

# KILNINFORD NEWS

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***WISHING ALL OUR READERS  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
PEACE AND HAPPINESS  
IN 2009***



This December issue is, as usual, a shorter newsletter than the April and September issues.  
Please refer to previous issues for recurring events and information.

## **WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Singing** starting from the Cuilfail Hotel at 6.30 p.m. finishing at the Shower of Herring.

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December – Parish Christmas Party** at Kilmelford Village Hall at 2 p.m. All ages welcome. Teas, dancing, games, musical entertainment and carol singing.  
Contact: Christine Roberts Tel: 01852 200257 or Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December – Childrens' Christmas Party** in Kilmelford Village Hall. There will be fun and games, Christmas music, party food and the all important visit from Santa.  
Parents please bring a gift with the child's name on it, for Santa's sack.  
Contact: Sarah Edwards Tel: 01852 200555

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Charity Christmas Darts Competition, Buffet and Raffle** at the Cuilfail Hotel at 8 p.m.  
Contact: Yvonne Fletcher at Cuilfail Hotel Tel: 01852 200274

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> December – Hogmanay Party** in Kilmelford Village Hall from 9 p.m. All ages welcome. Music, dancing and games. Please bring your own drinks (alcoholic and soft!) and food for your table. Pay at the door. Adults - £4, children under 12 - £2.  
Contact: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> January – 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 monthly coffee mornings!  
If anyone would like to help with a coffee morning and donate funds to a worthy cause, please call Melissa.  
Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January – Raymond Mearns' "Shaggy Dog Stories"** (stand up comedy) at 8 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Licensed bar. Tickets £7.  
Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> January - Kilninford Association AGM** at 6.30 p.m. at Traighuaine Ard

**23<sup>rd</sup> January – Burns' Night Celebrations** at Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of school funds.  
For details and tickets contact: Berni McMillan Tel: 01852 316236

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January – Kilmelford and Kilninvver Community Association AGM** 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. All welcome.  
Contact: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February – 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.  
Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February – Scottish Opera Ensemble** at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.  
Four talented young singers and a pianist bring you an entertaining evening of excerpts from well known operas combined with some surprises from lesser known works. Essential Scottish Opera gives you the chance to experience live opera close up during a relaxed and informal evening. The show features a mixture of operatic styles including duets from *Così fan Tutte*, *The Barber of Seville* and *Manon* as well as music by Mozart, Handel and Rossini.

Tickets £10.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February – Race Night** (this is real fun!) from 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall. Licensed bar. Sorry no under 16s at this evening.

Contact: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March – 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.

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March – Annual Boat Jumble and Car Boot Sale** from 10.30 a.m. till 2 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact to book a space: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March – Iascene Players' Pantomime** in Craignish Village Hall.

Contact: Chris Fox for details Tel: 01852 500685

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March – Mid Argyll Ball** at the Galley of Lorne in aid of the Glasgow Childrens' Holiday Scheme.

Details and tickets from: Dawn Stewart Tel: 01852 500291 and Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 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.

Contact: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April – Strathclyde University Big Band** at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £6.

Contact: Jan Brown Tel: 01852 500689

## **ART GROUP**

The group meets **weekly on Thursdays** from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. All welcome. £1.50 per session.

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

## **COUNTRY DANCING**

In spite of Mike's absence sailing the Atlantic, the weekly Thursday evening sessions have continued every week in Kilmelford Village Hall from 8 p.m. till 10 p.m. thanks to Robin, Ally and Georgina, who kindly took it in turns to take Mike's place. Every session has seen a good turn out of regulars and over the season quite a number of new faces have joined the group. Many thanks to Robin, Ally and Georgina: we all greatly appreciate their efforts and patience and enjoyed the sessions immensely. Thanks also to Toni for co-ordinating things and keeping us all informed by e-mail.

