

KILNINFORD NEWS

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There is no doubt that there are many changes ahead of us in terms of developments within our small communities. What with increasing planning applications for housing, including over 190 at Craobh Haven, wind farm applications, shell fish farm applications, debate on the future of the Oban Hospital and the presentation of the draft Argyll and Bute Local Plan, it is inevitable that there will be changes and that there will be a diversity of opinion on each and every issue. One of the main means of getting your opinion heard and of having some impact on the shaping of our community's development is to attend Community Council meetings.

Community Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every second month but, more and more additional meetings are having to be called to discuss issues such as planning applications that need to be dealt with before the regular meeting, or to deal with special issues such as the draft Argyll and Bute Local Plan and so on. Inevitably, these meetings sometimes have to be called at relatively short notice and the only means of notifying people, at present, is by way of noticeboards and word of mouth.

We therefore propose to compile a list of e-mail addresses of anyone wishing to receive Community Council information by e-mail. If you would like to be kept up-to-date by this means, please visit www.kilmelford.com and follow the instructions. You will be sent an e-mail with a link that you can click on to subscribe. This system of registration has been devised in order to ensure that the registration is bona fide and also to avoid all registered e-mail addresses being added to everyone's address book which would increase the dangers of you receiving more spam and of the spread of viruses. Those of you who gave your e-mail addresses for registration at the Community Council meeting need not register again.

For those of you without e-mail facilities, rest assured that e-mailing information will be an additional means of communication and will not replace any of the other methods of communication.

www.kilmelford.com

Thanks to Alex Tweedly, the local website is providing more and more information. He is currently working on a Picture Gallery of photos taken locally and anyone wishing to contribute photos should e-mail webmaster@kilmelford.com or phone Alex on 01852 200212 to arrange the best way to get the images to him.

He is also working on an Activity Section covering all aspects of things to do in the area and a little further afield. He would particularly welcome suggestions or descriptions of walks or cycle tours in the area.

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Sunday, 11th April – Loch Melfort Annual Beach Clean meeting at 2 p.m. at the Village Hall with hot refreshments provided in the hall at 5 p.m.
Contact: Neil Manchester Tel: 01852 200272

Sunday, 11th April – Sunday Market from 10a.m. – 2 p.m. in a marquee outside the Galley of Lorn. This will be a special Easter market with approximately 20 stalls including crafts, produce, meat, vegetables etc.

Tuesday, 13th April – Community Council meeting at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Sunday, 18th April – Fire Brigade Car Wash (date to be confirmed) at Kilmelford Fire Station. See article below.

Saturday, 1st May – Blessing of the Boats at 11 a.m. (time to be confirmed) at Ardfern Yacht Centre followed by the **Church Spring Fair** from 12 noon – 3 p.m. (times to be confirmed) in Craignish Village Hall.
Contact: Ishbel McNicol Tel: 01852 500277

Saturday, 1st May – Traditional Live Music provided by musicians Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante at 8 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall in aid of hall funds. Tickets £5.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

Friday, 7th May - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.

Organiser Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Tuesday, 11th May – Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association AGM (aka Village Hall Association) at 8.15 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. All welcome.

Saturday, 15th May – Kilniver Primary School Summer Fayre. Venue to be confirmed.

Friday, 21st May – Summer Ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Kilniver Primary School funds.

Contact: Ann Wilson Tel: 01852 200244

Sunday, 30th May – Kilmelford Fire Station Open Day and Duck Race (date to be confirmed). See article below.

Sunday, 30th May – Craignish Primary School PTA Sale of Work in Craignish Village Hall (time to be confirmed)

Contact: Craignish Primary School Tel: 01852 500652

Friday, 11th June - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.

Organiser Dorothy Bark Tel: 01852 200370

Friday, 25th June – Summer Ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of hall funds. N.B. this ceilidh may have to be rescheduled to 18th June.

Contact: Ann Wilson Tel: 01852 200244

Friday, 9th July - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.

Organiser Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Friday, 23rd July – Summer Ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of hall funds.

Contact: Ann Wilson Tel: 01852 200244

Friday, 23rd July – Monday, 2nd August – Elemental Arts Festival based in and around the Craignish Peninsula (see below).

Contact: Lizzie Rose Tel: 01852 500285

Friday, 6th August - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.

Organiser Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Friday, 27th August – Summer Ceilidh in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of hall funds.

Contact: Ann Wilson Tel: 01852 200244

Sunday, 29th August – Summer Festival at 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. (See schedule below)

Friday, 3rd September – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the Village Hall.

Contributions of baking would be much appreciated.

Organiser: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

From May to September – Craignish Boat Club Adult and Junior Sailing

Contacts: Ali MacLeod (adults) Tel: 01852 500272 and Tom McCardel (juniors) Tel: 01852 500361

From mid May throughout the summer – weekly Sunday Markets

The Sunday Markets selling local produce will again operate weekly from mid May outside the Galley of Lorn between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (times to be confirmed) There will be two larger markets during the Elemental Arts Festival (details to be announced) and a larger market in September to coincide with Scottish Food Fortnight.

