# KILNINFORD NEWS

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# Voluntary Car Scheme



Seil Voluntary Car Scheme is now expanding and planning to encompass the whole of Easdale Medical Practice.

The scheme is, basically, an organised way of giving lifts to those who either cannot use public transport or, to those who need to travel whenever and wherever public transport is not available.

In the first instance we are looking for volunteer drivers who can offer as much or as little time as they wish, from the odd occasion to maybe two or three hours per week (or even more if you have time available).

No previous experience is necessary but the minimum requirements are: - a roadworthy car and good driving skills. Training is given, a mileage allowance and out of pocket expenses are paid.

This scheme has proved to be a winner on Seil where we have piloted the project over the last twelve months and we look forward to expanding the scheme to the remainder of Easdale Medical practice area.

Those interested or who would like more information should contact the scheme co-ordinator, **Margaret Anfield**, tel: 01852 300368, leave your name and telephone number if she is not available.

# **DECEMBER ISSUE**

Please note that, due to all the pressures of the busy festive period, the December issue will again be a shorter newsletter concentrating mainly on "What's On" in the area.

# WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

1<sup>st</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Sue Bradshaw Exhibition "Response" in Kilmartin House Museum café from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry Free. Kilmartin House Museum contact details are:- Tel: 01546 510278, www.kilmartin.org

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September (10 a.m. – 12 noon) and Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September (2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.) – The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Entry by donation.

Clare Howard invites you to Scarba Cottage, Arduaine for coffee/tea and baking as part of this national event. Also an optional Garden Walk, **at your own peril!** Whilst at Scarba, take the opportunity to enter the national prize draw and win a Peugeot car.

N.B. There's only limited parking at Scarba but the Arduaine lay-by is convenient.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September – "Festival of Parish Life" Exhibition in Craignish Church. Admission by donation.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September – Dalriada Festival at Cairnbaan (see information below)

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday Market** from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. outside the Galley of Lorn, Ardfern. This will be a special Sunday Market as part of the Scottish Food Fortnight. In addition to lots of local produce and plants, there will also be food demonstrations.

Smaller Sunday Markets selling locally produced beef, lamb, vegetables and bread are held every Sunday from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. outside the Galley of Lorn and there will be a special Christmas Market in mid December.

Contact: Lix Armstrong (Tel: 01852 500240)

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Please would anyone willing to help or provide baking phone Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) at the beginning of the week.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – The "Big Draw" Drop-in Event in Kilmartin House Museum gallery. Museum admission only.

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Car Boot Sale and Soup and Sandwich Lunch** in Kilmelford Village Hall. The Car Boot Sale will take place from 11.30 a.m. till 2 p.m. with all proceeds going to the village hall. Contact: Neil Manchester (Tel: 01852 200272).

The Soup and Sandwich Lunch will take place from 12.30 p.m. till 2 p.m. with all proceeds going to Kilninver Primary School. Family £10, adult £4 and child £2. Donations of sandwiches and baking would be very gratefully accepted.

Contact: Sally Inglis (Tel: 01852 316271).

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Duck Race and Car Boot Sale (in conjunction with the Sunday Market) to be held in the Kintraw field off the main road, east of the Ardfern Road end, in aid of the new Craignish Village Hall fund. Time to be confirmed.

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October – Talk on Red Squirrels** in Kilmartin museum from 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Phone museum for details. Donations.

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October – Highland Archaeology Week.** Half price admission to Kilmartin House Museum all week 10 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October – Guided Walks in Kilmartin Glen** from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. starting at Kilmartin House Museum reception. Donations.

# Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October – Evening of Scottish Songs and Minstrel Singing at 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. Admission by donation.

I have invited the Praise Group from my former Church in Kilsyth to come up and present this evening of song and fun. The Group were founded to sing a variety of songs and hymns to add to worship in the church, and developed this programme of Scottish songs and an old time Music Hall or Minstrel type show, which it has taken to various places around Glasgow. The Group were kind enough to let me sing with them, and I enjoyed the experience so much that I thought it would be good to have a get together like this for old time's sake. The emphasis is on fun rather than accomplished singing, and both the Group and I hope that, if you join us on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup>, you will enjoy our presentation. Any proceeds will go to Craignish and Kilninver and Kilmelford Parish Churches. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be served during the interval.

Rev T Alastair McLachlan, Minister

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October – Two Day Basket Making Workshop with Pip Weaser at Kilmartin House Museum from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  $\pounds$ 45.

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parish Lunch and Produce Sale from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

Donations, which would be very much appreciated, can be left with Dorothy Carmichael beforehand or at the hall from 10 a.m. on the day.

All general enquiries to Georgina Dalton (Tel: 01866 844212)

Everyone welcome. A chance to meet up with friends and neighbours, folk working locally or visitors. Come and enjoy a good bowlful of home made soup, well filled rolls, tea and coffee, shortbread and baking. There will be a fine selection of plants for autumn gardening and plenty of home produce and baking to stock up for winter. Since the Parish Lunch is a bit later this year, we have included a handicraft stall. If anyone has made, or is making, things which would be useful as Christmas gifts and is willing to donate them to the stall, it would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Isabel Smith. The Kirk Session very much appreciate the support that has been given to the church during the year and hope you can come on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November when we look forward to welcoming you.

Contacts:	Baking	Dorothy Carmichael	01852 200374
	Plants	Elizabeth Asbury	01852 200377
	Bottle Stall	Dorothy Bark	01852 200370
	Produce	Cath Manchester	01852 200272
	Raffle	Robin & Ann Grey	01852 200225
	Handicrafts	Isabel Smith	01852 200537
	Lunches	Georgina Dalton	01866 844212
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N.B. The organisers have decided on a policy to use "Fair Trade" coffee, tea and sugar. They very much hope that this small start will encourage others to use "Fair Trade" products, whenever possible, both at home and when organising public events.

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November – Charity Coffee Morning** at Melfort Club in aid of CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland) and SMNDA (Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association). 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon. Book stall, white elephant and raffle.

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Please would anyone willing to help or provide baking phone Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) at the beginning of the week.

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November – Quiz Night at the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven.

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Please would anyone willing to help or provide baking phone Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314) at the beginning of the week.

## ART GROUP

The group meets weekly on Thursdays from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. No tutor has yet been confirmed for the winter but the organisers are hopeful. Fees are £1 per session without tutor and approximately £6 per tutored session. All welcome.

Contact: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375).

# **COUNTRY DANCING**

These popular sessions will again take place most **Thursdays** from 8 p.m. till 10 p.m. preceded by a class for P2 upwards starting at 7 p.m. for three quarters of an hour.

All are welcome, beginners and experts alike. It's helpful if beginners are able to join at the beginning of the season. 75p per child per session and £2.50 per adult per session.

The first session will be on **Thursday**, **28**<sup>th</sup> **October**. Further dates are arranged at the classes or get in touch with Melissa (Tel: 01852 200314).

N.B. Our Dancing Master, Mike Murray, will no longer devote classes prior to the Cairnbaan Ball to people who only attend in order to mug up on the list of dances for the Ball. Anyone wishing to have practice sessions for this purpose should make separate arrangements.

**EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS** – the weekly **Wednesday** morning workshops from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall will resume on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October and finish for the festive period on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

#### PLAYGROUP

The Kilmelford Playgroup is still not functioning due to lack of interest and insufficient numbers to justify its operation. However, the Craignish Parent and Toddler Group now meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall while the Craignish Village Hall is being rebuilt. The group caters for all pre-school children (babies to 5 year olds) accompanied by a parent and operates during school term times and during half terms. £1.50 per family. The group will continue to meet in Kilmelford until at least June, 2005 and anyone interested is very welcome to join the group. Contact: Alex Pollock (Tel: 01852 500563)

#### **CEILIDH POSTPONEMENT**

Unfortunately, Robert Carmichael has been unwell and the ceilidh that he was organising for Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September has had to be postponed in the meantime.