Christmas/ End of Session Party – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

Starts again – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January

Organiser: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151

**EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS** – workshops (sewing, knitting and any other handicrafts) are held weekly on **Wednesday** mornings from 10 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Stops: Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

Starts: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January

Contact: Elizabeth Asbury (Tel: 01852 200377)

## **FOOTBALL**

Training takes place on Fridays from 6 – 7 p.m. at Oban High School and the team participates in the Sunday League. Boys and girls from P4 – P7 are most welcome.

Contact: Sue Johnson Tel: 01852 200377

## **COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE SHOWER OF HERRING**

Every Monday morning at the Shower of Herring, John and Jean Bowman hold coffee mornings serving coffee, tea and delicious home baking from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon. All they ask is a donation of £2 per person for The Cherish Fund (see below). To date there is just under £3,000 in the fund: still a long way to go but, with your support, a customised vehicle to transport the terminally ill will be purchased and Alyson's passing will have helped to ease the suffering of others. There won't be any coffee mornings for 3 weeks over the festive season but they will start again, and continue weekly, on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES**

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church. Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfarn at 10.15 a.m.

Locations of services for 2009 are still subject to confirmation but will be in Kilninver on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, Kilmelford on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Kilninver on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

### **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Gift Sunday – Kilmelford Church at 12 noon.

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

### **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Early Watchnight Service at Craignish Parish Church at 7 p.m.

Late Watchnight Service at Kilmelford Church at 11.30 p.m.

### **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Day Service at Kilninver Church at 11 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

## **LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER**

On Sunday 30th November, St Andrews Day, the plaque commemorating the Restoration Project in Kilninver was unveiled. David Kilpatrick did the unveiling and said some lovely words of thanks to all the donors, the trust funds that gave us grants, and everybody connected with the project including Robin Asbury, Treasurer, and Peter Cross, Quantity Surveyor, who planned and coordinated the work. While some small pieces of work remain to be done, including the finishing of the rebuilding of the porch, the

Renovations are substantially completed. A very big thank you goes to everybody concerned and a great sense of satisfaction has been brought in seeing it all done. Some statistics: donations (mainly through pledges) and Gift Aid brought in nearly £29,500; grants amounted to £12,000; and VAT recovered amounted to about £5,000. The major restoration work by Cumming & Co Ltd, Perth cost just over £28,000; electrical work by AMP Oban, £6,500; other works about £12,000. We are all very gratified that the effort to raise the funds was so successful and so much work has been achieved. The plaque in the Church is a permanent record of all who made it possible.

The work for Kilmelford's Restoration has begun, and will continue until late March 2009 for the first phase. Donations and Gift Aid for this have reached the astonishing total of £46,500, and grants have been given or promised amounting to £34,500, totalling £81,000 which will enable us to do the major items of restoration required. The provision of a toilet would require further funding. Once more, we are truly grateful for the enormous support and encouragement given to us in this second Appeal for the Parish Churches.

Our Christmas services are noted elsewhere, and as well as a warm invitation to attend our services each Sunday at Kilmelford or Kilninver on alternate Sundays, we would be particularly pleased to see you at the late Christmas Eve Service at Kilmelford (11.30 p.m.) and on Christmas Day at Kilninver at 11.00 a.m. For me, this opportunity to celebrate the coming of our Saviour is a highlight of the year. We are particularly glad that God loved us enough to send Jesus into our world to make us worthy to be part of his kingdom, to be a real part of his family on this earth. I love the carols. I love the Christmas readings, but I love the opportunity to share this great truth that we are God's people because he loved us enough to send us Jesus.

Christine joins me in wishing you all a very happy and joyful Christmas, and a good New Year when it comes.

God bless you all,  
Alastair

### **PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE, HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

The successful fundraising and cheerful atmosphere in the village hall at the Parish Lunch was added to by the generous outcome of the silent auction of Rory Campbell-Gibson's painting of Kilmelford Church. It was also an opportunity for the new owners of both the Loch Melfort Hotel and the Cuilfail Hotel to meet and make friends in the community.

Thank you very much to everyone who kindly donated the ingredients for the rolls, pots of soup and shortbread biscuits. The busy stall holders were grateful for such a variety of generous contributions.

