Ethos Network to speak about being senior pupils at a primary school.

After Christmas the pupils will be looking for help from the community to provide them with material for their projects on the history and past of our communities. Primary 4 and 5's project will be "Old School Days" (in both Kilninver and Kilmelford) and Primary 6 and 7's project will be "Memories of Old Kilninver and Kilmelford". The school would welcome any old post cards, photographs, letters etc with an explanatory description and they are hoping to interview people with memories of life in our villages in the past. An exhibition of their projects is planned for the summer – look out for details of dates and location.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 20th December – Christmas Party

Thursday, 21st December Christmas lunch
 Nativity Service and performance of "Holy Joe" at Kilninver Church at 6.45 p.m.

Friday, 22nd December – School closes

Monday, 8th January, 2001 – School re-opens

Thursday, 18th January, 2001 – School Board Meeting

March (date to be announced) – Scottish Schools Ethos Network conference

Friday, 6th April – End of term service at 1.45 p.m. in Kilmelford Church

THE KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB which is held every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall will recommence on Wednesday, 10th January, 2001.

BLAST-OFF - meets every Monday, from 3.45 till 4.45 p.m. The club is run with the active support of the Minister and the Kirk Session, and two thirds of Kilninver Primary School pupils participate in this popular after school club.

All children from Primary 2 – 7 are most welcome.

Contact Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

OTHER EVENTS IN THE LOCALITY (CRAOBH AND ARDFERN)

Wednesday, 20th December – Carol Singing around Ardfern starting from Craignish Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

Saturday, 23rd December – Disco with DJ Toons in the Lord of the Isles from 9 p.m.

Sunday, 24th December – Carol Singing in the Galley of Lorn with Winnie Campbell at the piano. Starting at 9.30 p.m.

Friday, 29th December – “Village Hall Knees-up” – ceilidh with the Archie John Macvicar Band in Ardfern Village Hall from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. in aid of the Hall Development Fund. Buffet and bar. Tickets £7.50 (£3.50 for under 16's) available from Katie Ritchie (Tel: 01852 500271)

Friday, 29th December – Quiz Night in the Lord of the Isles from 9 p.m.

Saturday, 30th December – Quiz Night in the Galley of Lorn starting at 9.30 p.m.

Saturday, 30th December – The Pipes in the Lord of the Isles at 9 p.m.

Sunday, 31st December – Dinner and Ceilidh in the Galley of Lorn and/or join the torchlight procession leaving the Galley at 11 p.m. and carry on partying at the Hall where there'll be a bar, bonfire, good music and loads of folk.

Monday, 1st January, 2001 – Hangover Brunch in the Crafty Kitchen from 11 a.m. till 3.30 p.m.. Free glass of Bucks Fizz with every breakfast.

Tuesday, 2nd January, 2001 – Party at the Lord of the Isles.

Early January (probably 2nd or 3rd of January) – **Ceilidh Concert** in Ardfern Village Hall given by an American family of musicians led by a world renowned fiddler. Look out for posters.

February (date to be announced) – **Murder Mystery Evening** in Ardfern Village Hall in aid of the Hall Development Fund.

LORD OF THE ISLES
BAR AND RESTAURANT
CRAOBH HAVEN

Book now for Christmas Day Lunch
1.00 - 3 p.m.

Booking Essential for Hogmany Dinner
7.30 for 8.00

Open all Day from Sat. 23rd until Tuesday 2nd.
(except Jan 1st - open 5 p.m.)

Saturday 23rd - Disco with DJ Toons - 9 p..m.

Friday 29th - Quiz Night - 9 p.m.

Saturday 30th - The Pipes - 9 p.m.

Tuesday 2nd January - Party

Pool Table

Fine Wines - Malts - Real Ale

Tel (01852) 500 658

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

The regular services held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church will resume after Christmas as follows:-

Sunday, 7th January, 2001 - Kilmelford

Sunday, 14th January, 2001- Kilninver etc.

Sunday, 10th December – Gift Day Service at 12 noon in Kilmelford Parish Church.

Anybody wishing to bring a gift for distribution by the Social Services Department in Oban should please mark it for either a boy or a girl and the age that the gift is suitable for.

Thursday, 21st December – Community Carol Singing, commencing at 6.45 p.m. followed by **Kilninver Primary School end of term service** including their performance of the musical “Holy Joe” commencing at 7.15 p.m. in Kilninver Parish Church.