Contact: Lix Armstrong Tel: 01852 500240

Kilfern Football Club – anybody interested in a match, please contact Alan Manson Tel: 01852 500602

Junior Football – unfortunately nobody has volunteered to run the Thursday evening sessions for P4 – S1's. Anyone willing to do so, please contact Alan as above.

Country Dancing – these popular Thursday evening sessions have been better attended than ever before with people coming from far and wide. The junior sessions have also been a great success. The end of session party took place on Thursday, 25th March. Once again, very many thanks to Mike Murray who makes the classes both instructive and fun and we look forward to resuming classes in the autumn - details will be notified in the September newsletter.

Art Classes – classes are held **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford Village Hall. The group is now tutored every alternate week by Lizzie Rose. Cost per session is £6 with tutor and £1 without.

A group exhibition (all items for sale) is planned for June in the Crafty Kitchen.

Contacts: Agnes McCol Tel: 01852 200365 and Clare Howard Tel: 01852 200375

Embroidery Workshops

End of session: 7th April

These Wednesday morning workshops in Kilmelford Village Hall will resume in October.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

PLAYGROUP

If anyone is interested in attending or helping to run the Playgroup could they contact Mandy Carmichael on 01852 200362. The Playgroup will only be able to start up again if there are sufficient numbers to justify its operation.

SUMMER CEILIDHS

The hard working team who ran four Summer Ceilidhs last year have kindly agreed to do so again this year. The ceilidhs were well attended by visitors, many of whom felt it was the highlight of their holiday. The team would be very grateful for local support, either by coming to the ceilidhs and helping to make visitors welcome, or by volunteering to help at any, or all, of the ceilidhs.

Contact: Ann Wilson Tel: 01852 200244

ELEMENTAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Friday, 23rd July – Monday, 2nd August

This will be the fourth festival run by local artists and businesses to support each other and publicise Ardfern and Craobh Haven. The Festival will open with a preview at the Wavyline Gallery on Friday, 23rd July at 6 p.m. Each year the Festival provides a fuller and more varied programme than the year before and this year is well on course to continue this success story. For further information keep an eye on their website

www.elementalarts.org.uk

Contact: Lizzie Rose, the Secretary, at secretary@elementalarts.free-online.co.uk or phone her on (Tel: 01852 500285) for any enquiries or if you wish to exhibit or to be put on the mailing list.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, 29th August at 1 p.m. in the Village Hall

Volunteers are needed to provide baking and to help out with teas on the day, to man a stall (enough volunteers mean that each person need only do one hour) or to provide and run a stall. Offers of prizes for the raffle would be much appreciated. We also require the loan of a small freezer for ice creams. Please contact any of the following with your offers of help or for further information and do enter the competitions and come along to enjoy the fun on the day.

Isobel Smith	01852 200537
Georgina Dalton	01866 844212
Diane Galt	01852 200215
Clare Howard	01852 200375
Dorothy Bark	01852 200370

SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

One entry only per person per class.

SECTION A - FLOWERS

FOR THE DALTON TROPHY - Most points Section A and B

To be grown by competitor

- Class 1 Single rose
- Class 2 Single bloom - any variety
- Class 3 Vase of garden flowers - mixed
- Class 4 Vase of garden flowers - one cultivar

SECTION B - PLANTS

To be grown or grown on (minimum one year) by competitor

- Class 5 Foliage pot plant
- Class 6 Flowering pot plant
- Class 7 Selection of three or more pot plants in one container
- Class 8 Named plant grown from pip, stone or cutting

SECTION C - FLORAL ART

FOR THE BP TROPHY (Not necessarily grown by competitor)

- Class 9 Arrangement using flower(s) and other materials depicting the title of a book
- Class 10 A table centrepiece using flower(s) and floating candles
- Class 11 An arrangement using dried flowers, driftwood and other beach materials
- Class 12 A small table arrangement for a special occasion

SECTION D - PRODUCE

FOR THE MELFORT FARM TROPHY (To be grown by competitor)

- Class 13 A bunch of mixed herbs
- Class 14 Four tomatoes
- Class 15 Four potatoes
- Class 16 A selection of leaf salad

SECTION E - GARDEN PRODUCE
FOR THE CULFAIL HOTEL TROPHY

Class 17 Selection of fruit and vegetables from the same garden
 grown by competitor

SECTION F - HANDICRAFTS
FOR THE ARDUAINE CRAFT TROPHY

Class 18 A cushion cover
Class 19 A knitted article for a child
Class 20 An abstract painting in any medium (not computerised)
Class 21 A bird nesting box
Class 22 A decorative wall hanging (any medium)
Class 23 Two photographs depicting opposites
Class 24 A decorated flower pot