The final sum from the sale of mugs and the auction of Rory's painting goes separately to the Church Restoration Appeal.

The Kirk Session was delighted with the £1,000.89 raised from the sale of produce and the lunches. Many thanks to all who came and supported this annual event.

Georgina Dalton

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Ronalda McNeill and David Graham on their marriage at Kilninver Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. It was a joyful family occasion with a lovely service conducted by Alastair.

To Willy Wilson and Charlotte Preston (Lottie) from Shotts in North Lanarkshire on their marriage on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at Gretna Green.

# The Cherish Fund (Oban)

In memory of Alyson 1974–2007

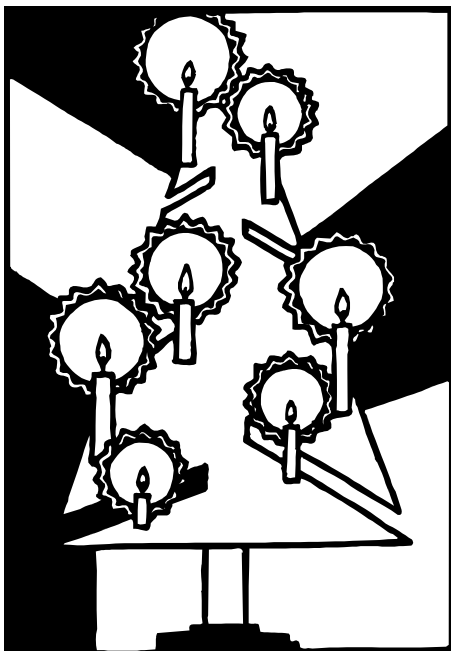
In February 2005 aged 31 our daughter, Alyson, was diagnosed with stomach cancer and after a courageous battle she died at the end of May last year.

For the last four weeks of her life she was wonderfully cared for in Oban, Lorn and the Islands Hospital, although quite a large hospital by rural standards it still has that lovely cottage hospital feel to it. About a week before she died she had to go for specialist treatment to Glasgow Royal where she had had her initial surgery. This is the downside to living in a beautiful rural area. She was taken by passenger transport!

To the uninitiated this vehicle is rather like a minibus, which goes all round the various hospitals where patients have their appointments and you can be travelling for anything up to four hours each way. I have a friend who drives these vehicles and she tells me it's the saddest part of her job.

We set up a charity in Alyson's memory called "The Cherish Fund (Oban)". The aim of the fund is to buy a vehicle, which can be customised to transport terminally ill patients in comfort and dignity to wherever they need to go, be it Glasgow hospitals or just the Day Hospice to give their family respite.

Jean and John Bowman



## FRIENDS OF OBAN HOSPICE

LIGHT UP A LIFE 2008

Prior to Christmas 2006, Friends of Oban Hospice successfully engaged in the Hospice movement Christmas campaign 'Light up a Life' when over £18,000 was raised by the public in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for local Hospice funds.

In 2007, individual residents in a few of the islands and outlying districts around Oban, ran their own local small scale versions of 'Light up a Life' by inviting friends and neighbours to an informal social event either at their home or other venue where, if possible, a tree was lit up in memory of departed loved ones and a collection taken and sent to the main campaign in Oban.

Last Christmas we organised a similar event here in Kilmelford and raised £300. If you wish to make a contribution you should find a flyer included with this newsletter with information on how to do so.

Once again this Christmas, there will be a short service held at the Christmas tree at the Melfort Club on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December following the arrival of the Kilmelford Carol Singers. All are welcome and the singers will also be making a collection for a local charity.

As promised last year we have compiled an album, (*which is currently being customised with needlework by Isabel Smith*) a book of dedication which is to be kept in the church at Kilmelford; you will find more information in the enclosed flyer on how to arrange a dedication for your loved ones or contact Jean Bowman on 01852 200380.