All welcome.

Sunday, 24th December

12 noon – Kilmelford Parish Church. Blast Off will be “Celebrating Christmas” with a Nativity Service for all ages helped along by the congregation. Everybody most welcome.

7.30 p.m. – Early Watch Night Service in Craignish Parish Church

11.30 p.m. – Late Watch Night Service in Kilninver Parish Church

Monday, 25th December – 11 a.m. in Kilmelford Parish Church

Sunday, 31st December

12 noon in Kilninver Parish Church

6.30 p.m. – Millennium Service in Craignish Parish Church

Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.15 a.m.

Episcopalian Church – morning service is held every Sunday at 10.15 a.m. in St John's Cathedral, Oban.

Catholic Church – Saturday evening Vigil Mass is held at 7 p.m. and Sunday Mass at 10.30 a.m. in St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

The proceeds of the Summer Festival have been allocated as follows:-

The Village Hall	£300
Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches	£300
Mothers' and Toddlers' Group	£100
Blast Off Club	£ 50
Kilninver Primary School	£ 50

Funds raised at the Summer Festival make a valuable contribution to our community and it would be a shame if this source of funding were to cease, not to mention the loss of one of our main community events.

Would anyone willing to help co-ordinate the Summer Festival please contact Georgina Dalton (Tel: 01866 844212).

SUMMER FESTIVAL RETIREMENT GIFT

It's amazing how devious one's friends can be but the reason for them being so was such a lovely surprise.

Now I know why I was "not needed" to put together the final pages of the last issue of the newsletter.

The "Don't worry about coming down, we will do it" masked their idea of presenting a gift to me at the last community council meeting.

I very much appreciate their kind thoughts, secret plans and choice of present.

Thank you all very much for the lovely Acer, Crimson Sentry. I have planted it next to the gate which leads out into the fields on the edge of the green wood, an often walked path.

Georgina Dalton

HIRE OF SUMMER FESTIVAL EQUIPMENT

The sound system and the portacabin loos are available for hire.

The marquee is no longer available for hire but can be borrowed, for use only within the Kilmelford and Kilninver parish.

Contact: Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

THE PARISH LUNCH held on Tuesday, 10th October

Many thanks to all the stallholders and people who kindly donated soup, lunch provisions, produce, baking etc. As a result of everybody's hard work and generosity, the tremendous sum of £850 was raised.

More than just a fund raising event, it was also a social occasion giving everyone the chance to chat and meet friends, both old and new, and we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves, both visitors and locals alike.

As hoped, the Parish Lunch is becoming an annual autumn event providing an opportunity for those newly moved to the area to meet with others in the community on a very informal basis.

Dorothy Carmichael, G Dalton and Jane Rentoul

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent Craft Fair. Nearly twenty stalls transformed the Village Hall into an Aladdin's Cave of crafts and gifts, with soup, rolls and baking to provide vital sustenance to shoppers and stallholders alike. A big thank you to all who donated baking and to Loch Melfort Hotel, Ferguson Butcher, Campbell "the Milk" and to

Laroch Foods for sandwich fillings. Also to all who helped in any way especially the Kitchen Team of Ann, Angela and Clare.

The magnificent sum of £659 was raised in aid of Barnardo's Trek Peru 2001, which I plan to undertake in May next year. This will involve a 4 day, 50km trek at altitudes of 3,700 – 4,200 metres, camping out at night; AND raising a minimum sponsorship of £2500 to help fund the work of Barnardo's and Kith & Kids with children and young people with disabilities. To this end there will be more events over the coming months, all designed to part you from some more of your money!! – watch out for details.

P.S. The raffle for the gallon of whisky was won by stallholder Frank Drummond.

Janet Thom

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCOS

On the 2nd of December, the children in the community gathered at the Village Hall for their own Christmas discos based on their chosen theme of "Aliens and Outer Space". The children were involved in raising funds for the event and a guy was made and wheeled around Kilmelford and a sponsored walk was organised. With the help of some donations, £100 was raised. All the decorations for the Hall were made by the children who also made the posters and sold the tickets.

The first disco for under 12's finished at 9.30 p.m. followed by a disco for the older children. The disco music was kindly provided by Donald Kennedy and Alisdair MacMillan, who attended all the organisational meetings, and they were helped by their pals on the night.