## **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). 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 Kilmelford Village Stores (Tel: 01852 200271) and at Melfort Club (Tel: 01852 200257), both of whose support is much appreciated.

## **ANY VOLUNTEERS?**

Unfortunately, the Tuesday evening badminton sessions that used to be held throughout the winter and spring have never started up again. These sessions for P7 upwards, with the final hour reserved for young adults and older, were always well attended and provided a popular activity during the long winter evenings. The same situation has arisen with the Wednesday evening indoor football sessions which were also very well attended.

We are now providing very little in the way of activities for the youth in our community. We have the facilities and all that is needed is a few volunteers so that supervision can be arranged on a rota basis. Please contact Neil Manchester, Chairman of the Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Association, (Tel: 01852 200272) to volunteer the time that you can afford - you don't have to be able to make a weekly commitment to volunteer your services.

# **CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall in Ardfern has now been demolished. The new hall, which is to be built by L & A Mackay of Lochgilphead, is scheduled to take one year. While the community is without a hall, it is anticipated that some of the groups will be using the hall in Kilmelford for various events. Fund raising for items within the new hall will continue, so keep a look out for notices publicising these events.

#### DALRIADA PROJECT

#### BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT AND FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Mid Argyll has an extraordinary natural and cultural heritage. From the Crinan Canal to sea lochs, from Kilmartin House Museum to the forests and Moine Mhor moss, from quality local produce to talented musicians and artists and friendly communities - it's a special place. The Heritage Lottery Fund and Argyll & Islands Enterprise have funded the Dalriada Project to gather the views, project and business ideas of the local community about how we can protect, restore and use this heritage to benefit all. Projects based on these ideas will then be developed in partnership to benefit Mid Argyll. To find out more and tell us what you think, log on to www.dalriadaproject.org or email the project's Community Officer, kirsten.robb@forestry.gsi.gov.uk, telephone 01546 602518. A full festival programme and timetables for free public transport and canal trips can be downloaded at www.dalriadaproject.org



# DALRIADA FESTIVAL 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2004

# FESTIVAL HUB: CAIRNBAAN, BY LOCHGILPHEAD

## MONDAY 20th - FRIDAY 24th

• Timber frame construction course, Argyll Green Woodworkers Association, Barnluasgan £ (Booking essential - Gordon 01852 500366)

FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

• Craft Fair 10am-5pm, Kilmartin Church- Arts & crafts by local artists

# FRIDAY 24th EVENING

• Twilight walk 7 pm – meet at Cairnbaan Hotel

• Festival debut concert 8 pm - 10.30 pm, Ardrishaig Hall, tickets £5 from Argyll Book Centre (01546 603596)

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY FESTIVAL HUB 11 AM – 5 PM

Dalriada Project info exchange • Bicycle Hire • Face Painting • Lantern making • Prehistoric Pottery • Woodturning • Live archaeology dig • Children's activities • Ancient Artefacts • Basket-making • Photo competition • Horse Riding £ • Crinan - Tours of Puffer VIC32, 10 am-5 pm • Clay Pigeon Shoot £ • Refreshments £ • 4 x 4 Adventures - trail quest, guided safari, beginners adventure, night safari (Booking essential - Ian 07785 716928) £

#### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> ONLY

Fungal Foray, 11.30am • Gaelic song 11am-1pm • Gaelic language taster 1-3pm
Stone Carving • Come & try new mountain bike trails 11am &2pm £ (01546 600383) • Craft fair 10am-5pm - Kilmartin Church • Crinan Woods Walk – 1-2pm, meet Crinan car park (transport from festival hub provided) • Bird watching – 1-3pm, Add Estuary hide, Bellanoch • Gaelic poets 1-3pm • Fun canoe race - Tayvallich 2pm

# SATURDAY 25th EVENING

Ceilidh & Supper, Tayvallich Village Hall, tickets on the door 7.30pm £3.50

#### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> ONLY

• Oak art • Nature walk 12 • Craft market & info stalls • Mid Argyll Pipe Band 2-3pm

• Dalriada Tour 3pm • Triathlon races 12-2.30pm (01546 606676)

• Canoe Race 12-1pm Crinan-Ardrishaig/Ardrishaig-Cairnbaan

• Fishing Competition all day - weigh in 5pm Victoria Hotel (Lochgilphead) - details Fyne Tackle 01546 606878

#### **'£'** charges apply • All events at Festival Hub, Cairnbaan, unless otherwise stated MORE INFORMATION <u>www.dalriadaproject.org</u>

David Adams McGilp 07748 804914 or Kirsten Robb 07748 798947 or 01546 602518

# 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

- 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.

# KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

Despite the inclement weather on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, we had another excellent Summer Festival. People poured in, enjoyed looking at the excellent entries and trying various competitions, all of which had to be held inside because of the weather, finishing off with a cup of tea, and gorgeous home made scones and cakes to the accompaniment of Paddy Shaw on his accordion. The grand total of £962 was raised.

Unfortunately, entries for the flowers and garden produce were down this year, probably due to the poor summer. The baking and craft classes were fairly well supported but it would be nice to see more entries in all classes next year (you don't have to be an Alan Titmarsh or Delia Smith)!

The children's classes were divided into three age groups this year to make for fairer competition and there will be a new trophy for the 8 - 11 year olds.

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help, especially the school board who braved the rain to man the barbeque. Thank you also to the Loch Melfort Hotel for the donations of sweets for the children's prizes, to the Village Stores for the lollipops for the children's entries and to the Melfort Club for their contribution towards the bottle stall.

Thank you also to everyone who donated raffle prizes; the Kilmelford Boatyard, Kames Fish Farm, Melfort Pier, the Shower of Herring, the Cuilfail Hotel – I was lucky enough to win that one and had a delicious meal – and to the various individuals, too many to mention. Last but not least, thank you to Alastair McLachlan for drawing the raffle and presenting the cups.

Here's hoping for better weather next year!

Isabel Smith

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following prizewinners:- (Many apologies for the slight variations from the results announced on the day. Double checking by the new organisers produced a few anomalies!)

## **DALTON TROPHY** Winner: J Thom, Runner up: E Asbury

Class 1: 1<sup>st</sup> D Millward, 2<sup>nd</sup> B Oatts, 3<sup>rd</sup> L Millward Class 2: 1<sup>st</sup> D Bark 2<sup>nd</sup> M Bark 3<sup>rd</sup> E Asbury Class 3: 1<sup>st</sup> G Dalton 2<sup>nd</sup> J Thom 3<sup>rd</sup> C Howard Class 4: 1<sup>st</sup> B Oatts 2<sup>nd</sup> C Howard Class 5: 1<sup>st</sup> J Thom 2<sup>nd</sup> D Bark Class 6: 1<sup>st</sup> E Asbury Class 7: 1<sup>st</sup> E Asbury Class 8: 1<sup>st</sup> J Thom

**B P TROPHY** Winner: A Smith, Runner up: D Galt

Class 9: 1<sup>st</sup> A Smith Class 10: 1<sup>st</sup> D Galt 2<sup>nd</sup> A Smith Class 11: - Class 12: 1<sup>st</sup> J Campbel-Gibson 2<sup>nd</sup> D Galt 3<sup>rd</sup> A Smith

MELFORT FARM TROPHY Joint Winners: E Asbury, M Bark and C Howard

Class 13: 1st E Asbury 2nd J Thom Class 14: 1st M Bark Class 15: 1st C Howard Class 16: -