SECTION G - HOME PRODUCE
FOR THE FISH FARM TROPHY

Class 25 Smoked fish paté
Class 26 Mixed bean salad
Class 27 Four potato scones
Class 28 A home made brown loaf (bread machine allowed)
Class 29 A chocolate mousse
Class 30 Lemon drizzle cake (set recipe - see below)
Class 31 Four shortbread biscuits
Class 32 A decorated gateau for a special occasion
Class 33 A jar of jelly

CHILDREN'S SECTION (N.B. Age groups changed)

LOCH MELFORT HOTEL TROPHY
UNDER 8 YEARS

Class 34 A favourite sandwich
Class 35 A decorated fruit jelly
Class 36 A decorated flower pot

EIGHT TO ELEVEN YEARS

Class 37 A favourite sandwich

- Class 38 An individual jelly trifle
Class 39 A decorated flower pot

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN YEARS
FOR THE MELFORT PIER TROPHY

- Class 40 A favourite sandwich
Class 41 An individual jelly trifle
Class 42 A decorated flower pot

LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE (SET RECIPE FOR CLASS 30)

6oz self raising flour, 1½ teaspoons baking powder, 2 medium eggs, 6oz castor sugar, 4oz soft margarine, 4 tablespoons milk, rind of a lemon

1. Put all the ingredients **except the lemon rind** into a bowl, mix by hand or mixer until all are well mixed.
2. Stir in lemon rind.
3. Put into a 7" cake tin that has been well greased and dusted with flour. Bake at 180C or Gas 4 for 30 to 40 minutes until firm to the touch. Leave in tin.

Juice of the lemon, 4oz of sugar

4. Dissolve the 4oz sugar in the lemon juice (this can be done in a microwave) and pour over the HOT cake.

HIRE OF SUMMER FESTIVAL EQUIPMENT

The sound system is available for hire.

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

Contact: Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

Caretaker:- Deirdre Campbell Gibson (Tel: 01852 200224). A big thank you, Deirdre, for all that you do for the community in this role.

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.

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

Membership and Lost Keys

£10 each

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

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meetings were held on 13th January and 9th March 2004. The main items discussed included:

- a) The organisation of the Big Breakfast. This was held on 15th February and was much enjoyed by everyone who participated. Thanks go to all who helped with it.
- b) The Treasurer emphasised the continuing need for fund raising to cover the running costs of the Hall, especially since these were higher than the income during the last financial year.
- c) The summer Ceilidhs will start again in May as these proved to be very popular last year and ended up in profit.
- d) Six large folding tables have been purchased, which will be useful for a number of events held in the Hall.
- e) The squash court is not being used as much as it had been previously. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to come and make use of this valuable amenity.
- f) Problems are being encountered with the logging-on of new electronic keys. A new lock for the entrance door may have to be considered.

Committee

Chairman

Neil Manchester

Treasurer

Robin Grey

Secretary

Diane Scaife

Bookings

Ann Saunders

Committee Member

Dorothy Bark

Committee Member

Diane Galt

Committee Member

Anne Grey

Caretaker

Deirdre Campbell-Gibson

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 11th May at 8.15 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall – all welcome.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION VILLAGE HALL SPRING CLEAN

The Kilmelford Village Hall annual spring clean was held on Sunday 14th March 2004. No doubt all users of the village hall will appreciate the efforts of Ken and Diane Scaife, Dorothy Bark, Deirdre Campbell-Gibson and Georgina Dalton in ensuring that all the nooks and crannies, windows, floors and walls received an extra special clean up. We are very fortunate to have access to such a facility within the community, and it is important to remember that it is the work of volunteers that maintain the hall at the current standard.

LOCAL GARDENS OPEN UNDER THE SCOTLAND'S GARDENS SCHEME

Under this scheme 30% of funds raised go to the Queen's Nurses Scotland, 30% to the National Trust Gardens and 40% to a charity of the choice of the owner of the garden.

Saturday, 8th May and Sunday 9th May – Arduaine Gardens (National Trust for Scotland) Entrance fees on these two days are donated to Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

Arduaine Gardens are open all year round from 9.30 a.m. till sunset.

Tel: 01852 200366.

Saturday, 3rd July and Sunday, 4th July – Achnacille, Kilmelford from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Teas and plant stall. Admission £2, children free.

40% of proceeds to ARMS (Oban) and 60% to SGS Gardens.

Tel: 01852 200377

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An extra-ordinary meeting of the above Council was held on 21st January 2004 to discuss Planning Application Ref: XX100/165B, by Alan MacDonald for permission to cultivate mussels/ scallops at Loch Melfort (NM 830 125 & NM 818 131). Present were 6 Community Councillors, and 38 members of the public. It was unanimously agreed to object to this application, and that the same reasons would be valid for the application by Celtic Seafoods Ltd.

An ordinary general meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 10th February 2004. In attendance were six Community Councillors, Argyll and Bute Councillors Alan Macaskill and Duncan MacIntyre, and 31 members of the public.