The proceeds from the two discos totalled £150 and this will be reserved for the next get-together. Any ideas, kids, for the next one?

Many thanks to all the adults who helped.

Anne Saunders

SCOTTISH PLACE NAMES QUIZ

The quiz attracted an excellent number of entrants, and as a result £193 was raised for Kilninver Primary School.

Congratulations to the winners, Mr and Mrs Gilchrist, who were visiting friends in Scammadale.

THE ANSWERS

Pretty Crossing	Bonnybridge
Lids Are	Prestonpans (bet you're kicking yourselves now!)
Lads with umbrellas	Drymen
Eat your soup from this after April	Maybole
A woman goes here to deposit money	Ladybank
It's all around us	Ayr
Ann twice	Annan
Home of the bannock	Selkirk
I wish you were whisky	Campbeltown
Scary Spice's flower?	Melrose
Only 2 vowels on Islay?	OA
Drive a Mondeo through the river	Ford
Murder soft fruit	Kilberry
Stirlingshire place where murders take place?	Killin
Father's ill, but ...	Motherwell
Soldier's headgear	Busby (I also accepted Glengarry or Balmoral)
2 facial features	Eyemouth
Chilly brook	Coldstream
This girl has been to catering college	Penicuik
Is this the place to buy a toupée	Wigtown
This hot stuff comes out of a volcano (anagram)	Alva
This isle's been in the oven too long	Burntisland
Bet your bottom ...	Dollar

This Perthshire village doesn't sound very interesting	Dull
Neither does this town near Elgin	Dufftown
Metallic percussion	Tyndrum
Like an X-ray for rodents?	Rattray
A tot of this will do nicely	Rum
Then I'd like a plate of leftover meat	Coldingham (funniest answer - Dunvegan)
Castle of the eighth month	Fort Augustus
They're using cats to make tea in Aberdeen!	Kittybrewster
A retired burglar should live in this castle	Dunrobin
Roll this to take off	Dyce
Running through the candle	Wick
Previous answer flattened	Prestwick
These islands are "So last season"!	Summer Isles
Bay of rude language?	Cruden Bay
Does Mr Llewellyn Bowen have a place of worship here?	Laurencekirk
So this is the fifth day	Thurso
Y into M turns this island into a Dutch cheese	Eday
Sorrow in the furthest North	Sandness
Have some curry with this Ayrshire rice	Patna
Larger	Biggar
Lie on this loch (anagram)	Eil
Sleeping slang	Kippen
Slow music	Largo
Beer or a stringed instrument in the Forth	Bass Rock
Watch out for female sheep swimming here!	Poolewe
Poached or fried?	Eigg
Did old-time comedian/singer Harry live here?	Lauder
The crook of Satan's arm?	Devil's Elbow
Consult this Ben with your legal matters	Ben Lawers
This island is unable to in Scottish dialect	Canna
Tearaway in past tense with an S	Stornoway

OPEN DAY AND SWIMATHON AT THE MELFORT CLUB IN AID OF THE ANTHONY NOLAN BONE MARROW TRUST

An Open Day, held on the 24th of November, was the Melfort Club's response to a request from Jane Rentoul for their help in raising funds and raising awareness of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust.

The Trust was set up in 1974 and now holds one of the largest databases of unrelated donors in the world. In addition to the funds needed to continue its life-saving work (the Trust receives no government funding), the Trust desperately needs volunteers to go on the Register. For many people who suffer from bone marrow diseases and whose immune systems are unable to fight infection, a bone marrow transplant is their only chance of life.

Kay Benn (the full-time lifeguard at the Club) organised a 12 hour Swimathon and 48 sponsored swimmers relayed up and down the pool for a minimum of 15 minutes each. Malcie Macallum showed slides of Mid Argyll, Lorna Peterson provided pony rides, Jill Erskine did face painting and Christine Roberts and Carolyn Stoddart prepared and sold refreshments during the day.

Alice McPhee was awarded the prize for obtaining the most sponsorship and her efforts raised over £380 for the Trust. At the time of going to press the "Open Day" has brought in more than £3,000 and there is still some sponsorship money to come.

Many thanks to all who supported the event in any way.

Kay Benn

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE ROYAL BLIND SCHOOL, EDINBURGH

The recent collection for the RBS realised the sum of £95.28. Although rather down on last year, it is still a good sum and much appreciated by the school.

