

KILNINFORD NEWS

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WANTED – NEW IDEAS, NEW ENERGY, NEW FACES!

Some members of the present Kilmelford & Kilniver Village Hall committee have served three years on the committee and would like the opportunity to stand down. The committee is responsible for encouraging and promoting events in the community and ensuring the Hall is used to best advantage. New enthusiasts are being sought to join this group, which meets once every two months over a cup of coffee, to keep the show on the road.

If you are interested in coming on the committee for a while, and in making a few changes regarding the activities and development of the Village Hall, please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Friday, 29th September – Coffee Morning from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Shower of Herring Restaurant – part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. Tea, coffee and home baking.

Donations of tombola prizes, by Wednesday, 27th September, would be gratefully received.

Contact: Jean Bowman (Tel: 01852 200345)

Wednesday, 4th October – Parish Lunch and Produce Sale from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

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. This year the craft table will include a selection of good condition tapes, videos, CDs and books to top up for winter's reading and listening so please contact Isabel if you have any.

The newly up-dated Local Directory will be on sale at the Parish Lunch. The £1 charge per copy will be donated to the church for any bought on the day.

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 4th of October when we look forward to welcoming you.

Donations would be very much appreciated. Baking for sale or for the teas can be left with Dorothy Carmichael beforehand and donations for other stalls can be left with the relevant stallholder by prior arrangement. Alternatively, the hall will be open to receive donations from 10 a.m. on the day.

Contacts:	Baking	Eleanor Scally	01852 200226
		Dorothy Carmichael	01852 200374
	Plants	Elizabeth Asbury	01852 200377
	Bottle Stall	Dorothy and Malcolm Bark	01852 200370
	Produce	Jane Rentoul	01852 200331
	Raffle	Rory Campbell-Gibson	01852 200263
	Handicrafts + tapes, videos, CDs and books	Isabel Smith	01852 200537
	Lunches	Georgina Dalton	01866 844212

Friday, 6th October – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

If you know anyone who does not have transport and who would appreciate a sociable morning, please bring them to the coffee morning!

If anyone would like to help with a coffee morning and donate funds to a worthy cause, please call Melissa.

Organiser: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

Friday, 13th October – Kathakali Dance Company in Craignish Village Hall. Drumming workshop followed at 5 p.m. by a chance to see the 3D make up being applied for the performance at 7.30 p.m.

Contact: 01852 500689 for tickets at £6 each. (Book early as demand is expected to be high.)

Friday, 13th and Saturday, 14th October – Sale of fairly traded crafts, clothes, jams etc. from the Balmore Trust. 10.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m. (13th October) and 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. (14th October) in Hall 2 Craignish Village Hall.

Friday, 3rd November – Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

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If anyone would like to help with a coffee morning and donate funds to a worthy cause, please call Melissa.

Organiser: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Sunday, 12th November – Soup and Sandwich Lunch from 12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of Kilninver Primary School funds.

Everyone welcome, do drag your parents out to take you for lunch or to bring along anyone without transport who would appreciate a social get together.

Any offers of help, sandwiches or baking would be much appreciated.

Contact: Sally Inglis Tel: 01852 316271 or Lindsay Davies Tel: 01852 316154

Sunday, 12th November – Produce Show in Craignish Village Hall. Schedules from Tel: 01852 500674.

Sunday, 19th November – Scottish Guitar Quartet at 3 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact 01852 500689 for tickets at £8 each.

Saturday, 25th November – St Andrew's Night Buffet Dance with Peter Sinclair and Friends in Craignish Village Hall in aid of church funds.

Contact: 01852 500277.

Friday, 1st December - Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

Offers of help and donations of baking would be much appreciated.

If you know anyone who does not have transport and who would appreciate a sociable morning, please bring them to the coffee morning!

If anyone would like to help with a coffee morning and donate funds to a worthy cause, please call Melissa.

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Friday, 1st December – Demonstration by Deborah Hathorn to Oban Arts Society at 7.30 p.m. at Glencruitten Church Hall, Oban. Non members very welcome (£2 per head), free to OAS members.