## **KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Chair	Toni Mitchell
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Bookings	Anne Saunders
Committee member	Ellen Coyle
“ “	Robin Grey
“ “	Lucy Files
Caretaker	Chris Johnson

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 16<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The main topics under discussion were as follows:

### **Maintenance**

- a) The painting of the small hall, main hall, balcony, passageways and lobby is now finished. The labour was provided free of charge by workers on an Employability Scheme. We intend to paint the kitchen and main hall skirting board early in the New Year; any helpers would be warmly welcomed!
- b) The caretaker has cleared out the bird's nest that was blocking the outlet from the extractor fan in the kitchen. He has also replaced the sealant around the windows in the lobby, fitted support brackets to the Gents' washbasin and attached a draft excluder to the back door.
- c) A builder was called in to fit a membrane between the concrete and wood floor at the back door of the main hall where water ingress has caused damage.
- d) Regarding the additional heating for the main hall, an estimate £4162 has been received from Oban Electrics to fit downflow heaters on the walls, with associated work. As this is beyond our budget, and the situation regarding funding is uncertain, alternatives are being sought.

### **Fund Raising**

- a) The Mull Theatre production of Macbeth attracted an audience of 62 and raised a total of £103 from hire of Hall and sale of teas.
- b) The Car Boot Sale successfully raised £179, thanks to the efforts of Caroline and Fergus Gillanders.
- c) Toni Mitchell has written to the Corporate Funding Officer for Argyll & Bute to ascertain whether funding for the additional heating would be available.
- d) The highly popular Hogmanay Party and Race Night (20<sup>th</sup> Feb) are to be held again.

The AGM will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Your comments and opinions would be most welcome (or possibly not!)

### **THE “NEW LOOK” VILLAGE HALL**

Those of you who have visited the Village Hall recently will have noticed the ‘new look’. The walls of both halls and corridor have been re-painted.

My reasons for doing this in the main were two-fold. Firstly maintenance, as I don't believe the walls have been painted since the hall was built just over eleven years ago. The white walls lower down were quite badly marked with black scuff marks and really needed doing. Secondly, to make the hall look WARMER, brighter and more welcoming, as I felt white everywhere, especially with a grey carpet, did little to cheer.

The choice of colour was an agreed compromise after discussion with various groups of people who use the hall. The Grecian Spa of the lesser hall was the Art Group's choice, but as they use it 51 weeks a

year, I felt that was fair. The three colours of the corridor and the main hall are off the same palate, just shades on the theme of 'Mango'. Not originally my choice but other suggestions, bearing in mind I wanted a 'warm' colour, were met with comments from 'old ladies knickers' to less printable terms. What we have seemed to meet with most people's approval. Sadly the paler shade on the long and stage walls in the main hall does not reflect the true shade because of the lighting, sorry. Nevertheless, I think you must all agree every where looks brighter, cleaner and certainly warmer.

The next question I can hear you ask, is "What did all this cost?" Answer, the price of the paint only; approximately £255. Thanks here to Tony at Craigard Decor who gave us a wonderful deal on the Dulux paint.

About three months ago I filled in a form asking Argyll and Bute Council's Employability Team if this redecoration could be done. There were apparently 66 applications from halls wanting some kind of work done but we were lucky enough to be short listed to the final six. It was then all systems go and a team of three worked on it the first four days of week one and a team of five the second four days of week two, as they don't work Fridays. If you think of what that would have cost if we had had to pay for it, the bill would have run into thousands. Under the impressive leadership of Alan McIntyre, it was soon obvious that two coats of paint would be needed everywhere and the team had only been give the two weeks in which to do the job. So I called upon some volunteers. My thanks to Dorothy Bark, Ellen and Philip Coyle, Christine MacLachlan and Clare Howard who spent a morning with me masking up, and my special thanks to Georgina who spent last Monday with me painting the corridor and to her and Clare for going in on the Tuesday to do some more painting. This meant that it all got done on time. Thanks too to the ladies that went in with "goodies" to help motivate the workers, this I know was greatly appreciated. I think you must all agree that for a team of 'non professionals' a very professional job has been achieved, for which I feel Alan McIntyre deserves the accolade; I have of course written to the Employability Team to express our thanks and appreciation for a job very well done.