The money will go towards the Canaan Lodge project, the RBS's special unit for visually impaired multi-disabled children, a unit which is unique in Scotland and which at present has 41 pupils.

Dorothy Carmichael

NEW ADDRESS

Good wishes to Cath, Neil and Gail (Manchester) in their new home at: Eas a' Mhuilinn, Kilmelford. There has been no change to their telephone number which is still 01852 200272.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Summary of Community Council Meeting on 19th September, 2000

A meeting of the Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council was held on Tuesday, 19th September, 2000 at Kilmelford Village Hall. There were five community councillors present, plus eleven members of the public. Also in attendance were Cllrs Alan Macaskill and Duncan MacIntyre.

Following the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, it was reported by Cllr Macaskill that the original plans for the Glebe landscaping by M & K Macleod had shown a children's play area which had not been constructed. It was noted, however, that the maintenance of this area would be the responsibility of the Glebe residents and may not be fully supported. G Dalton reported that the Kilmelford Summer Festival had been a success and had raised around £700 on the day. Since Georgina was retiring as festival organiser, a vote of thanks was given, and Fiona Wyllie presented Georgina with an ornamental tree. The secretary reported that the children's sports equipment for the hall had not yet been ordered, but that this was imminent. Fiona Wyllie raised the question as to why some planning applications required newspaper advertisements, when others did not. Since this query referred to the application for a dwelling house east of Kilmelford Yacht Haven, Cllr Macaskill advised that an advertisement was only required when immediate neighbours did not possess premises where a notice could be delivered by hand. It was also noted that the

community council receives notice of all planning applications whether advertised or not. Dorothy Carmichael is the community councillor with special responsibilities for planning matters, and as such receives notice at the time of application.

Christine Wills, District Nurse, gave a brief presentation on community transport issues in Seil, Luing, Kilninver and Kilmelford. A questionnaire was distributed regarding the need for community transport in this area. Ultimately it was felt that the cost of upkeep, plus the logistical difficulties of operating one vehicle over a large area would render the idea impractical.

Six planning applications were reported by Dorothy Carmichael. These being: Mike Campbell – dwellinghouse at Arduaine; Vodaphone – erection of a mast North of Cuilfail Wood; M & K Macleod – dwellinghouse on plot 17, The Glebe; David Kilpatrick – erection of agricultural shed at Kilninver. There was concern raised over the number of cellular telephone masts being erected without planning permission. Cllr Macaskill advised that masts under 15 metres in height did not currently require planning permission, although new government legislation may change this. It was generally felt that further development on The Glebe would lead to improvements in road surfaces and landscaping as had been requested over a number of years.

The secretary drew attention to a variety of general correspondence, and also highlighted two items: notice of an open meeting with council leaders on 30th September, 2000 in Oban; Community safety questionnaire from the Area Committee. The two main areas highlighted were Blaran road end, and the need for speed restrictions outside Kilninver school.

Under Any Other Business, the chairman asked Mike Erskine to report on any newcomers to the community. The secretary advised that there had been no response regarding the acquisition of land adjacent to the village hall as a community playing field. The chairman asked the councillors to report on the situation regarding SINA (Special Islands Needs Allowance) money that was available. Cllr Macaskill advised that about £100,000 had been awarded to each Area Committee for distribution amongst various

projects. While this has been oversubscribed seven times over, there was general disappointment expressed that the community had not been aware that applications were invited. Cllr Macaskill advised that no more applications would be considered this year, although there may be a similar funding available next year, so it would be advisable to begin planning as soon as possible.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, 14th November, 2000 in Kilmelford Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.32 p.m.

Neil Manchester

Summary of Community Council Meeting on 28th November, 2000

A meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council was held on Tuesday, 28th November, 2000 at Kilmelford Village Hall. There were four community councillors present, plus five members of the public. Also in attendance were Cllrs Alan Macaskill and Duncan MacIntyre, and Constable Raymond Law.

Following the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, it was reported by the secretary that the children and young adults' sports equipment had been ordered for the village hall, with delivery expected shortly. Cllr MacIntyre reported that the road improvement works at Blaran road end had been approved by the council provided that local landowners contribute 50% of the total cost of £1,500. Road safety outside Kilninver school was discussed, and Cllr MacIntyre reported that the Roads Department were considering installing flashing warning lights for key periods of the day.