Deb (Fiona Wyllie's sister) is a 1st Grade Riji Master of Sogetsu Ikebana, the highest qualification that can be achieved and the only person holding this qualification in the UK. She qualified in 1975 and teaches regularly in the UK and overseas. In 2002 she was awarded the Sogetsu International Award and in 2006, the Sogetsu 80th Anniversary Commemorative Overseas Award. She has exhibited for the RHS in 1990 and 1991 winning a Silver Gilt and Gold Medal respectively, and has held major exhibitions at The Royal Museum of Scotland and The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

Contact: Clare Howard Tel: 01852 200375.

ART GROUP

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. All welcome.

Contacts: Clare Howard (Tel: 01852 200375) and Agnes McColl (01852 200365)

COUNTRY DANCING

Scottish Country Dancing, with our brilliant teacher Mike Murray, starts again this year on Thursday, 28th September. Sessions will be held on the following Thursday evenings from 8 p.m. till 10 p.m. in the village hall:-

September - 28th
October – 5th, 12th and 26th
November – 2nd, 9th
December – 7th, 14th

All welcome, beginners and “experts” alike.
Organiser: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314.

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS – workshops are held weekly on **Wednesday** mornings from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall EXCEPT for the first workshop this session which will be on **Tuesday**, 3rd October.

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

PROPOSED BOOK CLUB

Would anybody interested in joining a few people who are keen to start a Book Club please contact Fiona Wyllie Tel: 01852 200227 so that an initial get together can be arranged to discuss the formation and format of a Book Club.

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER SUMMER FESTIVAL

The Summer Festival is over once more and I would like to thank the committee for their hard work, and the willing volunteers who helped to make it a success. Also those who donated raffle prizes, everyone who supplied cakes, scones etc. for the teas and the ladies of the school board who braved the elements to man the B-B-Q.

Thank you to everyone who entered the classes; we could still do with more, especially in the home produce sections – we will be looking for suggestions for all of the classes next year.

We had excellent entertainment from Drew Connelly, Balvicar, Fiona and Sandy, Kilmelford, and up and coming talents Tammie and Phoebe.

A total of £450 will be divided between local organisations. It would be great to have more support next year as the money raised helps the village hall, the school and the church.

CONGRATULATIONS to the cup winners who were:-

Kilchoan Cup	1 st Georgina Dalton 2 nd Jane Rentoul
Dalton Cup	1 st Helen Keate 2 nd equal Georgina Dalton, Bridget Oatts, Malcolm Bark
BP Trophy	Joint winners Bridget Oatts, Jane Rentoul, Clare Howard
Melfort Farm Trophy	1 st Helen Keate 2 nd equal Georgina Dalton, Bridget Oatts
Arduaine Craft Trophy	1 st Isabel Smith 2 nd Toni Mitchell
Fish Farm Trophy	1 st Georgina Dalton 2 nd Jane Rentoul
Loch Melfort Hotel Trophy	1 st Madeleine Roberts 2 nd Emma Carmichael
Melfort Club Trophy	1 st Emma Campbell 2 nd Emily Scott
Melfort Pier Trophy	1 st Angus Scott 2 nd Tammie Smith

Isabel Smith

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 Kilninner parish.

Contact: Colin Gladstone (Tel: 01852 200232)

KILMELFORD AND KILNINNER VILLAGE HALL

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 and Cleaner:- Chris Johnson

Bookings should be made during business hours at the Kilmelford Village Stores (Tel: 01852 200271) whose support is much appreciated.

HALL HIRE CHARGES

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

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

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

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

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

Hire of Equipment

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

Membership and Lost Keys

£10 each

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

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Committee meetings of the above association were held on May 9th, July 11th and September 12th 2006. Discussions included the following:

Hall floor

An estimate for the sanding and varnishing of the floors has been received from a company called Wood Made Good. The main hall floor was quoted as £3476 and the squash court £1552. It was decided to obtain a second estimate for comparison, before going ahead with the work on the main hall floor. The squash court floor treatment was not considered to be essential at this time.

Theatre

The Dog Star Theatre production of the Seer was well attended and brought in a profit of £578.94. Our thanks go to Clare Howard for her enthusiasm in making this such a success. Further live theatre productions are being considered for 2007.

Grass cutting

Thanks go to Robin Asbury and Neil Manchester for tirelessly mowing the Hall lawns and strimming the surrounds throughout the summer.