**CUILFAIL HOTEL TROPHY** Winner G Dalton Class 17: G Dalton

# ARDUAINE CRAFT TROPHY Winner: C Howard, Runner up: M Teigner

Class 18: 1<sup>st</sup> M Teigner 2<sup>nd</sup> J Thom 3<sup>rd</sup> S Cannon and D Carmichael Class 19: 1<sup>st</sup> S Cannon 2<sup>nd</sup> G Dalton Class 20: 1<sup>st</sup> I Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> C Howard Class 21: 1<sup>st</sup> C Howard 2<sup>nd</sup> W Wilson Class 22: 1<sup>st</sup> E Asbury 2<sup>nd</sup> I Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> A Macdonald Class 23: 1<sup>st</sup> M Teigner 2<sup>nd</sup> equal C Howard and P Redshaw Class 24: 1<sup>st</sup> A Macdonald 2<sup>nd</sup> B Birt 3<sup>rd</sup> A Birt

FISH FARM TROPHY Joint winners: E Asbury and A Smith

Class 25 1<sup>st</sup> A Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> E Asbury 3<sup>rd</sup> I Smith Class 26: 1<sup>st</sup> E Asbury 2<sup>nd</sup> G Dalton 3<sup>rd</sup> I Smith Class 27: 3<sup>rd</sup> E Asbury Class 28: 1<sup>st</sup> P Redshaw 2<sup>nd</sup> G Dalton 3<sup>rd</sup> A McLachlan Class 29: 1<sup>st</sup> E Asbury 2<sup>nd</sup> D Galt 3<sup>rd</sup> S Hammick Class 30: 1<sup>st</sup> A Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> A Redshaw 3<sup>rd</sup> E Asbury Class 31: 1<sup>st</sup> D Bark 2<sup>nd</sup> M Cross 3<sup>rd</sup> G Dalton Class 32: 1<sup>ST</sup> A Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> D Galt Class 33: 1<sup>st</sup> G Dalton 2<sup>nd</sup> B Oatts 3<sup>rd</sup> E Asbury

CHILDREN'S CLASSES LOCH MELFORT HOTEL TROPHY Winner: M Roberts

Class 34: 1<sup>st</sup> M Roberts Class 35: 1<sup>st</sup> E Carmichael 2<sup>nd</sup> M Roberts Class 36: 1<sup>st</sup> M Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> A Agnew

# **NEW TROPHY**

Class 37: 1<sup>st</sup> L Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> T Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> A Scott Class 38: 1<sup>st</sup> A Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> J Roberts 3<sup>rd</sup> C Hammick Class 39: 1<sup>st</sup> A Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> A Inglis 3<sup>rd</sup> E Scott

**MELFORT PIER TROPHY** Joint Winners: J Michael and I Agnew Class 40: 1<sup>st</sup> J Michael Class 41: - Class 42 1<sup>st</sup> I Agnew 2<sup>nd</sup> W Agnew

**KILCHOAN CUP** – most points from all classes

1<sup>st</sup> E Asbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> G Dalton 3<sup>rd</sup> A Smith

# PROCEEDS FROM THE SUMMER FESTIVAL

The proceeds have been allocated as follows:-

Village Hall	£225
Kilninver and Kilmelford Churches	£225
Kilninver School	£150
Blast Off	£ 50

# 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 Kilninver parish. Contact: Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

# **KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The AGM was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May and committee meetings were held on 11<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004. The main items discussed included:

- a) The computer that controls the entry keys has given up completely and a new system will have to be considered.
- b) Lack of storage space is becoming a problem, especially in the large cupboard adjoining the main hall where the school and playgroup keep their equipment. It would be helpful if any items which are no longer in use could be removed.
- c) The allocation of the Annual Beach Clean sponsorship money. The following sponsorship money was gratefully received: Mr & Mrs J Atkinson - £100.00
   Malfort Pior & Harbour \_ £100.00

Melfort Pier & Harb	our	-	£100.00
Margaret Cross		-	£5.00
Hiliary Hill	-	£5	5.00

A cheque for £50.00 was sent to Argyll Animal Aid and the remainder went onto the Village Hall fund.

d) Other fund raising included the Summer Ceilidhs and Coffee Mornings.

A Coffee Morning was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, in aid of SSPCA, which raised £85.00.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

# VILLAGE HALL 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

# KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13th APRIL

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2004 at Kilmelford Village Hall. **Present:** Community Councillors: Angus MacFadyen (Chairman), Neil Manchester (Secretary), Dorothy

Carmichael

Also in attendance were Argyll and Bute Councillors Alan Macaskill and Duncan MacIntyre, and 15 members of the public.

## **1 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Colin Clark, Stuart Cannon, Jayne Brown, Jamie Mellor, Georgina Dalton

# 2 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2004 were approved and signed, subject to a minor change requested by Cllr Macaskill: page 3- Planning Applications, 'Cllr MacIntyre noted that a recent planning application in Argyll and Bute had received 67 letters of objection, and a petition of 179 names, *but the Community Council did not object. In spite of this, the application was approved*'.

Fiona Wyllie asked that if an application was changed to comply with objections, should it be classed as a fresh separate application. Cllr Macaskill said it should, if it was materially different from the original application.

# **3 Matters Arising:**

<u>Melfort Pier and Harbour Issue</u>: the secretary advised that Cllr MacIntyre had written a letter in the Oban Times in support, and that no further action was planned.

Whelk+ Leader Programme:

Feochan Lay-by: Cllr MacIntyre advised that the project was under review.

Scammadale passing places: the chairman advised that there had been no further action on this. <u>Argyll and Bute Council Community Grant</u>: the secretary advised that the wooden planter project was progressing. The chairman advised that £270 had been provided by Argyll and Bute Council. The secretary advised that Elisabeth Asbury was leading this project.

<u>Blaran Road End:</u> The secretary advised that he had received no response from BT. Cllr Macaskill advised that legislation had to be changed before BT could be forced to remove the poles. Cllr MacIntyre said that the poles were clearly unsafe, and should be moved. Cath Manchester suggested writing to the Oban Times, and Judith Stannard suggested the Glasgow Herald. Cllr MacIntyre agreed to write himself, and report back at the next meeting.

<u>Community Council Notice Board</u>: The secretary reported that Colin Clark had told him that the notice board had been delivered, and would be installed near the village shop very shortly. The chairman asked the secretary to investigate grant applications.

<u>Planning Issues</u>: the secretary advised that he had received a comprehensive list of answers to previous questions, and that this would be copied and available for inspection at the next meeting. <u>Kilninver School Parking</u>: the secretary advised that there had been no further action since the last meeting.

<u>Celtic Seafoods Application</u>: The secretary advised that there had been 79 letters of objection, and that this would be discussed at the next Area Committee meeting. Cllr Macaskill advised that consultation was ongoing during the May and June committees.

<u>Bus Bay at Kilmelford</u>: Cllr Macaskill advised that negotiations with the church were ongoing. Alastair McLachlan advised that the church would have no objections to the siting of a bus bay on Glebe land. Cllr MacIntyre advised that a bus shelter was planned for Kilninver School. Cllr Macaskill felt that this would be a hazard to road users. Cllr MacIntyre agreed to investigate and report back.

<u>Kilninford Newsletter/ Cllr Macaskill Alleged Misrepresentation</u>: the secretary advised that he had reviewed the history to this issue with the newsletter editor, and that while there had clearly been some confusion at the time, no misrepresentation had taken place. Cllr Macaskill agreed that this was the case. Scammadale Glen: Cllr MacIntyre advised that he had had a meeting with Neil Brown, and that urgent works would be completed once Neil McCorkindale properly fences the ditches. The chairman agreed to ensure that this work was completed. The chairman asked about the issue of timber extraction licences. Cllr Macaskill advised that there was a government draft bill, but was an ongoing process.

<u>Argyll and Bute Draft Local Plan</u>: Cllr Macaskill advised that there would be no extension to the consultation period, but the process was as follows: six week initial consultation; Council officers review all letters of representation; a report is issued to Council members for review; a second draft is issued for consultation. Fiona Wyllie asked whether the next consultation period could be extended. Cllr Macaskill said that the timescale was critical so as not to disrupt the planning application process.