The meeting commenced with an update on the ongoing situation between the Community Council and Melfort Pier and Harbour. Since John Christlieb has, in national media, publicly accused the Community Council of acting unlawfully, it was advised that confirmation had been sought from Councillors Macaskill and MacIntyre that they were fully supportive of the secretary and the Community Council in all aspects of this matter. In addition, at the chairman's request, the chairman and secretary had met with Susan Mair, Head of Legal and Protective Services in Argyll and Bute Council, with Councillor Macaskill in attendance, to review all the Community Councils activities since 1997. Susan Mair had concluded that the Community Council had acted properly in all matters, and in accordance with its own standing orders, as well as those of Argyll and Bute Council (with the exception of, and for documented and legitimate reasons, the 2003 AGM had been postponed at the last minute, and rescheduled ten days outwith the time period stipulated in the Community Council standing orders; however, this was deemed to be of no significance). It was noted by Councillor Macaskill that Susan Mair had written to John Christlieb detailing her findings. A subsequent letter in the Oban Times, from Melfort Pier and Harbour, was not considered worthy of comment or reply. Councillor MacIntyre advised that he had written a letter for the Oban Times supporting the secretary and the Community Council. It was agreed that no further action was required until an apology from

Melfort Pier and Harbour was received, and that it was hoped that this matter could be laid to rest.

Other business discussed included: the need to repair the Scammadale road, and that a site meeting would be held shortly with the Roads Department; a community grant was being awarded to install wooden planters at various location in Kilmelford; the access improvement works had been completed at Blaran road end, but there had been no progress on the issue of removing the dangerous telegraph poles; Colin Clark was hopeful of getting a Community Council notice board in place very shortly.

The Celtic Seafood mussel sites application was discussed, and it was agreed that the Community Council should object again. Members of the public were advised to write also. It was noted that the Argyll and Bute Local Plan Consultative Document was now available, with responses requested by 12th March 2003. It was agreed that an open evening would be held on Tuesday 17th February 2003 at Kilmelford Village Hall at 8.00pm, where copies of the plan would be available for public viewing. It was reported that another letter of planning questions most asked at Community Council meetings had been submitted to Angus Gilmour. Cllr Macaskill advised that the intention was to hold a meeting for Community Councillors to allow discussion on planning issues.

ARGYLL AND BUTE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

After an open evening held on 17th February, where copies of the Draft Local Plan were made available for public inspection, it was agreed that a review of the plan would be conducted by Angus MacFadyen (Kilninver), Neil Manchester and Alasdair Oatts (Kilmelford) and Stuart Cannon (Kames and Arduaine). The findings of these reviews were discussed at a further extra-ordinary public meeting held on 9th March 2004, attended by five Community Councillors and 18 members of the public, where it was agreed that the following representations be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council:

To: Ian Love, Head of Statutory Plans, Argyll and Bute Council

Argyll and Bute Local Plan Consultation Draft

Re your letter dated 23 January 2004 and copy of the above document, I would like to note that we have not been contacted by the Development Policy Unit during the consultative period to clarify the provisions of the plan as stated in your letter.

Since the consultation period ends on 12 March 2004, this Community Council has met twice, with a significant number of members of this community present, to discuss the content of the document and wish to submit the following representations at this stage:

- a) The Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council consider the six-week consultation period to be wholly inadequate, especially without Argyll and Bute Council support and guidance, to effectively review and consider every aspect of such a wide-ranging and long-term document. As such, we request an additional consultation period of ten weeks, with a detailed and structured input from the document authors.
- b) There appears to be little or no regard to the development of the existing infrastructure in all the areas covered in this plan. The issues of sewage disposal, water provision and electricity supply have to be addressed before any further significant development can be considered. In addition, the Argyll and Bute roads network is barely capable of sustaining current levels of traffic, yet the plan highlights major potential development areas with no regard to traffic issues. In particular, there are current proposals for a major housing development at Craobh Haven which will add to traffic levels significantly, yet the draft plan does not suggest how the extra volume is to be managed. This Community Council requests further information on the future traffic management strategy, and also the long-term implications of the Craobh Haven development.
- c) It has been noticed that there are a number of inaccuracies on some of the maps, and in particular the omission of existing development in 'sensitive areas' - notably the omission of the latest dwelling to

the rear of Kilmelford Yacht Haven. Since this development was completed in 2001, it should be included on a map dated 2004.