100 Club

The committee are aiming to start a 100 Club monthly prize draw as a fund raising enterprise to help towards the running and maintenance costs of the Village Hall. A licence is at present being applied for from Argyll & Bute council. The tickets will be £1.00 each and cash prizes will be drawn for each month. More information will be sent out with the next Newsletter and lots of support is to be hoped for!

Beach Clean

The Beach Clean was successfully completed in the early summer by a number of local people who volunteered to do a stretch each in their own time. Our thanks go to Mr & Mrs J Atkinson who donated a cheque of £100 to Village Hall funds as sponsorship for the clean up of the Ardenstur beach. No news of funding from Argyll and Bute Council has yet been received.

Local Calendar

A very attractive 2007 calendar has been produced containing views of the area taken by local photographers. The profits are to be divided between the Kilmelford Church and the Village Hall. The price is £3.50 and a sample is available in Kilmelford Stores. Please order yours soon for collection next month.

KILMELFORD YOUTH CLUB

Kilmelford Youth Club closed its doors just before Christmas last year to complete vital paperwork, including registering the club with the CRBS. We always hoped for this to be a temporary measure, but it proved a much lengthier process than we had imagined. From my own point of view, it was however with a sigh of relief to be able to rest; the pressure to provide young people with a place to go every week, with activities to suit the overwhelming number of young people who turned up, was high.

Committee members and volunteers put in a huge amount of energy and long hours in the organisation and running, to ensure that the club was a success, and from the feedback I've had, it certainly sounded as if it was. But for health and sanity, with work and home commitments, not only myself, but the other members of the committee felt it was too much to continue the way we had. Therefore Kilmelford Youth Club has been put on hold for a time when we can share the load with the rest of the community.

I do believe there is a need for this facility in our village, and with the support, I am keen to see Kilmelford Youth Club once more open its doors. Should you be interested in giving a couple of hours a month, or whatever you can spare, please get in touch with myself on 01852 200 268. Many thanks.

Roanna Taylor

NORTH ARGYLL VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME

At the moment we have 2 drivers driving regularly in the Kilmelford area and, thanks to Deirdre Campbell-Gibson's recruitment skills, we have 2 prospective drivers about to go through "Disclosure".

The average cost of journeys is 25p per mile (maximum £6.00) and should you qualify under any of the following criteria please contact Margaret Anfield - Scheme Co-ordinator on 01852 300368.

The car scheme might be helpful:

- *For appointments with the doctor, nurse, optician or chiropodist etc.*
- *If you are suffering from ill health or mobility problems.*
- *For a temporary period while recovering from an operation or injury.*
- *If you are seeing less of friends than before because it's difficult to get on a bus or walk any distance*
- *If you or the driver in the household has had to give up the car.*
- *Maybe your family have moved away or are just on holiday for a few weeks. (Often neighbours help a great deal but can't always provide transport.)*
- *To stop isolation and help participation in community activities.*
- *Living in a rural area you may need help just to get to a bus, ferry or train.*

More drivers are still needed. If you can spare as little as one hour per month, please contact Fiona Wyllie or Margaret Anfield for an application form.

To book transport or for further information, contact Margaret on 01852 300368.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September		24 th – Bobby Holden
October	1 st – T A McLachlan 15 th 29 th – Bobby Holden	8 th (Harvest Festival) – T A McLachlan 22 nd (Thanksgiving) – James McLellan
November	12 th (Remembrance) – T A McLachlan 26 th – Aileen Binner	5 th (Communion) – T A McLachlan 19 th – James McLellan
December	10 th – T A McLachlan	3 rd – Bobby Holden 17 th – John Simpson

Please note:

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

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES - St John's Cathedral, George Street, Oban.

Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Fourth Sunday – Choral Matins)

Wednesday 11 a.m. Holy Communion

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES - St Columba's Cathedral, Oban.

Saturday 7 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

1000 CHURCHES TO VISIT IN SCOTLAND

Scotland's Churches Scheme, which our own church belongs to, has launched a new edition of its excellent Guidebook "Churches to Visit in Scotland". This is a delightful and indispensable guide to the 1000 churches in the Scheme. The 2006/07 edition is greatly enlarged from previous books, with many of the entries beautifully illustrated by John Hume.