# 4 Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership

The chairman advised that since Jamie Mellor was not in attendance, this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

# **5** Planning Applications

Dorothy Carmichael reported that there were no current applications.

# **6** Correspondence

The secretary drew attention to a range of documents, leaflets, various minutes and agendas available for public review.

In addition the secretary reported the following correspondence:

Scottish Executive: Rights of Appeal (to planning decisions) by Third Parties. The secretary agreed to summarise this document and report at the next meeting.

# 7 Any Other Business

Dorothy Carmichael reported that dog fouling in Kilmelford village was becoming a problem again. The chairman agreed to contact the dog warden and agree a course of action, including the provision of notices and bins.

A question was asked about the enforcement of speed limits in Kilninver and Kilmelford. It was agreed that the secretary should write to the Chief Inspector in Oban to request that speeds are monitored. The secretary advised that Inverness Council have flashing speed warning signs in place, and agreed to look into this for the community.

Cllr Macaskill advised that today was the launch of a 'Drive Safe' campaign in Argyll and Bute.

It was agreed that the police should be invited to community council meetings to discuss these issues.

Dorothy Bark asked whether there was any news regarding the provision of a paper bank in Kilmelford. The secretary agreed to contact Iain Welsh for an update.

The secretary advised that he had been asked to raise the issue of unlicensed cars in the Kilmelford car park. It was agreed that Iain Welsh would be contacted to investigate.

Deirdre Campbell-Gibson asked about the apparently abandoned boat outside the village hall. It was noted that this belonged to Martin Weaser, and that the secretary should write to him requesting that it be removed as soon as possible.

# 8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at 8.00pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Neil Manchester, Secretary

# APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8th JUNE

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 8th June 2004 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Present:** Community Councillors: Angus MacFadyen (Chairman), Neil Manchester (Secretary), Dorothy Carmichael, Colin Clark, Stuart Cannon, Jayne Brown, Jamie Mellor.

Also in attendance were Argyll and Bute Councillor Alan Macaskill and 16 members of the public.

# **1 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Duncan MacIntyre, and Robin and Anne Grey

# 2 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2004 were approved and signed, subject to a minor change requested by Cllr Macaskill: Section 2: Minutes: *there were no letters of objection of any substance*.

# 3 Matters Arising:

<u>Blaran Road End:</u> Cllr Macaskill stated that BT are refusing to take action, but that Argyll and Bute Council would not pay the estimated £20,000 required to relocate the telegraph poles, and that the situation would not be resolved until the legislation was changed regarding the proximity of telegraph poles to a carriageway.

<u>Whelk+ Leader Programme</u>: No action was reported on the Feochan or Scammadale projects. <u>Kilninver School Parking</u>: The secretary reported that he had been advised that the works would be completed during July.

<u>Community Council Notice Board</u>: Colin Clark reported that the notice board was in his possession, but had not been erected. The chairman requested that this be completed before the next community council meeting.

<u>Mussel Farm Applications</u>: Cllr Macaskill advised that the right of appeal was open to the applicant, despite both Argyll and Bute Council and the Crown estate objecting to the proposal, but that the community council would not be automatically notified of any such appeal. Jane Rentoul asked whether the Crown estate objection applied to the whole of Loch Melfort, but the secretary advised that it applied to the recent application only, and that any future applications would be judged on their own merit. <u>Bus Bay at Kilmelford</u>: Judith Stannard asked whether Kilmelford needed two bus shelters. Margaret Cross felt that in the interests of user safety and comfort, a bus shelter on either side of the main road in Kilmelford was sensible. Peter Menzies and Robin Asbury agreed with this. Cllr Macaskill advised that

Hitrans would not receive funding for all the projects listed until 2005, and the community council had the right to object if so disposed. The chairman agreed to discuss the provision of bus stops with Cllr MacIntyre and report at the next meeting. Jayne Brown agreed to obtain details of the planned bus shelter at Kilninver School.

<u>Scammadale Glen</u>: Cllr Macaskill reported that the completion of the works was awaiting Neil McCorkindale carrying out ditching works as agreed. The chairman agreed to raise this matter with Cllr MacIntyre. The chairman asked Cllr Macaskill for information regarding timber extraction from Scammadale, and whether a licence had been given for the tonnages planned. Cllr Macaskill agreed to investigate this and report at the next meeting.

Dog Fouling in Kilmelford: No action was reported on this matter, and the chairman agreed to pursue this in time for the next meeting.

# 4 Amendment to the Constitution

It was agreed, as requested by the secretary, that the community council constitution be amended as follows: *Recognising the motion agreed by Argyll and Bute Council on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2003 to extend the life of Community Councils in Argyll and Bute by one year, thus holding the next elections in April 2005.* The motion was proposed by Robin Asbury, seconded by Stuart Cannon, and approved unanimously.

# 5 Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership

Jamie Mellor advised that he would apply for a training grant on behalf of the community council, for a one-day workshop for 10 people on wild flower recognition. Stuart Cannon supported this and it was agreed that Jamie Mellor should proceed with the application. The secretary requested that Jamie Mellor act as co-ordinator for this project.

# **6** Planning Applications

Dorothy Carmichael reported the following planning applications:

John and Jean Bowman: detailed consent for erection of dwelling house on land south west of Melfort Home Farm, Kilmelford.

Mr Diarmid Campbell: outline consent for erection of dwelling house and garage on land north east of Melfort Home Farm, Kilmelford

Mr and Mrs D Forbes: detailed consent for alterations and extension to dwelling house, Altreidh, Kilmelford.

M&K Macleod: detailed consent for the erection of a dwelling house on land south west of Lagganmore, Kilninver.

There was general assent to the first three applications, but the chairman requested that the community council object to the application at Lagganmore, on the grounds that this was not in the old or new local plan, and was clearly the start of a larger scale development. The chairman stated that in his opinion there should be no further development in Scammadale Glen. Cllr Macaskill agreed to investigate as to why this application was advertised, when the previous application wasn't, but pointed out that since outline consent already existed, the community council had no grounds to object to the development in principle. Cllr Macaskill also stated that it was incorrect to say that there would be no further development in Scammadale Glen. It was agreed that there was no further action for the community council to take.

Georgina Dalton asked if the mobile home users in that area would be rehoused. The chairman advised that there were two mobile homes installed at Lagganmore caravan park, without planning permission. The secretary advised that the council enforcement officer should be notified, and it was agreed that the full time enforcement officer in Oban be contacted to investigate this matter.

Georgina Dalton asked whether the Oude Fishery was a legal business. The secretary advised that the fishery was a legitimate business, and that an application for access and parking had been submitted. Cath

Manchester noted that the current parking arrangement was dangerous, and the secretary agreed to contact the fishery owner and request that safer arrangements are made immediately. Peter Menzies reported that there was confusion over the true ownership of the land that was causing some delays to the safe access. Peter Menzies also stated that the net on the Oude, designed to prevent escape of stocked fish, acted as an obstruction to migratory fish in the system. The secretary agreed to check on the legality of the sports fishery, and ensure that the owner had the necessary SEERAD permissions to stock with fish.

The secretary reported that Ardenstur cottages had applied for yacht moorings in Ardenstur bay. Colin Clark advised that this was a change of ownership from John Tilley to Ardenstur Cottages only.

# 7 Correspondence

The secretary drew attention to a range of documents, leaflets, various minutes and agendas available for public review.

In addition the secretary reported the following correspondence:

Notice of a public NHS consultation day on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Macaskill advised that there were other opportunities to review the NHS plans at the council offices on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The chairman and Jayne Brown agreed to attend the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June, and Robin Asbury and Alastair MacLachlan agreed to attend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The chairman asked Cllr Macaskill to suggest a suitable speaker to discuss these matters at the next community council meeting.