- d) There is a contradiction shown for land on the east side of the A816 in Kilmelford. On map number 5/B/1/23 (page 85) this field is shown as an Area of Search (AOS), while on map number 5/C/1/13 (page 110), at least two thirds is shown as an Open Space Protection Area (to which no definition appears to exist in the glossary supplied). Since this area is used as a sports playing field, we would wish it to remain as a protected area.
- e) While accepting the principle of permitting development within settlement boundaries, concern has been expressed at the number of proposed Potential Development Areas outwith any rational boundaries. PDA 5/129, shown on map 5/B/1/23 (page 85) is significantly outwith the Kilmelford settlement boundary, and in an area of agricultural and scenic value. As such, we do not feel that this area should be zoned in this manner.
- f) PDA 5/128, is shown on map 5/B/1/23 (page 85) as a Sensitive Area. We consider this to be outwith the settlement boundary, and is an area where development has been strongly opposed by the community in the past. As such, this area should not be classified as a PDA.
- g) PDA 5/126 shown on map 5/B/1/23 (page 85) does not show the historic site (cairn) in the centre of this area, and part of this land should be reclassified accordingly to prevent future development. In addition, since this area is immediately adjacent to the Kilmelford Village Hall, this Community Council wishes to register an interest in this ground as potential development of a sports/ recreation area to complement the existing facilities.
- h) Map number 5/B/1/31 on page 93, Loch Melfort, shows PDA 5/141, PDA 5/142 and an Area of Search, which represents a potential significant development in this area. It must be noted that the current level of services, ie water and sewage, are inadequate for the existing development, and the Degrish road is already at saturation point and entirely unsuitable for additional traffic from

further developments. Either the PDA's must be revised, or provision must be included in the plan for the upgrade of the access road and infrastructure to Melfort and Degnish.

- i) The proposed options for a Kilmelford by-pass/ road straightening programme, DRA 5/15 shown on map 5/B/1/23 on page 85, require much further consultation with the community, and should include road improvements at the side of Loch nan Drumnain. Only one option actually creates a village by-pass, whereas the other two merely straighten the road north of Kilmelford and would thus increase average speeds of traffic entering the village.
- j) This Community Council requires clarification as to the definition of 'minor settlements', notably in respect of the housing areas at Scammadale and Loch Avich.
- k) The areas occupied by Kames Fish Farming Ltd, at Kames shown on map 5/B/1/30 on page 92, should be classified as 'Established Business and Industrial Areas' (similar to Kilmelford Yacht Haven), as the fish farm has been established for over thirty years. This should be divided into the Fish Farm premises at kames, and also Kames Pier.
- l) This Community Council wishes clarification on how the Coastal Constraints zones were derived, since map 5/A/2/2 on page 55 shows a constraint zone at Kames Bay, where a cage site has existed in continuous operation for over thirty years. It is the Community Council's view that that the Constraint Zone should cover the entire Northern shore and the Eastern end of Loch Melfort, with no additional fish farm development permitted within the loch (apart from continuation of current operations).

While the Community Council appreciates the level of effort put into this consultation document, we feel strongly that it would be useful for the authors of future drafts to consult directly with the Community Council in relation to the different classifications of areas, development or otherwise.

From the above list, you will be aware that there are a great number of areas requiring clarification and further review. This Community Council considers it essential that sufficient time, resources and Argyll and Bute

Council guidance be provided to allow effective consultation prior to formulation of any final document.

We look forward to hearing your response to the above representations.

Yours sincerely

Neil Manchester
Secretary
Kilnilver and Kilmelford Community Council

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2004

Tuesday 13th April 2004
Tuesday 8th June 2004 (including AGM)
Tuesday 10th August 2004
Tuesday 12th October 2004
Tuesday 14th December 2004

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

COUNCILLORS

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

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

ECO Committee

The school has set up an ECO committee involving pupils, staff and school board to look at the environmental situation at the school. The committee will be working towards a number of targets which could result in the

gaining of a green flag, a nationally recognised award. The group are currently carrying out a review of several factors including energy efficiency, healthy living and litter management. Regular reports on progress will be produced, and any members of the community who have anything to offer the group by way of knowledge, contacts or expertise are asked to contact the school.

Burns Supper

A very successful supper dance was held at the hall. Many thanks to those members of the community who attended and contributed to the sum of £500 for school funds. Dancing to the Neil Sinclair Sound was augmented by spirited entertainment by the pupils, and of course wonderful food laid on by the School Board.

Care Commission

The school received a very positive report following a recent visit by the Care Commission for Scotland to the Pre-five Unit. The Commission's inspecting officer was particularly impressed by how good behaviour is encouraged in the Unit, and how motivated the children are to learn through their play.

After School Activities

Some imaginative after school activities are on the go or coming up. A Celtic Art Club is being led by Oban High student Mairi Livingstone, p7 pupils have enjoyed digital photography classes while it is hoped that an outdoor activities club can be set up after Easter. Thanks to all those who volunteer to lead the children out of hours.

Credit Award Scheme

If you notice one of our pupils doing good things in the community please let us know - we have a new credit award scheme which caters for all sorts of positive behaviour and good work , including representing themselves well in the community.

Well done

Angus Scott, who gained a 'highly commended' certificate for his entry in the Council's Road Safety Calendar competition.

Good luck

Wendy Douglas, teacher of P1-4 who is now on maternity leave expecting her first child in April. Welcome to Mrs Sheila Scott who has taken over the class in Mrs Douglas's absence.

Tesco tokens

We welcome any donations of tokens. Just pop them into the school when passing or send them on! Last year we purchased four digital cameras, so the tokens come in very handy.