The book, which has held its price at £8.99, gives information about each church, features of historical and architectural interest, service and visitor opening times, special events and visitor facilities. There is a useful set of maps, showing the location of each entry with an OS reference. The index of artists also proves very useful.

All denominations and all areas of Scotland have churches included and the book is an excellent companion in our local area or when travelling further afield. It is also of particular interest to visitors from the south and overseas, with the growing interest in family history and the "tracing of roots".

The book can be ordered through the Scheme's local representative or from bookshops (ISBN 1-905267-00-2).

NEW ARRIVAL

To James and Michelle MacIntyre, Scammadale, a daughter, Rebecca Ann, on 12th April. All are well.

MARRIAGE

Many congratulations to Samantha (née Campbell) and David Gilroy on their marriage on the 24th of June, 2006 in Kilninver Church. Very sadly, Samantha's mother, Penny Campbell of Scammadale, died on the morning of the wedding.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday 21st of June 2006. The proposed date of Tuesday 13th of June had to be changed due to previous commitments at the Village Hall.

Present: Community Councillors: Neil Manchester, Robin Grey, Alasdair Oatts, Jayne Brown, Diarmid Campbell. Also in attendance were 20 members of the community.

Matters Arising

Kilmelford Car Park:

Diarmid Campbell presented the revised plans for the area and stated that he would like to discuss the plan with Colin Clark after the meeting. Elizabeth Asbury asked that some edging be added at the rear of the lot, which was agreed. Neil Manchester asked that he obtain an estimate of cost. Colin Clark agreed to provide an estimate by the next meeting.

Blaran Road End

Peter Menzies, Corriellorn, once again raised the issue of the dangerous configuration of the junction at Blaran road end, being on a blind corner. Although his son was now completing his schooling, his daughter would soon start and because it was dangerous for the bus to stop at the road end, he had to drive them to Glengallen. There was further discussion of the danger of the current logging operations there.

Neil Manchester stated that Councillor McIntyre was very concerned about the situation and had asked for a letter describing the issues. Neil Manchester would write the letter.

Bus Shelter at Kilninver

A&B Councillors not being present there was no information as to the response of HiTrans.

Transportation Questionnaire

D. Campbell had obtained a copy and, after consultation, responded to A&B offices in Kilmory making the point that co-ordination of bus-train and ferry issues were vital and not currently well coordinated.

Waste Water Treatment Works

Robin Asbury stated that to his understanding there had been no change in SEPA's refusal to allow Scottish Water to discharge their outflow into the loch. He noted that on certain days the smell of sewage had been strong along the adjacent road. Scottish Water were appealing the decision. Further development at the Glebe may be affected. Neil Manchester will contact SEPA to obtain an update for the next meeting.

Beach Cleanup

The Chairman reported that Diane Scaife had successfully organised the beach clean, with only one area and some tyres remaining to be completed. The Chairman thanked Diane and all who participated.

Dial a Bus

Robin Asbury reported that eight replies were received from an item in the Community Newsletter. Deirdre Campbell-Gibson reasoned that Kilninver and Kilmelford was too diverse an area for such a scheme to work successfully and suggested that the proposed car scheme would be more appropriate. Robin Asbury stated that it had been important to give people a chance to comment on dial-a-bus first before settling on the car scheme. It was therefore decided to consider the car scheme rather than Dial-a-Bus.

Car Scheme

Robin Asbury advised that only one driver had volunteered. Colin Clark stated that there was now more than one, and confirmed that a local co-ordinator was not required since Margaret Anfield would co-ordinate. Robin Asbury suggested that a further item be placed in the Newsletter with Margaret's contact number.

West Coast Marine Park

David Wilkie had been unable to attend due to the changed date. Robin Asbury stated that Hebridean Partnership was co-ordinating an environmental and social response to the government's concept. HP is represented by a Mr Mark Carter, based on Kerrera, and Robin Asbury suggested that he be invited to address the Community Council to clarify the issues involved. This was agreed.

Planning Applications:

West of Pier Cottages - Melfort - R. A. Campbell-Gibson App. Ref. 06/00772/DET
Erection of Estate Cottage
Community Council has no objection to the proposal. (Panning Permission granted).

Plot 2 - Arduaine Caravan Park – L. F. Jacobsen App. Ref. 06/00758/DET
Erection of Dwelling House.
Community Council has no objection to the proposal.