#### 8 Any Other Business

The secretary advised that £270 had been received as a community improvement grant, and that Elisabeth Asbury had been responsible for obtaining and locating 6 wooden planters and plants. The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Elisabeth Asbury and Cath Manchester for their efforts.

Elisabeth Asbury requested that the hole in the road at the Oude bridge be dealt with. The secretary agreed to contact Neil Brown on this matter.

Jayne Brown highlighted that there had been two road traffic incidents at Kilninver school recently, and that Cllr MacIntyre had been notified.

Cath Manchester advised that Kilmartin museum was facing closure due to a lack of council funding, and suggested that the community council support the campaign to keep the museum open. Cllr Macaskill stated that the museum had received a grant of £15,000 over three years, but that no further funds were possible since the museum had not submitted business plans as requested. In addition, Cllr Macaskill said that the council could not be expected to support every project in Argyll and Bute. It was agreed that the secretary would contact the museum and voice the community council support, and suggest that business plans are submitted immediately. Elisabeth Asbury said that the best form of support was for community members to attend the museum, especially on open and information days.

Jane Rentoul advised that Broadband should be available to all next year, but that BT would announce their plans later in the month. Cllr Macaskill advised that he had details of when Kilmelford would obtain broadband, and he would report on this at the next meeting.

#### 9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2004 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 0950pm

# SUMMARY OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10th AUGUST (minutes not yet approved)

An ordinary general meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2004. In attendance were five Community Councillors, and 17 members of the public.

The matters arising were dealt with first: The issue of the telegraph poles at Blaran road end has reached an impasse, since it would appear to be the Council's responsibility to move the poles but the estimated cost of £20,000 is likely to be prohibitive- the community council will continue to press the Council to take action. Stuart Cannon volunteered to erect the community council notice board. Plans are proceeding regarding bus bays at Kilninver and Kilmelford. A wild flower identification project will take place next year under the auspices of Argyll and Bute Biodiversity Partnership. It is unlikely that Kilmelford will get broadband in the near future. Alasdair MacLachlan and Robin Asbury reported on the NHS consultation meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and stated that the strategy and consultation process appeared satisfactory and in the interests of all concerned. A further consultation meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, at which Ken Scaife and Jayne Brown would attend and report back to the next meeting. The chairman said that a special meeting may be called on 7<sup>th</sup> September if required.

Derek Crooks, Environmental Warden of Argyll and Bute Council gave a presentation on waste management and disposal in the community, notably regarding dog fouling (reported elsewhere in the newsletter).

Various planning applications were discussed, with no objections submitted.

The issue of the proposed Loch Melfort Marine Park Trust was discussed, in relation to the forthcoming 'inaugural' meeting. Concern was raised that the meeting at Melfort Pier was only open to selected invitees, and would therefore have no mandate. It was unanimously felt that the Community Council was the best body to deal with all community planning issues, but that the proposed trust be monitored closely. Neil Manchester, Secretary

#### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2004**

Tuesday 12th October 2004 Tuesday 14th December 2004

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#### DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

Copies of approved minutes of all Community Council meetings are available on the Kilmelford website. In addition, once the Community Council notice board is erected in Kilmelford (near the village shop), a copy of approved minutes and all relevant Community Council notices will be displayed.

It's also hoped that the weekly planning application list, or a direct link to it, will soon be available on the website. The weekly planning list will also be posted on the Community Council noticeboard, once it's in its place in Kilmelford. These measures will enable everybody to keep abreast of planning applications in the area and to contact a Community Council member with any particular comments they may have regarding an application. In the case of applications which fall between Community Council meetings, a decision is taken as to whether an application warrants a special meeting being called.

We have included in this newsletter the full Community Council minutes that have been approved since the previous newsletter and a summary of the most recent meeting, minutes still to be approved. It would be very helpful to have feedback as to whether our readers would like us to continue this practice or whether a summary of all meetings is preferable.

# HEALTH BOARD STATEGY

# ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL MEETING ON 23rd JUNE

On behalf of the Community Council, Robin Asbury and I attended the Argyll and Bute Council Meeting on Wednesday 23rd June at which a presentation was made of the "Shaping the Future" Clinical Strategy for NHS Argyll and Clyde.

This was ably done by Neil Campbell, Chief Executive, before a very full meeting of the council, care being taken to draw out the main points of the argument and the principal features of the plans. It was made very clear to us that changes had to be made - that for Argyll and Bute NHS Trust to continue to deliver health care to our area the status quo was not an option. Finally we were left with the clear understanding that the Strategy had been prepared after wide consultation with patients and Staff, and that the Strategy was being offered for consultation with the wider public. Detailed questions were asked by various councillors, and by members of the public present, and helpful answers given.

Amongst a host of interesting facts shared with us at the presentation were these two:

NHS Argyll and Clyde are currently spending about £40 million each year above the figure allocated by the Scottish Executive, much of it on keeping functioning old and outdated buildings and historic practices.

Currently throughout the NHS Argyll and Clyde area about 90% of healthcare provision is provided locally, through G.P.s, dentists, pharmacists, etc.; one result of the changes envisaged would be to increase this to 95%.

The overall impression left with Robin and myself was that this was an honest attempt by the Health Board to provide the best possible level of health care for our area, not looking to the past but to the long-term future. We felt that the presentation was positive and that the desire to consult with and listen to the general public was genuine. One comment made was that if the public did not make their views known, then the Board would have to make the changes as it saw fit. What the Board want through this process is to achieve by way of necessary change a healthcare provision that is suited to the needs of the people in the area for today and tomorrow. They are sincere in wanting to do this with the assistance of the people of the area by means of consultation. What they do not want is to hear from us that it was this way in the past, so we expect it to be so for ever.

The changes will happen over the next two to fifteen years, with the major changes taking place over the first two to four years.

We can make our thinking known to the Board through the ways set out below, and there is an independent evaluation procedure running parallel with the consultation process to ensure that all comments are treated fairly and are considered on their merit.

The consultation process ends on 17th September, after which the Board will amend the Clinical Strategy in the light of the consultation, and seek permission from the Minister of Health and Community Care to put in place the changes that they recommend.

On the day, we were made very welcome - our presence there was valued by the Chairman, and by the representatives of the Health Board, and we left with a positive feeling about both the Strategy and the consultation process.

T Alastair McLachlan, Minister, Kilninver and Kilmelford

To contact the Health Board:-

- Write to John Mullin, Chairman, Argyll and Clyde NHS Board, FREEPOST PA 191, Ross House, Hawkhead Road, PAISLEY, PA2 7BR
- Email at clinical.strategy@achb.scot.nhs.uk
- Free phone on 0800 525034 and leave your views
- Log on to the website at www.show.scot.nhs.uK/achb

To ensure openness, details of the views and comments received will be available for public scrutiny, including on the Clinical Strategy website, unless you indicate that all or any part of your comments are confidential.

#### CONSULTATION MEETING ON 26th AUGUST

A consultation meeting to discuss "Shaping the Future" The Clinical Strategy for NHS Argyll and Clyde was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Ken Scaife attended this meeting on behalf of the Community Council. Ken has carried out further research since the meeting and is in the process of trying to get answers to some of the questions that arose as a result of the meeting and of the documentation that has been produced for public consultation.

The period for consultation has been extended from 17<sup>th</sup> September and now ends on 17<sup>th</sup> October. This will allow further discussion at the next Community Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October when Ken will report back to the Council.

## <u>ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL RESPONSE TO "SHAPING THE FUTURE" – NHS ARGYLL AND</u> <u>CLYDE</u>

Argyll and Bute Council has now submitted its response. The document is too long to include in its entirety but anyone wishing a copy should contact Ken Scaife (Tel: 200208 or Scaifam@Beeb.net).