The secretary advised that he had been issued with a copy of the Argyll and Bute Structure Plan, which at present was a document for public consultation, outlining the planned strategies of the council in all areas of Argyll and Bute. Both councillors advised that there was insufficient detail to merit great attention at this stage, but early next year the new Lorn Local

Plan would be produced which would detail all relevant topics. The Current Structure Plan will be available for inspection in Kilmelford Village shop shortly.

Three planning applications were reported by Dorothy Carmichael. These being: Scottish Hydro Electric – supply of electricity to Vodaphone mast North of Cuilfail Wood; Macleod Limited – erection of 8 houses on The Glebe; Dr and Mrs A McCoss – erection of dwellinghouse at Eathie, Arduaine. The secretary advised that he had written to the Planning Department voicing concern over the Macleod application, which included a number of two storey houses when the original plan had been for bungalows, and also that a number of recent private applications had been limited to one and a half storey. Cllr Macaskill advised that this application would probably go before the Area Committee in January, followed by a site inspection.

The secretary drew attention to a variety of general correspondence, and also distributed copies of a local health council questionnaire for anyone interested.

Under Any Other Business, Lindsay Robertson highlighted the poor state of the Scammadale road, and the lack of ditch cleaning by the council. It was agreed that the secretary would write to the roads department requesting immediate attention. Colin Clark asked for a mandate to renew the community license under the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976. This permits the operation of raffles using pre-purchased tickets, and may be available for anyone organising charity fund raising events within the community. Cllr Macaskill reported the Area Committee were meeting on December 6th, and under discussion would be the proposal to close the Nelson Ward in Oban, and encourage a “Care in the Community” programme. Cllr MacIntyre said that the original concept was that hospital beds were provided where needed, but community care should be provided where possible. Cllr Macaskill advised that this was to be an open meeting, where Health Board representatives would be present to answer public questions on the issue. The secretary advised that he would place a notice in the Kilmelford Village shop advising of the time and date of the meeting. Cllr MacIntyre pointed out that there were no roadside signs for

Knipoch. The secretary would pursue this with the roads department. G Dalton reported a lack of passing places on the Loch Avich road. The secretary will write to the roads department requesting improvements. Cllr MacIntyre reported that SINA money may be available for future years, and suggested that the community draw up a five year plan of desired projects and expenditure within the community. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, with ideas from the public welcome.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, 6th February, 2001 in Kilmelford Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.57 p.m.

Neil Manchester

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr Stuart Cannon	Tel: 01852 200205
Mr James Mellor	Tel: 01852 316297
Mrs Dorothy Carmichael	Tel: 01852 200374
Mr Colin Clark (Vice Chairman)	Tel: 01852 200259
Mr Angus MacFadyen (Chairman)	Tel: 01852 316220
Mr Neil Manchester (Secretary)	Tel: 01852 200272
Mrs Jayne Brown	Tel: 01852 316229

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Alan Macaskill	Tel: 01852 300221
Cllr. Duncan McIntyre	Tel: 01631 770218

USEFUL INFORMATION

MOBILE BANKING SERVICE

The mobile bank visits the area every Friday as follows:-

Craobh Haven, Kilmelford and Cuilfail Hotel between 11.15 and 12 noon.
Ardfern between 10.30 and 11 a.m.
Clachan Seil and Balvicar between 12.40 and 1 p.m.

MOBILE LIBRARY

This service is provided on a Wednesday every four weeks, the next visit being Wednesday, 10th January, 2001. Anyone wanting the driver, Neil McIntyre, to stop at or close to their house should contact him via the library in Oban (Tel: 01631 567921). All times in the following timetable are approximate:-

9.30 a.m.	Tullich Farm
10 a.m.	Loch Melfort Hotel
10.30 a.m.	Tuckers' house
10.45 – 11 a.m.	Craobh Village Shop
11.15 – 11.25 a.m.	Kilmelford Village Hall
11.30 a.m.	Melfort Pier
11.40 a.m.	Melfort Club
12 noon	MacLeod Homes, Kilmelford
12.30 p.m.	Council houses, Kilmelford
12.45 p.m.	Kilmelford Post Office
1 p.m.	Cuilfail Hotel
1.15 p.m.	Council houses by Kilninver Primary School

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Blood donation sessions will be held as follows:-

Corran Hall, Oban 1.30 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 13th February, 2001

Manse Brae Community Centre, Lochgilphead 2.30 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 14th February, 2001