Fund raising

Funds raised are being put towards a trip to Edinburgh with an overnight stay for P6 and P7 pupils and towards various other educational trips.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival, Oban

Pupils will be taking part in the Choir and Action Song on Friday, 30th April and various soloists will be participating on Saturday, 1st May.

Summer Fayre on Saturday 15th May – venue to be confirmed.

TERM DATES

Term 2

2nd April, 2004 – school closes

Term 3

19th April, 2004 – school re-opens

30th April, 2004 – school closes

4th May, 2004 – school re-opens

30th June, 2004 – school closes

Term 1

18th August, 2004 school re-opens

8th October, 2004 – school closes

25th October, 2004 – school re-opens

19th November, 2004 – school closes

23rd November, 2004 – school re-opens

22nd December, 2004 – school closes

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church.

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
April	11 th (Easter Day), 25 th	4 th , 18 th
May	9 th , 23 rd	2 nd , 16 th , 30 th
June	6 th (Communion), 20 th	13 th , 27 th
July	4 th , 18 th	11 th , 25 th
August	1 st , 15 th , 29 th	8 th , 22 nd
September	12 th , 26 th	5 th , 19 th
October	10 th , 24 th	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st

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.

EASTER DAY

Alastair would like to take a service for Holy Communion on Easter Day and the service will be held at Kilmelford Church at 8 o'clock in the morning on the 11th of April. There will also be a family service on Easter Day at 12 noon in Kilmelford Church. Everybody will be most welcome at either, or both, of the services.

LETTER FROM OUR NEW MINISTER

The Manse,
KILMELFORD.
01852 200565

Dear Friends,

We can call you friends because we have been made so welcome in your area. On the day of Alastair's Induction, and on many occasions since, you have helped us to feel at home in this lovely part of God's creation.

The weather somehow has conspired to welcome us too! It rained hard when we arrived, but there have been some beautiful days, and nights, when we have seen something of how very lovely this area can be.

We want publicly to say thank you - thank you to the members and friends of the Churches of Craignish and of Kilninver and Kilmelford for inviting Alastair to be their minister, and thank you to the people who live here and the people who visit here for making us so welcome.

We are beginning, but only just beginning, to get into the swing of things here. No one suggested that this was a sleepy backwater, and we are glad that there are so many things happening all of the time. This is a particularly exciting time, what with the Argyll and Bute Local Plan and with many things happening in the churches.

A particular feature we like about the area is how mixed the communities are, from different backgrounds and of differing experiences, yet each community seems to be very much a community. Someone once said, "There is no such thing as Society - there are only individuals and families." This has never been our view of things, and the people here prove it to be far from true. Already we are becoming involved in a small way, we hope to widen this involvement as time goes on. Meanwhile we are emptying boxes and getting the Manse into some sense of order. It helps greatly that we feel so much at home. We hope that our time here will be longer rather than shorter.

Christine will continue to be herself, and make friends among the people she meets. As Parish Minister, Alastair will try to be available to everyone in the community. If you need him, just ask.

May God bless you all,

Christine and Alastair McLachlan.

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

The mobile library service is provided on a Wednesday every four weeks. Anyone wanting the driver, Neil McIntyre, to stop at or close to their house should contact him via the library in Oban Tel: 01631 571444. 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 – 3.45 p.m. and 5.15 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 11th May, 2004

Tuesday, 10th August, 2004

Tuesday, 9th November, 2004

Manse Brae Community Centre, Lochgilphead 2.30 – 3.45 p.m. and 5.15 – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 12th May, 2004

Wednesday, 11th August, 2004

Wednesday, 10th November, 2004

MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

Strathclyde Police has launched a Mobile Police Office, which will visit our area on the dates and times listed below. The vehicle has most of the facilities of a modern police office, where you can report incidents, and hand in found property etc. The officers will also be available to offer crime prevention advice.

There may be occasions when the Mobile Police Office is unable to attend due to other operational commitments. However, such occasions will be notified in advance.

Route 1 – alternate Tuesdays

Kilmartin	14.00 – 14.20
Ardfern	14.40 – 15.20
Craobh Haven	15.30 – 15.45
Arduaine	16.00 – 16.15
Kilmelford	16.30 – 17.00

March	30 th
April	13 th , 27 th
May	11 th , 25 th
June	8 th , 22 nd
July	6 th , 20 th
August	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st
September	14 th , 28 th

Route 6 – alternate Tuesdays

Kilmore	14.25 – 14.40
Balvicar	15.10 – 15.25
Easdale	15.40 – 16.00
Kilniver	16.30 – 16.45

April	6 th , 20 th
May	4 th , 18 th
June	1 st , 15 th , 29 th
July	13 th , 27 th
August	10 th , 24 th
September	7 th , 21 st

BROADBAND FOR KILMELFORD EXCHANGE

Only 30 households / businesses needed to register to get *Broadband*

We currently have 17 Registrations - ONLY 13 MORE TO GO!

On speaking to Gary Carr a BT Broadband representative I have managed to find out a bit more information regarding the Broadband service for anyone who still might have questions.