A few of the salient points in the Council response are as follows:-

"We are disappointed to note that there is a lack of detail within the consultation document with regard to timescales for implementation, the costs of the shape of the new service provision and comparisons with the current levels of services being provided. Further, we are disappointed that as a Council and major social service provider we were not involved as a full partner with the drafting of the proposed shape of the new service and that we have been relegated to the position of a consultee."

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – "We would reject in total any move to downgrade our current accident and emergency facilities to Minor Injuries Units."

ACUTE CARE – "In relation to the Oban area, the existing provision of consultant led acute services should be continued with no diminution of service."

MATERNITY SERVICES – "We would request that we retain the Community Midwife Maternity Units where low risk women may receive ante-natal, intra partum and post natal care within Community hospitals in Argyll and Bute, and that these units be developed as 24 hour on-call facilities."

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – "The Council REQUIRES that provision of mental health support and in-patient services is continued within the Argyll and Bute area, with a centrally based facility in Lochgilphead."

**LETTER FROM DEREK CROOKS, ENVIRONMENT WARDEN** (who gave a talk at the Community Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August)

Thank you for inviting me down to your meeting on Tuesday night.

The dog fouling (Scotland) act 2003 came into force last year which gave the local authority powers to prosecute directly in relation to dog fouling.

The main changes in the act enabled councils in Scotland to appoint specific employees to issue fixed penalties to any person deemed to be in charge of a dog who fails to remove and dispose appropriately of any excrement after a dog has fouled.

The fixed penalty at the moment is £40 which rises to £60 if it is not paid within 28 days this could rise to £500 if it goes to court. The only exemptions are working dogs whilst they are working i.e. police dogs/sheep dogs, dogs for the blind. and land which at that time is used for agriculture. Or if they have a reasonable excuse i.e. a busy road.

Unusually for Scotland the fixed penalty can be issued on the say so of a single witness whether it be the appointed employee or a member of the public.

The council is happy that normal litter bins are used for the "doggy bags".

With regards to the litter bin issue and cardboard recycling I have passed on your request to John Downie at Lochgilphead who will see what he can do.

I will arrange for dog fouling signs to be erected in Kilmelford and poop bags to be made available free of charge in the shop if they allow it.

Without quoting the acts verbatim the council is able to remove abandoned vehicles on public land by way of affixing a notice to the vehicle and thereafter removing it after a period of time (24 hrs) The council is able to bill that registered keeper for the cost of removing the vehicle. Normally we give the owner the opportunity of removing the vehicle voluntarily. If the vehicle is on private land the council can enter the land with the landowners permission or give the land owner 15 days written notice to enter the land to make enquiries regarding owner ship of the vehicle and affix notice however if the owner of the vehicle cannot be traced the landowner is responsible for the councils expenses in removing it. (This is also the case for instances of fly tipping on private land.)

After what I've just said the "End of vehicles life directive" came into force last month which requires scrap vehicles to be taken to licensed premises to have the oils etc drained prior to being removed to a scrap yard where the vehicle is stripped. There is still consultation with SEPA etc. regarding this and as a result the council are unable to remove any vehicles at this time unless they are deemed to be in a "dangerous condition".

I know we were running out of time at the meeting but a point I was wanting to bring up was that a survey of the war memorial has shown it to be unsafe. Arrangements are being made to have it fenced off and money will be made available to have it made safe.

Derek Crooks, Environment Warden

Note from the Secretary of the Community Council: the "single witness" ruling is a recent departure from ordinary Scottish law, and is open to abuse. As such, in the best interests of community harmony, all dog owners should make a real effort to clean up after their dogs.

# LOCH MELFORT TRUST

# PROPOSED FORMATION OF LOCH MELFORT TRUST

An inaugural meeting was held on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August organised by John Christlieb of Melfort Pier and Harbour and Ewen Kennedy of Faulds Gibson Kennedy. Mr Christlieb advised that those invited were selected from the list of objectors to the recent applications by Celtic Sea. Anybody wishing to be included on the e-mail list should e-mail <u>ewan@fauldsgibson.co.uk</u> or send their postal address to John C Christlieb, Melfort Pier, Kilmelford, By Oban, PA34 4XD to be kept informed by post.

The documentation that accompanied the invitations stated that the aims of the proposed Trust were "to bring together like minded individuals who share a common interest in keeping the present beauty and tranquillity of Loch Melfort free from further Fish Farm and Mussel Farm development, and from any other intrusion that might detract from the present ambience of the Loch" ...... with "the ultimate goal of having Loch Melfort declared A National Marine Park." The Trust plans "to achieve these objectives by acting as a watch dog, and by helping to communicate the views of the local community directly to the Scottish Executive, the Argyll and Bute Council and the Crown Estates, whenever it appears appropriate."

As a result of their research and of the inaugural meeting, John Christlieb and Ewen Kennedy issued a document entitled "Introduction to the Loch Melfort Trust" which included their "Proposed Solution", namely "that a lease be granted by the Crown Estate in favour of a Trust". The proposal is that the lease should "encompass the area of seabed not already leased to others and will be specifically in order to leave the seabed totally unspoilt. There will be excepted the right of the Crown Estate to grant the right to lay individual moorings and small groups of moorings." It was further stated that "It is not appropriate for the lease-holder to be the Community Council, as some have suggested. That body is not constituted to enter leases." They proposed that "the Trust will have a membership, who will subscribe to cover the cost of the lease and the rent. Members will be entitled to vote for the appointment of a majority of the trustees. We propose that there should be in addition certain trustees *ex officiis* as holders of certain public positions. In this way we think it should be possible to ensure that the Trust is conducted in an open, democratic and inclusive manner."

No further meeting, either open to the public or to invited members of the public, has been held and an application for the lease of the seabed was submitted to the Crown Estate. RESPONSE FROM THE CROWN ESTATE

The Crown Estate has responded as follows:-

Crown Estate decisions on control of activities in the marine environment are best dealt with in consultation with the local authority, supported by the Community Council and other suitably constituted bodies.

The Crown Estate is concerned about the limited membership of the proposed Loch Melfort Trust and is clear, from discussion with Argyll and Bute Council and from the considerable amount of correspondence

received from the local community, that the Community Council is the best forum for considering these issues.

For these reasons, and the unprecedented source and nature of the application, the Crown Estate will not grant a lease to this Trust.

# **KILMELFORD FIRE STATION**

The crew of your fire station would like to thank all the people who attended the open day on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. We hope that you enjoyed the day.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the people who helped us during the day including and especially Findlay Clark our "duck shepherd", Ann Smith, Lil Millward, Sheena Hammick and Steve Morley not forgetting our colleagues from the Community Safety Department, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

The total raised for the day was £528.19. This will be added to the money raised at the car wash in March giving a total, so far this year, of £610.49 with the Autumn Car Wash still to come.

It has been a fairly quiet summer for us this year but not without it's sad times on the roads. I'll say no more other than please wear your seat belt at all times.

So don't forget us when you want your car cleaned later in the year (watch for posters) and, as usual, stay safe and in case of fire get out, stay out and dial 999.

Dave Millward

# LOCH MELFORT ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

The annual beach clean was carried out on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, and a big thanks goes out to those who turned out to assist. Fortunately, the rainy weather did not deter the willing band of volunteers from bagging up litter and clearing the shoreline from Kames Point round to Kilchoan- a great effort and one that will be much appreciated, I am sure, by all those who enjoy the beauty of Loch Melfort. At this stage it is unclear whether funds will be available from Argyll and Bute Council to reward this effort, but Ardenstur Cottages, Melfort Pier and Harbour, and the Melfort Club are to be thanked for their generous donations to Village Hall funds in recognition of the beach clean.