Antoinette Mitchell (KKCA Chair)

Note from the Editor – a huge debt of thanks is also due to Toni for all the hard work she put into making this happen.

At the recent meeting of the newsletter team, we decided to contribute the cost of the paint to the KKCA from our funds. The intention has always been to donate any surplus funds from our advertising revenue to local organisations or charities. Before doing so, we had to build up enough funds to repair or replace, if necessary, the computer/printer etc that we purchased 5 years ago with the aid of an "Awards for All" grant. We have now achieved sufficient funds to do so and are therefore now in a position to make such donations from time to time.

## **THE WRVS MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

The WRVS is a nationwide charity that you may know of from projects like the Oban Hospital Coffee Shop. One of our longstanding, but less visible projects locally, is the Oban Meals on Wheels Service which delivers a 2 course hot meal to the elderly and housebound. The service also provides a little social contact and we can check people are safe and well.

We operate at lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Eadar Glinn. We badly need new drivers and deliverers. Could you spare a couple of hours just once or twice a month? Mileage is paid and new volunteers are subject to disclosure checks.

Please contact: Rachel Culver, 8 Cnoc Mor, Balvicar, By Oban, PA34 4TG Tel: 01852 300086



## **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING**

Jean Bowman, Lindsay Davies and Caroline Gillanders would like to thank all those who contributed to our very successful fundraiser. Thanks go to everyone who helped on the day, donated items, raffle prizes and above all MONEY! We raised £872 which we understand will be used within Argyll and Bute to help those whose lives are affected by cancer. A big thank you must also go to Dunbeg Primary School Choir who entertained us so beautifully.

## **STRATHCLYDE FIRE AND RESCUE – FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISITS**

The fire brigade offer a free fire safety check on your home and provide and install smoke alarms, if required. Why not take advantage of this service and ensure that your home is as safe as possible from the risk of fire?

To organise a visit, either phone the Oban Fire Station Tel: 01631 569995 or Tel: 0800 0731 999 or E-mail: [ian.mcmeekin@strathclydefire.org](mailto:ian.mcmeekin@strathclydefire.org)

## **STRATHCLYDE POLICE**

The Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police and Convener of Strathclyde Joint Police Board has announced that a new community policing team is now operating in our council ward area, dedicated to meeting the needs of the community.

To find out more about the officers and how to contact them, either visit the Force website [www.strathclyde.police.uk](http://www.strathclyde.police.uk) or contact the local police office Tel: 01631 510500.

## **USED STAMPS**

A quick reminder that every used stamp from your Christmas cards, and all letters throughout the year, can be converted into funds to support The Church of Scotland World Mission Council's project of the year. So, don't chuck your stamps in the bin! Please leave them at the shop or give them to Dorothy Carmichael or Georgina Dalton.



## **THE SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL NOVEMBER 2007 AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

I would like to thank all those who helped with the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you to Margaret Cross, Caroline Gillanders and Jane Rentoul for their house to house visits, and also to the Loch Melfort Hotel, the Cuilfail Hotel, the Lord of the Isles, Craobh Haven Stores, Kilmelford Store and Post Office, the Shower of Herring, the Melfort Club and Kilmelford Parish Church for displaying the collecting tins.

The area total was £498.51 which is slightly down on last year's total but is still an impressive figure. I did not have a collection in Scammadale this year and would like to resume this beat next year. If there are any volunteers out there who would be willing to collect in Scammadale Glen, please get in touch with me.

Helen Keate

# KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE

Robin Asbury, Chairman 01852 200377  
Robin Grey, Treasurer 01852 200225  
Alasdair Oatts, Planning Officer 01852 200314  
Lindsay Davies, Secretary 01852 316154  
Nigel Mitchell, 01852 316151

## COUNCILLORS

Cllr Donald MacDonald  
Cllr Duncan MacIntyre

Copies of approved minutes of all Community Council meetings and all relevant notices are displayed on the Community Council noticeboards in Kilninver (by the bus shelter) and in Kilmelford (by the Post Office).