Since contacting a number of people within the area, it has come to my attention that maybe people feel they will have to see it through and sign up for the service if they register.

I have been assured that this is not the case! So even if you are not sure if this service is any good for you, please help others in the village to get it.

You are NOT committing yourself to Broadband by registering but simply helping BT recognise that they need to install the service.

Once we have reached our target, BT will set a date for installation, which is usually anywhere up to about 2 months.

BT will then contact you, to see if you would like to sign up for their Broadband Service. (At this stage you can choose who you go with)

You may have changed your mind and not want Broadband anymore.
THAT'S FINE IT WILL NOT AFFECT ANYTHING.

If you are struggling to register due to distance I have been told it is because the distance measured is actually the length of cable used and not necessarily how far you are away from the exchange. But do not despair, I was also told that once Kilmelford was upgraded for Broadband, the next step for BT it to extend the distances. Before you do give up hope call 150 and ask them to test your line for distance, it may be down to a computer error and is worth double-checking.

Gary Carr of BT mentioned that they are committed to bring Broadband to the area. He has not heard anything to suggest that this would not be the case if we reach our target, and that all we have to do is get everyone to put their names down regardless, and keep in touch with BT for installation dates.

SO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE!

By either calling **150** on your landline.

Or use the link on the Kilmelford web site - www.kilmelford.com

Gail Barnes

STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE F71 – KILMELFORD FIRE STATION

It has been a fairly quiet winter, thankfully, with not too many call outs. There have been a few significant fires that we have dealt with together with minor problems all of which, happily, resulted in no injury to any persons. Our fund raising for last year totalled £606 to be split three ways as normal £202 to National Fire Service Benevolent Fund, £202 to Strathclyde Fire Brigade's Widows and Orphan's Fund and £202 to a local cause. On the subject of the local cause, the money was to be used for the annual bonfire but, due to problems with the cost of insurance etc this did not go ahead. So. if there is a local group, particularly for young people who would like some monitary assistance please contact myself or any of the crew and we'll see what we can do. Please contact us within two weeks of the publication of this newsletter. This year's fund raising will

commence, as normal, with the spring car wash which, provisionally, will be held at the fire station on Sunday 18th April with the annual duck race and open day to be on Sunday May 30th. Check out for local posters nearer the time for confirmation of these dates.

A new fire safety campaign has begun on the television about fire safety in the home which I hope you have all seen. Posters for this campaign will be displayed around our area and if you wish any advice about fire safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the crew and we can put you in touch with our Community Safety Department. For simple advice including the fitting of smoke alarms please contact myself and I will assist you in any way I can.

Remember, if you discover a fire GET OUT - STAY OUT AND CONTACT THE FIRE BRIGADE BY DIALLING 999.
Stay safe.

Dave Millward

DOMESTIC BULK RUBBISH COLLECTIONS

To assist with the collection and disposal of unwanted bulky household items, Council refuse crews will be in attendance at selected places around the area on **Saturday, 3rd April**. Rubbish must not be left out for collection prior to the crews arriving nor after they leave. Builders' or construction waste, oil, asbestos and gas cylinders will not be accepted. Outside these times, bulk items can be collected by appointment on a chargeable basis in liaison with the Argyll and Bute Council office in Lochgilphead Tel: 01546 604636.

Ardfern – Hotel	9 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.
Kilmelford – Bus Shelter	10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Craobh Haven – Village Shop	10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.
Dalavich – Village Shop	12.45 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.

ARDUAINNE GARDEN

With the rapid approach of spring, I'm hoping to persuade our readers that a visit to Arduaine Garden should be on everyone's list of things to do. It's not every community that has a garden of national (or even international)

repute right on its doorstep, but sometimes that very proximity works against us here at the garden - people tend to explore further afield and beyond their own backyard.

For those of you who may not know the garden, we have a very large collection of around 400 distinct rhododendron species, many tender, from all the rhododendron hotspots of the world, particularly the Himalayan region (including India, China and Bhutan) and further south into Burma and Vietnam. Other species come from Europe, Japan and North America, and Australia's only rhododendron and several of the sub-tropical species from Indonesia grow in the conservatory here. We have also a large and expanding collection of plants from South America, including Chile, Argentina and Brazil and several representatives of the flora of Australasia and South Africa - we even have one conifer from the mountains of Ethiopia. I believe that Antarctica is the only continent not represented, but we're probably not unique in this respect!

As well as the extensive tree and shrub collection which includes many camellias, azaleas, magnolias, embothriums (the Chilean firebush), gevuina (the Chilean hazel - a relative of the protea) eucryphias, hoherias and many, many more, our range of perennials is also wide, both in natural origin and flowering period and consists generally of wild species or unimproved cultivars. In other words, we don't go in for huge, double or flamboyantly striped flowers, but prefer to stick to more natural and informal plants. Some of our more spectacular perennials include the blue poppies and the huge lilies from the Himalayas and the giant forget-me-not from Chatham Island in the South Pacific, but we have many tiny treasures too, such as the low-growing parasitic plant, purple toothwort, in flower at the moment. Ferns, including tree ferns, mosses, climbers and water plants complete the picture to ensure that there is something to see every day and something in flower whenever you visit - you may have to look a little harder on colder days!