Watch out for the posters advertising next April's beach clean, and next time that you are walking, sailing or driving past the unspoiled shores of Loch Melfort, please spare a thought for the few who make the effort each year, and make a resolution to spare one afternoon and come along to help us!

# KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

The main highlights for the pupils during the summer term were field study visits, made possible through the various fund raising efforts led by the School Board and supported by parents and the community. P6/7 spent two nights in Edinburgh and thoroughly enjoyed visiting several of the historical and cultural sites in the city. Top rated by the pupils were the 'Ghosts and Ghouls' tour, the Royal Yacht Britannia and Dynamic Earth. The beautiful weather made the open topped bus trip a delight. One of the most interesting sessions was a guided walk through Mary King's Close, a carefully excavated street from 200 years ago now hidden under modern office blocks. Of course, Megabowl was a hit, while the live Scottish Opera production of 'The Minotaur' brought to life a topic studied previously at school. The group of 10 pupils was accompanied by Mr McAllister, Mrs Brown and Helen Thomson who also helped, much appreciated by the school.

P5 joined P6/7 on a day visit as follow up to two projects studied in class. First, the hollow mountain which is Cruachan Power Station was toured as part of the pupil's science lessons, and then the War and

Peace Museum opened it's doors to the group. Highlight of this visit was a chance to try on some WWII helmets!

P1-4 did not miss out on the away days, and as part of their project 'Living on an Island', took the boat to Mull and then travelled by train to Torosay Castle for a picnic and walk round the grounds.

The last night before the holidays saw the pupils present a rousing concert, which included pre-five songs, P1-3 singing their Music Festival pieces, and P4-7 putting on a hugely entertaining production of the musical 'Bugsy Malone' which, judging by the reception, the capacity audience at Kilmelford Hall thoroughly enjoyed. While on a musical theme, well done to the choir who came second from 12 at the Highlands and Islands Music Festival. Also to the various soloists who performed so admirably and P1-3 who brought the house down with their song 'The Clown'.

It's goodbye and good luck to P7 students moving on to High School: Robbie Carroll, Angharad Davies, Alice Inglis, Rebecca MacGillivray, Ryan Morrison, Angus Scott and Craig Stoddart. We also said goodbye at the concert to teacher Jayne Brown, who secured a move to a permanent position at Strath of Appin Primary School. We wish Mrs Brown all the best at her new school. It's all change at the school with Miss Kim Bossard taking over the P1-4 class following on from Mrs Scott and Mrs Seonaid Campbell teaching P5-7, taking the place of Mrs Brown and Mr McAllister who took up his new post at Taynuilt in September. Also good luck to secretary Sam Campbell who has been seconded to work with a project based in Oban High School.

Mrs Douglas visited the school with her new baby girl Annie. Everyone was delighted to see both looking so well, and look forward to seeing Mrs Douglas again in March when she resumes her teaching duties.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3rd October: Soup and Sandwiches at Kilmelford Hall, 12.30pm - 2pm A new headteacher after the October break!

Blast Off starts again on Monday, 25th October.

# TERM DATES

8 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes	
25 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens	
19 <sup>th</sup> November	School closes	
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	In-service day	
23 <sup>rd</sup> NovemberSchool re-opens		
22 <sup>nd</sup> December School	closes	
6 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens	
A PERSONAL MESS	SAGE FROM MR MCALLISTER	

Dear Kilninver and Kilmelford community friends,

Moving on is a necessary but never easy part of the modern teaching profession, and as Rev Mike Erskine found before me, it is with real sadness and emotion that I prepare to leave your community. I would like to thank all of you out there who have contributed in any way to the life of the school, whether in coming along to concerts, assemblies and social functions, dipping into your pocket to help fund some wonderful experiences for the children, or just being there and asking how we are getting on. This part of Argyll will always be special in our hearts, particularly so as Joy taught at the school before me and of course Kilninver is where Stewart was christened. I'm sure his crying can still be heard across the fields! Best wishes to you all and many, many thanks,

# **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES**

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September	12 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>
October	10 <sup>th</sup> (Harvest Festival), 24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>
November	14 <sup>th</sup> (Remembrance), 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> (Communion), 21 <sup>st</sup>
December	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>

## Please note:

The service on September 26<sup>th</sup> will be a joint service with Craignish Parish held in Craignish Church at 10.30 a.m.

October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> are both in Kilninver for Remembrance Service to be in Kilmelford on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.15 a.m. Notices for all Christmas Services will be posted up at the Village Shop in Kilmelford.

Scottish Episcopal Church, St John's Cathedral, George Street Oban.

Sunday8 a.m. Holy Communion

10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Fourth Sunday – Choral Matins)Wednesday11 a.m. Holy Communion

Catholic Church, St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

Saturday 7 p.m. Vigil Mass Sunday10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

# LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

The months since Christine and I came to the parish have been a very steep learning curve. Nothing in our past experience has really prepared us for being and working in this spectacular rural, tourist orientated area - except working with people. It is only background, current circumstances and experience that makes for differences between one group of people and another; underneath we are all still people. Our communities here are a rich and fascinating mix of people, but already I have discovered that the presence of the church in the community seems important to most of you. Whether the buildings are a place where you come to worship, or a symbol of the presence of Christianity in the community, or a place where important events in life and death might take place, most of you seem to count it important that these buildings are there. Similarly having a minister in the community seems to count for many of you. You will meet Christine and myself in many different ways, but if you need the services of a minister, or would simply like him to call and meet you, please contact me by phone (number below). I hope that we can, between us, maintain the presence of the Church as an important part of the community, and continue to offer the services of the Christian Church within it.

Alastair (T Alastair McLachlan) (Tel: 01852 200 565)

# **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Sarah Edwards and David McColl on the safe arrival of their daughter Amy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, a sister for Caroline, Emily and Adam.

# THE DOCHAS FUND

Orders and donations can now be made online at the fund's new website <u>www.dochasfund.org.uk</u>. The new e-mail address is <u>enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk</u>.

## SUMMER CEILIDHS

Three highly enjoyable dances were held this summer in the village hall. The June dance successfully raised funds for Kilninver School and was attended by lots of children with their friends and families. Everyone enjoyed the night dancing to the excellent sound of the Neil Sinclair Band. The July dance was also an enjoyable night of dancing to a fantastic set performed by Ryan McGlyn and Duncan MacKay. Neil's band rounded of the ceilidhs in August to an appreciative if small crowd.

The monthly Friday night events were less well attended than last year which was disappointing as the bands were great and the banter lively.

A very big thank you is extended to all the local organisations who kindly donated raffle prizes and to the people who helped with the organisation and running of the dances – particular thanks go to Cath and Neil Manchester, Cubby MacKinnon, Robin Asbury, Diane and Ken Scaife, Robert Carmichael, Isabel Smith and Don McAllister and Kilninver School Board for their assistance at the events.

The current team will be stepping down from running the dances so anyone interested in organising something similar for next year is welcome to have a go.

Anne Wilson

# **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

Corran Hall, Oban

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 at 1.30 – 3.45 p.m. and 5.15 – 8 p.m.

<u>Manse Brae Community Centre, Lochgilphead</u> Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 at 2.30 – 3.45 p.m. and 5.15 – 8 p.m.

## **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.

Ardfern	14.40 - 15.20
Craobh Haven	15.30 - 15.45
Arduaine	16.00 - 16.15
Kilmelford	16.30 - 17.00

September – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Kilmore	14.25 - 14.40			
Balvicar	15.10 - 15.25			
Easdale	15.40 - 16.00			
Kilninver	16.30 - 16.45			
September - Tuesday,	, 21 <sup>st</sup>			
October – Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup>				
November - Tuesday,	2 <sup>nd</sup> , Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>			
December – Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>				

#### THE BARN OF THE BONES

(A request to the Community Council from Jim Mather MSP, that efforts be made to preserve an area in Scammadale Glen, prompted some research into a particularly gruesome chapter in the history of this area. This site is registered with the West of Scotland Archaeological Society since 1866, and as such protection of the site is assured).