Clachan Farm – Kilninver – Cadzow Brothers App. Ref. 06/01220/PNAGRI
Erection of Agricultural Shed adjacent to existing.
Community Council has no objection to the proposal.

Melfort Farm - Steadings – Stuart Adam (number not provided)

Conversion to 15 holiday lets.

The Chairman presented a copy of the plans, and explained that he and Robin Asbury had studied them in detail. The Chairman advised that the proposed development would, in his opinion, improve that area. Cath Manchester asked whether the Community Council still held the previously aired view that the Degnish road was already carrying more traffic than was reasonable. The Chairman advised that this was a concern raised at previous meetings, and had formed part of the response to the consultative draft local plan. The Chairman also advised that he had discussed the matter with Cllr Duncan MacIntyre, who had recommended that the A&B Roads Department be requested to conduct a traffic survey prior to any planning permission being granted.

Robin Asbury noted that the Council were unlikely to fund a major road development to accommodate a private development, but that since the traffic was currently causing a problem for pedestrians and other, non-vehicular road users, a footpath or trail may be a worthwhile solution.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would be written to the planners advising that the Community Council did not object to the planning application, but requesting that a traffic volume survey be carried out by the Roads Department prior to any further planning permissions being granted along the Degnish road. In addition, a separate letter would be sent to Neil Brown of the Roads Department repeating this request, and suggesting that the concept of a pathway or trail from the A816 to Melfort Farm be considered.

Annie Delap asked what the view of the community was to further development in the area. The Chairman advised that the community had been closely involved in the consultation on the draft local plan already, and that each application should be judged on its own merit, where the views of the Community Council, and members of the community could be taken into account.

Correspondence:

The Secretary had passed a letter to Robin Asbury since he would have missed the meeting had it not been delayed. Robin Asbury had taken care of the issue.

Any Other Business:

Scammadale Road: Following timber extraction, improvements had been made to Scammadale Road. Councillor Duncan McIntyre had particularly asked that a report be given to him by the Community Council on the state of the road. Jayne Brown requested that it be pointed out that there was a considerable bump at the cattle grid, levels needing to be adjusted. Others stated that the road was now in fine condition and yet others wanted to make the point that their vehicle had been damaged by the poor quality of the road before improvement.

Caravan Park Site at Scammadale Road: Councillor McIntyre had asked for information about the condition of the site entrance. The owners had opened a way onto the main road. There was a gate placed on the access which was public. Neil Manchester would pass information to Councillor McIntyre.

Kilniver Parking Area: Peter Menzies pointed out that although the Council thought that the parking area belonged to them, he was able to table a letter pointing out that, other than the council house parking, it had been leased to the School for a pound per year by Mr. Kilpatrick and that Councillor McIntyre should be informed. Neil Manchester will send a copy of that letter to Councillor Macaskill.

Degnish Road: It was pointed out that at both Kilmory road end and Scammadale road end there were signs limiting the type of traffic. The Degnish road should have a similar sign.

Roads in Additional Glebe Development: The question was asked as to whether the alignment for roads in the further development had been adopted. This was not known.

Forest Management & Water Supplies: Neil Manchester asked John Stannard whether there was anything further to report. He stated that discussions were in progress.

Date of the Next Meeting:

Dorothy Carmichael asked for the reasons for the delay in the present meeting, and lodged a request for regular meetings in future. The Chairman explained that as far as possible, the dates stated at the start of the year were adhered to, but since the Community Council was made up of volunteers, all of whom lead busy lives anyway, there will always be occasions when the date has to be changed to suit the Community Councillors.

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th of August 2006 at Kilmelford Village Hall at 8.00 pm.

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

DRAFT MINUTES of the Community Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th August at the Village Hall.

Present: Community Councillors: Neil Manchester, Robin Asbury, Robin Grey, Alasdair Oatts. Also in attendance were 19 members of the community, and two members of the general public.

Matters Arising

Details of the plans for the development of Kilmelford car park were discussed, and it was agreed that Diarmid Campbell would complete the plans and costs, and submit the proposal to Argyll and Bute Council for approval.

Since neither A&B Councillors were present, there was no progress reported on Blaran road end and the Kilninver School car park issues.