It's been brought to our attention that the local website hasn't always been kept up to date with Minutes of Community Council Meetings as was intended. Changes are underway to ensure that, in future, the website is kept up to date. See separate article below.

Please note Item 2 below regarding the publication of Draft Minutes in the Kilninford News.

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Robin Asbury (RA) Chairman, Lindsay Davies (LD), Robin Grey (RG), Nigel Mitchell (NM). Also in attendance were Cllr Donald McDonald, Fire Station Commander Ian McMeekin, Fireman David Millward and 17 members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Alasdair Oatts, Cllr Elaine Robertson and PC Kevin Moffat.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:** Before approving the minutes the Chairman read from the Kilninford News with the intention of clarifying several issues. The Kilninford News will always print all minutes of Community Council Meetings since the last edition of the Kilninford News. The only Draft Minutes that may be printed are those which will be approved at a meeting within 2 weeks of the circulation of the Kilninford News. Where there is time gap of more than 2 weeks the Community Council will post the draft minutes on the 2 official notice boards at the same time as the Agenda is posted for the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed RG, Seconded NM.

### **3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- a. Roads Issues - Stewart Clark has confirmed that the white lines issue has been added to a list of works.
- b. Speed Limit - No further info. The Chairman suggested that when any action on this item we should seek to extend the limit to include the new houses, south of the Glebe, to just beyond the Degnish Road End.
- c. Bus Shelter in Kilmelford - Stewart Clark has confirmed that the shelter is being delivered to the depot this week. NM confirmed that all component parts are in the depot and Kilmelford will be installed as a priority.
- d. Blaran Road End - the Chairman stated that it appeared a satisfactory stalemate had been reached regarding the bus pick up/drop off. Children are picked up at the Glengallan lay-by and dropped

off at Kilninver Primary School. This issue will be dropped from the agenda now with the possibility of the issue arising again.

- e. Insurance for Kilninver Notice Board- RG stated he was having difficulty getting a quote for this. Cllr McDonald was not aware of this as an issue but will enquire on our behalf.
- f. Problem weeds in Scammadale- the Council confirmed they have a limited budget for roadside weeds via Roads Budget. Cllr McIntyre has forwarded information regarding Strachur Community who have tackled their problem weeds. LD in receipt of this info should the Community wish to take forward.
- g. Sight Lines in Arduaine-There is now an agreement by the Roads Department that the sight line is okay. Fence still on land is to be moved by agreement. Hedge is still in place. Cllr McDonald confirmed that if the sight line is not enforced in 15 years then it lapses. John Stannard added re the height of hedging by the mussel farm. Recommended height is 1.2m. The Enforcement Officer has now got additional duties which will add to the difficulty of enforcing these sorts of things. To continue monitoring.
- h. War Memorial- email received from Cllr. McIntyre. Kilmelford memorial is known to be requiring work however there is not any suitable equipment to carry out this and other works in the area. Remedial works will not be done in time for Remembrance Sunday. The Council does intend finding a way of dealing with the memorial in order to make it safe.
- i. Data Protection Act 1998- LD has looked at the literature available and it looks as if we will be required to register in order to comply with this, LD to continue with this issue.

**4. Presentation by Fire Officer:** Mr Ian McMeekin, Commander at Oban Fire Station gave a presentation of what service they offer as well as fire fighting and attending roads traffic accidents. Lots of emphasis on fire prevention and working with the local communities. You can contact Ian via a local fire-fighter or at Oban Fire Station on 0800 0731 999.

The local fire service is trained to carry out Home Fire Safety visits and provide advice and fit smoke alarms free of charge.

In October 2006 legislation was passed that affects B&B's/self catering/shops. They must have a fire risk assessment. If there are more than 5 employees or the premises are licensed they must have a written report. The onus is on the individual to be responsible for their premises.