Just in case you think that we are advertising our business free of charge, can I remind readers that The National Trust for Scotland is a registered charity set up to safeguard Scotland's Heritage for all to enjoy. It is not funded by government and relies on entrance charges, membership fees, donations and legacies to pay for the management of the growing number of properties of all types throughout Scotland, including castles and stately

homes, city tenements, small houses and vernacular buildings, gardens, battlefields, vast areas of the countryside and coastline including many islands, viewpoints and much, much more. In most properties the income fails to come near to the expenditure and Arduaine is no exception. For this reason we can't offer free or discounted entry to local people as we need every penny to keep this garden open for you and other visitors to enjoy. The NTS may appear to be a wealthy organisation but this is not the case - our properties are generally inalienable and cannot be sold, so are liabilities rather than assets. All profit we make from our commerce goes back into conservation work for the benefit of all, so no-one gets fat on the proceeds!

Our charges for 2004 are as follows: Adult - full - £5.00, concession - £4.00, Family Group - £14.00 (2 adults and up to 6 children). Membership charges available on request - 01852 200366.

As with other areas of Scotland, Argyll has a Members' Group which organises a number of events and visits throughout the year to help to raise money for local Trust properties - they have been very helpful to Arduaine Garden on numerous occasions.

Maurice Wilkins

THE DOCHAS FUND

The Dochas Fund was founded six years ago and since that time has helped many affected by Guillain Barre Syndrome or Motor Neurone Disease. The Dochas Fund not only raises money for care, support and research, but also helps to raise awareness and give hope to those affected by either condition.

The Fund has launched a "Buy a Brick" Appeal to raise funds to upgrade its premises in Lochgilphead. By buying bricks for the Dochas Fund you will be helping to provide:-

- A Carers' Centre for those affected by GBS or MND – the first of its kind in the UK. The facility will provide access to information resources as well as the use of a counselling room and support from trained counsellors.

- An exhibition space for the artwork of the late John R Paterson, co-founder of the Fund, where visitors can view his original paintings and drawings, and buy prints and cards of his work.
- A permanent home for the Fund which will help it to continue its fight to zap MND and GBS.

Please support this appeal by visiting the Gallery at 50 Campbell Street, Lochgilphead or by contacting:-

The Dochas Fund, Cairnbaan, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SQ

Tel: 01546 603672 Fax: 01546 603423

E-mail: enquiries@dochasfund.com Website: www.dochasfund.com

LETTERS

Scotland welcomed 20.1 million tourists in 2002, who spent £4.5 billion, sustaining 243,000 jobs and contributing more than fishing, fish farming, farming, forestry and the electronics industry combined. (Sources VisitScotland and the Scottish Tourism Forum)

The economic contribution made by local providers of tourism facilities in terms of construction/maintenance costs, wages paid to local contractors and to local employees and money spent locally by tourists is of major importance to our community.

Melfort Pier, The Melfort Club, Ardenstur Cottages, The Loch Melfort Hotel, The Cuilfail Hotel, and the many other providers of tourist accommodation in our area, all make substantial contributions without which the local community would be a much poorer place indeed.

John C Christlieb
Melfort Pier

LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The up-dated Directory will be on sale from April at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Post Office. Alternatively, send your request to Cath Manchester at Eas a' mhuilinn, Kilmelford, Oban PA34 4XA **enclosing an s.a.e. and your £1 payment.**

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The Kilninford News post box is on the floor in the corner under the window in the post office. Please put your adverts, letters, articles etc. in the box, or send them to the Editor by 31st August for inclusion in the September issue. It would also be helpful if people advertising in the Kilninford News would make their payments when they submit their copy or make sure that they put the money in the post box or give it to Cath so that she doesn't have to spend time chasing payments.

The team is very grateful to all those who kindly help with the distribution of the newsletter.

ADVERTS

Advertising rates:-	Private ads	£1 each
	Commercial ads	£5 each per quarter page

We can be contacted by the usual methods (phone, post or box in the Post Office), and by e-mailing us at:- editor@kilmelford.com

FOR SALE

Neff single oven for under work surface.

Matt black with brass rail.

Superb condition.

Tel: 01852 200377

LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

Volunteers required (children and adults) to assist in the annual beach clean of Loch Melfort shoreline

SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2004

2.00 p.m. AT THE VILLAGE HALL

HOT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED IN THE HALL AT 5.00pm

Funds are being raised for Kilmelford Village Hall and other local charities, with the added bonus of a clean shoreline!

Bin bags and maps of each beach section will be provided on the day

**Please turn up to help with friends and family-
the more people that join in, the easier it will
be!**

For further details please contact:- Neil Manchester 01852 200272