Neil Manchester advised that there appeared to be no progress in resolving the issues between Scottish water and SEPA over the Kilmelford wastewater treatment works. It was agreed that the contractor's sign be removed.

Scottish Executive Coastal Marine Parks

Mark Carter, from the Hebridean Marine Parks Trust, gave a presentation on the principles and aims of the marine park concept. There followed a general discussion on this matter, and it was agreed to consider the points and discuss at the next meeting whether the Community Council would support such a project.

Argyll and Bute Local Plan

The finalised draft version was presented, and it was noted that much of the second list of representations by this Community Council had been adopted. Since the Council were not considering representations on any items not modified for the final draft, it was agreed that there was no further action required from the Community Council.

Planning Applications:

There were no active planning applications reported.

Any Other Business

Details of the community right to buy scheme under the Land Reform Act were outlined, and suggestions invited for areas that may be of interest for the community to register an interest. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The state of the Loch Avich road was discussed, and it was agreed that the Council be requested to consider the provision of additional passing places.

It was noted that overnight parking at the hall had lead to an unsanitary incident behind the village hall, so it was agreed that the Hall Committee should erect signs to deter such actions in future.

Date of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October 2006 at Kilmelford Village Hall at 8.00 pm.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Neil Manchester. Chairman
Tel. 01852 200272
Fax. 01880 770730

COMMITTEE

Kilmelford sub-area: Neil Manchester - Chairman
Diarmid Campbell - Secretary
Robin Asbury - Vice Chairman
Alastair Oatts

Kilninver sub-area Jayne Brown
Robin Grey - Treasurer

COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Alan Macaskill Tel: 01631 710133
Cllr. Duncan McIntyre Tel: 01631 770218

Copies of approved minutes of all Community Council meetings are available on the Kilmelford website www.kilmelford.com. In addition, a copy of approved minutes and all relevant Community Council notices are displayed on the notice board near Kilmelford Post Office.

CRAIGNISH, KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER CALENDAR

The Calendar, with local photographs taken by local photographers, will be ready for Christmas. Have a look at one in the Kilmelford Shop where you can order your copies at £3.50 each. The proceeds of the profits will be shared between the Village Hall and the Church.

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to thank those of you who volunteered to paint our new shed. Following discussion, the school board has decided that it will soon be a cool shade of blue. Similarly, a warm thanks to those who manned the burger stall for us at the Kilmelford and Kilninver Summer Festival.

Primary 1 – 4 now have a music instruction lesson using Kodaly Method on a weekly basis with Janet Ferguson.

The School Board has various fund raising ideas on the go. Christmas cards will be available again this year. In addition to this we intend to produce a calendar of school photographs and hope that these will be available in time for you to purchase as Christmas gifts. CDs of photos taken last year are available to order from the school at a cost of £7.50 each.

As part of our health promoting school initiative pupils have been growing a variety of vegetables under the supervision of May, our cook. Many of you will have seen the fruits of our efforts on display recently at the Kilmelford and Kilninver Summer Festival. We were delighted with our success and have our 2nd and 3rd prize certificates proudly on display and are looking forward to making our own homemade carrot soup and mashing the tatties.

Tesco Sports for Schools vouchers will be available soon. We intend to collect them again this session, and will gratefully receive any that you wish to hand into the school.

Our new school website is up and running. If you want to keep abreast of what we are learning, please feel free to take a look at www.kilninverprimary.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 6th October – School closes
Monday, 23rd October – School reopens
Monday, 6th November – Blast off starts again
Friday, 17th November – School closes
Wednesday, 22nd November – School reopens
Friday, 22nd December – School closes

Berni McMillan
Head Teacher

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.	Kilninver Primary School Car Park

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2006

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 8 th November	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 9 th November	14.00 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 20.00

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 15 th November	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
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MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

The Mobile Police Office visits 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.

The full list of dates and times for 2006 are on the notice board outside Kilmelford Post Office.

Ardfern	14.40 – 15.20	Kilmore	14.25 – 14.40
Craobh Haven	15.30 – 15.45	Balvicar	15.10 – 15.25
Arduaine	16.00 – 16.15	Easdale	15.40 – 16.00
Kilmelford	16.30 – 17.00	Kilniver	16.30 – 16.45
Alternate Tuesdays		Alternate Tuesdays	
September – 26 th		September – 19 th	
October – 10 th , 24 th		October – 3 rd , 17 th , 31 st	
November – 7 th , 21 st		November – 14 th , 28 th	
December – 5 th , 19 th		December – 12 th	

YORKHILL FAMILY HOUSE APPEAL

The Ronald McDonald House at Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow is a lifeline to families from all over Scotland whose children are long term or critically ill, and are receiving treatment at Yorkhill Hospital.