The Fire Service has carried out a Young Drivers Project working with 17, 18 & 19 year olds in Oban, Lochgilphead and Campbeltown. They are also participating in an Education event for P4, 5 & 6, doing presentations to all schools.

Commander McMeekin is keen to have ongoing contact with Community Councils.

Georgina Dalton added she attended a fire service course, through the self-catering association and found it very useful.

#### **5. Land around Kilmelford Hall:**

Cllr McDonald confirmed that the Lorn Plan will not be ratified until the 27.11.08. The Report done on the Plan recommends that the Rural Opportunities Area be reduced. The Local Councillors are not in support of this. The Local Plan does not include the land around the Village Hall and the Reporter does not approve changing this. Adrian Jackson Stark, Local Plan Officer, is to visit Oban re Local Plan. It is likely that there will now be a delay of several months before we know the outcome as it then goes back for Public Consultation, then to the Scottish Executive who has 28 days to approve it. Cllr McDonald confirmed it now looks unlikely that a competent motion will be prepared but we can write again in support of our proposal. RA to action this.

Georgina Dalton had asked previously regarding the affordable housing if there was a stipulation in the planning consent as to where in the order of build they should come. RA enquired of the Planning Department and there is no stipulation in the planning consent. The Community Council will write to West Highland Housing Association to clarify the position of the affordable housing.

#### **6. Planning Applications:**

RG stated there are 2 planning applications

1. Erection of dwelling house, land NW of Bragleenbeg, Scammadale. Some local concern that this is outside the Local Plan and has already been refused once.

2. Scottish Water- small extension of working area at Degnish Road end Sewage Site.

It was added by Cllr McDonald that the Planning Department would value feedback, from the Community Councils, on all applications that affect them both positive and negative.

### **7. Correspondence:**

- a. Roads and Amenity Survey- Completed by Community Council.
- b. GRAB Trust Newsletter.
- c. Consultation on marches and Parades. Not appropriate to complete
- d. Town Centre and Local High Street Consultation.
- e. Area Committee Document Pack.
- f. DigitalUK Events- No member of Community Council able to attend.
- g. Updated list of A&B Council contacts- circulated round Community Council.
- h. A&B Council Control of Japanese Knotweed Document.
- i. Scottish Government Affordable Housing Investment Programme. Detailing 15 affordable houses, with West Highland Housing Association, within the new Glebe development. RA to follow up re details.
- j. Postwatch Scotland's final newsletter.
- k. Invitation to Reception for A&B Regional Environmental Education Forum Environmental Fair- No members of Community Council able to attend.
- l. Notification of A&B Council ceasing circulation of hard copies of Committee reports and Agendas. - LD to request email notification for Area Committee, Planning Meetings, Full Council, Executive Meetings and Policy and Performance Groups.
- m. Area Committee Document Pack.
- n. Notification of Community Engagement Meeting- NM attended. LD to email regarding short notice of this meeting.
- o. Application for Conversion to Premises Licence- Shower of Herring.
- p. North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Area Plan and Annual Report.
- q. Notification from A&B Council re tree felling along Degnish Road 27.10.08 for 1 week.
- r. Parks and Open Spaces Survey- completed by Community Council.