In 1644, after his futile attempt upon Craignish Castle, Alexander MacDonald, in his progress northwards, invaded Melfort. The laird, John Campbell, was absent with his retainers in attendance upon Argyll, and his wife, endeavouring to appease the fierce enemies of her clan, gave orders to have a sumptuous repast laid in the mansion house, then at Ardenstur, for their entertainment, while she and all the inhabitants hid themselves in the woods and mountain retreats. The hostile army, having arrived at the house, regaled themselves with the food and drink provided, and being in high good humour, MacDonald issued strict injunctions to his men not to meddle with any of Melfort's property. Shortly after leaving, and as he ascended the hill to pass over into the neighbouring district of Kilninver, he noticed the house in flames. In a great fury he caused enquiry to be made, and hanged three Irishmen, who were found guilty, upon a gallows erected upon the summit of the hill known as Kenmor, at a place called Tom-a-chrochaidh (the mound of hanging).

Alexander and his army thereafter passed over the hill by a place called Doire nan cliabh (the grove of the Creels- the mountain track formerly much frequented by wayfarers to and from Easdale roughly indicates the route), and arrived in the evening at the house of Ardmaddie, where the Royalist laird, John Maol MacDougall, resided. Next day the host of armed men proceeded up Glen Risdale, over the ridge bounding Glen Euchar on the south, down Allt Timlich, to Reray House, also a seat of the MacDougalls. Here the army rested to allow stragglers to rejoin. A small body of Campbells, under Ian beag Campbell of Bragleen awaited battle at a place called Laganmor, and as the MacDonalds moved to the fight, the pipers struck up a war-tune, since known as "Mnathan a' ghlinne so" (the women of this glen). The words applied to the composition had a dreadful portent: -

"A' Mhnathan a' ghlinne so, ghlinne so; A' Mhnathan a' ghlinne so, 'S mithich dhuibh eiridh"—

These words were imploring the women of the fateful glen to arise and flee for their lives. The wail of the dirge was well calculated to inspire the inhabitants with the feeling that desperate work was at hand; but none in that most peaceful of glens could imagine the horrors of the day that had just dawned upon the mountains. The action between the opposing forces was short, but decisive; the Campbells were hopelessly beaten, and their leader, a, man of great strength and courage, was taken prisoner. Thereafter MacDonald caused his men to scour the glen and its neighbourhood, and drive all the women, children, and old men to the secluded hollow where the fight had taken place. There, these inoffensive people, whose only fault was that they belonged to the execrated clan Campbell, were, together with the prisoners, shut up in a large barn, and the building set on fire. All were consumed, with the exception of the Campbell general, John of Bragleen, who, putting a peat creel on his head, burst through the half-consumed doorway, followed by a young woman who, being very fleet of foot, quickly out-distanced her pursuers. Her descendants are still in the district. John of Bragleen was recaptured, but escaped to enjoy many subsequent encounters with Alexander MacDonald.

The barn where this massacre was perpetrated is known as Sabhal nan Cnamhan (the Barn of the Bones), and a heap of ruins close to the main road at Lagganmore in Glen Euchar marks the spot.

Submitted by Neil Manchester

PADDY AND THE SEAL

Early morning on the loch side, a clear day, silver water rippled by a gentle breeze. The seal's head broke surface and it turned to view the stony beach twenty yards away. Its vision was restricted, a rising sun in its eyes and the shore still in the shadow of the woods. Its aim, a rock, used for basking, was off to the left but a sense of a movement jerked its attention to the right. It blinked, and a thick tear-film spread across the seal's large dark pupils to clear its vision. Nostrils twitched, but the wind was onshore and the sense of smell brought no information.

Its improved sight revealed a man stumbling about amongst the large stones on the beach. The seal was used to him, his clumsy progress seemed without purpose. It had long ago classified him as irrelevant and harmless. The sight of him wouldn't have caused alarm; there must be something else.

Right on cue, a small black object came hurtling out from the fringing wood, paused looking seawards, then plunged back into the undergrowth. The seal snorted and came alert. What the hell was that? Curiousity aroused, it sank and swam slowly inshore.

Meanwhile, nose down, deep in leaf mould, bracken, honeysuckle and ticks, Paddy's mind caught up with his body. There had been something in the loch! (Terriers, like the media, think only in exclamation marks). His mind, and that of the seal, clicked into synch. Paddy erupted from the woods and bounced up to the summit of the seal's rock. Seeing nothing, he stopped to pose. Nose and tail up, one front leg half raised, his version of 'Monarch of the Glen'. No antlers, all hackles, pricked ears, docked tail, and teeth. A terrier pup, all of nine inches high and ten pounds weight.

Two yards away, the seal surfaced and saw the posturing Paddy. Offended, it panicked, snorted, rose in the water, turned about, and dived with an emphatic splash. Paddy, having been preoccupied with dreams of self-agrandisement, shot two feet vertically and turned 180 degrees in mid-air. Tail down, ears flat, backside under his belly, and trailing yelps he screamed back into the undergrowth.

Both now deep in shelter, one in the bracken, the other in waving fronds of seaweed, each re-considered. The thoughts of these adjacent twigs on the evolutionary tree continued in synch.

There had been shock, but nothing had actually happened. Apart from a slight shaking of the shoulders, the man hadn't moved. Curiousity re-asserted itself. The seal swam tentatively back inshore and Paddy emerged from the bushes, sniffing.

A strange smell, decayed fish like that he ate on the beach, until pulled off, and something else. His nose led him back to the rock where the true smell of seal lay.

The odour was new to him. Unable to accept the disgrace of showing fear again so soon, and having only two responses he chose the other. His hackles, ears and tail rose, and he growled.

Ten yards out, the seal surfaced and Paddy reacted as terriers will. Being expert in the conservation of energy, the seal regarded the small incandescent ball of fury with interest. You could have powered half the National Grid off Paddy at that moment if you'd been willing to risk your life and known where to insert the plug. If ever there was a clash of life styles, this was it.

The two synchronised minds exploded apart. The seal sunk deep in philosophical study of this absurd spectacle, Paddy, blood in his eye, was bent on nothing short of the total destruction of the entire universe, preferably, but not necessarily, starting with the seal.

The steep seaward face of the rock brought an end to the stalemate. Paddy fell off it. Splash, silence, uproar, and the loch boiled.

Until now, he'd only swum in shallow water; this was uncontrolled millions of tons of the stuff. The smooth rock gave no grip for his claws. He circled yelping. Ten yards away, the fascinated seal hung

motionless in the water. Finding that he hadn't drowned and with his swimming improving by the second, Paddy's fear receded. He regarded the seal, it yawned, it had teeth. For the first time, Paddy realised that there was an awful lot more seal under the water than on it. He headed silently around the rock to the shore. His nonchalant exit from the water and subsequent ten minutes of good behaviour might have convinced himself that he'd emerged with dignity. If so, it fooled nobody else.

Paddy is older now, but little wiser. He and the seal still see each other occasionally. They stand and float respectively in silent bemusement. The differences are irreconcilable; and besides, the seal now has a mate.

Note:- The seal is a common seal and has lived mostly around the North shores of the loch since it was a pup, four years ago. It's still there.

Paddy is partly Patterdale, partly terrorist. Hopefully, you will not meet him. Please accept my apologies now, in advance; just in case you do.

Ken Scaife

# LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

There have been so many changes and newcomers to the area since the last telephone directory was printed that it is more practical for you to purchase a new Directory rather than working from an old copy with numerous up-dates taken from various issues of the newsletter. The new Directory will include post codes.

The Directory will be on sale 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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