When a child is admitted to Yorkhill, the family have the option of staying in this home-away-from-home, free of charge, for however long it takes for the child to fully recover and return home.

It is debatable whether the service is necessary; it receives no government funding and the House could be perceived as something of a luxury. This, however, is really and truly not the case – some families simply would not cope, being away from their seriously ill child, for weeks, often months at a time and it is essential for the child's recovery that family are close at hand during what can be a frightening stay in hospital.

£300,000 has to be raised each year in order for the House to stay open. The final outdoor event of 2006 is the Annual Parachute Day which takes place from St Andrews' Airfield on Sunday, 29th October. 100 volunteers are needed to participate in an unforgettable day. Each volunteer must pledge to raise a minimum of £375 and will get to experience the thrill of a 10,000 feet tandem skydive for free. Any volunteers?

Contact: Allison McKillop, Fundraising Co-ordinator, Yorkhill Family House Ltd, 61 Esmond Street, Glasgow G3 8SL.

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LETTERS FROM THE WILD GARDEN

A grey low mist drizzly sort of day and no firm decisions about what to work at or where in the garden this afternoon, though a need to be outside. There are two *Ourisia* Locheve that are asking to be planted out sitting in the courtyard in their pots. A few days before I had begun to clear some of the invasive creeping buttercups and wee seedling rushes from the path and its edges of the lower route to the bog garden. A home for the *Ourisia* had come to my mind.

In my vision for the wild garden paths there were to be no 'dead ends'. All the walks would lead somewhere either out to a longer walk beyond or circling back to the beginning.

About five years ago I was putting off a decision about what to do with a becoming rather chunky beach tree that we had planted to the right of the main path beyond the first copper beech. It had grown with an attractive cone shape, a thick trunk and masses of small branches spreading out at the base and up. In August that year we had some unusually strong gusting winds, even so, I was surprised to find this solid friend had fallen over exposing a neat twisted root ball. The trunk had fallen down hill with a strong branch bedding into the earth to hold it fast. I thought this could stay and make itself useful as a shelter or support.

A plan began to form as to what to do with all the rest of the wood and many branches. The ground below this bank had a sharp steep fall in the most wonderful squidgy, water logged, peat bog. The curve of the ground lent itself for a path, which linked via some steps to make a second lower entrance to the wild garden.

Old Scottish drove roads were often built on rafts of heather and brashings to cross the moors so why not my bog walk using similar material. The beech's thicker branches were sawn to make an edging. The next sizes down, but too thick for the shredder, were cut to 4-foot lengths for the rafting and layered across the path's route. All the rest shredded and spread on top, the whole tree recycled, re-invested and very useful.

In the first early days of the wild garden we were given and planted below the 'cone' beech some roots of a tall broad leaf bamboo. Big mistake! It had grown a good 8 feet tall, spread, fallen over and matted into a horrible mess. Eventually a friend and I had hacked the whole lot down and burnt it all creating a very crackling, spitting fire with its bed in the bog. Any green shoots appearing later were cut off over the years and now its roots are rotting.

In the area relieved of this menace I close planted a mixture of Hostas and Astilbes which needed a home. A good friend and special Argyll gardener gave them to me. These covered the ground down the bank from the fallen trunk along with Herb Bennet, Geums and Aquilegia, which I hope will continue seeding themselves helping to stop the creeping buttercup from taking over. In the bare space above and around the fallen beech and between it and the main path above I planted a whole lot of home grown shrubs from cuttings, probably too close but it dulled the emptiness of losing such a character tree.

Georgina Dalton

LOCAL DIRECTORY

There have been quite a number of changes since the Local Directory was last up-dated so, rather than printing the most recent ones here, why don't you purchase a new copy.

The newly up-dated Directory will soon 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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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, in plenty of time for the next issue in April (There will be a short Kilninford News in December to cover events over the festive period). 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.

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