### **Any Other Business:**

- a. The Chairman asked for confirmation regarding new bin for the Village Hall. Toni Mitchell confirmed Village Hall to keep with 1 wheelie bin.
- b. Toni Mitchell, as Chair of Village Hall Committee, advised they had applied for a Wee Green Grant to pay for painting the inside of the hall. The bid has been short listed to 20 and will soon be told if bid successful.
- c. Telephone kiosk, after many calls regarding kiosk not working it has now been repaired.
- d. NM raised the issue of damage on Kilninver Bridge- being kept an eye on at present.
- e. RA raised the issue of damage to the high tide marker. Having discussed with Stewart Clark he has been informed this does not come under the Council's remit. The Chairman asked if there were enough funds in the CC Account. Sandra Duncan, A&BC will assess and fix with Community Council funds.
- f. LD raised an issue on behalf of a Scammadale resident regarding a proposed development of 5 linked houses adjacent to Cuil Darroch. It lies outwith the local plan, is not in keeping with local building and many residents of Scammadale are in opposition. The Community Council has not had notification of this but is aware of it. RA to write to the planning department in opposition.
- g. John Stannard advised those present of a recent incident in the Arduaine area regarding forestry felling that caused the water supply to be contaminated. With good communication between the company and the community felling was halted and the problem repaired. He emphasised the importance of local communities developing and maintaining good communication links with contractors in their area.

- h. Community Engagement Meeting-NM attended this meeting. He noted that at the next election CC boundaries may be changing. Also, if we choose to do a postal ballot we can claim for postage.
- i. Cllr McDonald advised of an application for a grant for £10m for development of the harbour and bypass in Oban. If this bid reaches the finals Cllr McDonald will give a presentation to the Community Council.
- j. Oyster pickers were noticed at the head of the loch. A member of the public phoned the relevant authorities and the individuals were picked up.

### **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 9th of December at 8pm. With our Chairman unavailable for this meeting, the Community will be notified if a Quorum is not available.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

### **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The school was inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Education in October. We are delighted with the findings as outlined in the verbal feedback. A detailed written report will be available in the near future. If you would like to request a copy please contact the school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the local community who shared their opinions of the school with the Inspectors. Your overwhelming support contributed significantly to the positive outcome and is clearly evident in the text.

On 21st November the whole school took part in the Oban and Lorne sports festival. Pre 5 enjoyed the soft play while the swimming team swam in the gala, the infants experienced ballet and tap dancing classes and the juniors played Frisbee and tried out hip-hop.

On a cheery festive note ...

Cinderellagotthefellagoodygoodydiddlededum and we all had a fabulous time at the Panto in the Kings Theatre Glasgow with our mums, dads, grannies, friends and teachers.

We have appointed a new clerical. Mrs Fiona Stage is scheduled to start in the office on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip to Cinderella Panto in Glasgow
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils participate in School Strings Orchestra
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity play 11 a.m. at the school. All welcome
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School term ends. School closes at 3.30 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Term begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Burns Night Celebrations at Kilmelford Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for INSET
13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for INSET
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term Ends
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Term begins

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### EASDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Normal working hours for phone calls are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01852 300223.  
In case of emergency outside normal working hours, dial 999 for an ambulance. For health advice, phone NHS 24 Tel: 0845 24 24 24.

The Surgery will be closed as follows:-

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> December

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2007

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2007

### MELFORT CLUB FACILITIES – CLOSURES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The swimming pool will be closed on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December and will re-open on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 p.m.

The Melfort Club facilities will be closed for annual maintenance from Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 until Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 when the swimming pool will re-open at 8.30 a.m. and Reception at 9 a.m. Please phone the office for information (Tel: 01852 200257).

### GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2007

#### Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

#### Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
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I thought that nobody over 60 was allowed to give blood but apparently this is no longer the case. The rules as to who can and who can't give blood are constantly changing, so if you've been turned down in the past and would like to give blood, do phone 0141 357 7700 or visit the website [www.scotblood.co.uk](http://www.scotblood.co.uk) to check – every "pint" is desperately needed and you may now be eligible to give blood.

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## **LETTERS**

Dear Members of the Community

### **Vehicles Exceeding the Speed Limit Outside Kilninver School**

Over the past few weeks, several parents have contacted the Parent Council and voiced their concerns about vehicles, some driven by members of our local community, who are not observing the speed limits whilst driving past the school.

We understand that despite the clear signage, some drivers are travelling at speeds almost double the limit and on occasion, vehicles have overtaken on the stretch past the playground. Obviously this has major safety implications for our children and the Parent Council feels that drastic steps have to be taken to try to combat this irresponsible and dangerous practice.



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