

KILNINFORD NEWS

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

HELP NEEDED

For over 12 years, the Kilninford News was produced by the same team of four. In April we lost Cath and Fiona Potter kindly agreed to take her place dealing with the advertising. Unfortunately, Fiona has found that increasing pressures at work make it impossible for her to commit beyond the current issue and, sadly, Elizabeth too has decided that she has too much on her plate to continue in her role as Treasurer.

Olwen (Goulding) has kindly agreed to take over from Elizabeth and we are grateful to Ian Bark who has also agreed to help out with collating and printing the Local Telephone Directory.

We are now looking for somebody willing to take over the advertising. This requires a reasonable amount of computer skills but nothing too high powered. We usually meet four times a year, a few weeks before each issue and for our AGM, and we then get on with our own particular roles in getting the newsletter to you. The revenue from our adverts is our only source of income and covers the costs of printing etc. and occasional donations to local charities. PLEASE WOULD ANYBODY WHO MIGHT CONSIDER TAKING ON THIS ROLE AND WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT CONTACT FIONA (Tel: 01852 200227) OR GEORGINA (Tel: 01866 844212).

We are very grateful to Elizabeth, and to Robin, for all the work they have put into the newsletter over the years, and to Fiona for the two issues dealing with the advertising. Also a big thank you to Judith who frequently lands up in charge of printing the newsletter and to Melfort Club for allowing us to use their copier.

PLEASE WOULD ANYONE KNOWING OF ANY CHANGES FOR THE DIRECTORY please e-mail Fiona Wyllie at mail@fionaw.co.uk so that we can check with the new residents whether or not they would like to be included in the Directory.

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER

Friday, 3rd Sept – 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

Wednesday, 8th September – “The Weir” presented by Mull Theatre at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £8 and £5 concessions. C3 Youth Club is providing a pre-show theatre meal at 6 p.m. (£10 per person). Booking essential (Tel: 01852 500746 or E-mail: cvh.arts@btconnect.com)

Theatre tickets available at www.thebooth.co.uk, Tel: 01852 500376 or E-mail: cvh.arts@btconnect.com

Thursday, 9th September – “Going Digital” briefing and Coffee Morning at 10.30 a.m. in Craignish Village Hall.

For further information and if you need transport, contact Paul Smyth (Tel: 01852 500235)

Saturday, 11th September – Kilmelford Community Fire Station Open Day from 12.30 – 4.30 p.m. at the Fire Station followed by an 80's Disco at the Cuilfail Hotel from 8.30 p.m. See full poster with all the information below.

Friday, 24th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of the “World’s Biggest Coffee Morning” Appeal. Performance by Kilninver Primary School, raffle and charity Christmas cards on sale.

Donations of baking and offers of help gratefully received.

Contact: Caroline Gillanders (Tel: 01852 200388) or Lindsay Davies (Tel: 01852 316154).

Friday, 24th September – Sheelanagig supported by The Anyways (local band) in Craignish Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets available at www.thebooth.co.uk, Tel: 01852 500376 or E-mail: cvh.arts@btconnect.com

Saturday, 25th September – “Jacobite Country” presented by Dogstar Theatre in Craignish Village Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets available at www.thebooth.co.uk, Tel: 01852 500376 or E-mail: cvh.arts@btconnect.com

Saturday, 2nd October - Netherlorn Churches Gathering from 10 a.m. till 3.30 p.m. in the Seil Island Hall, Ellenabeich.

This gathering is for everyone of all ages who has any connection with, and interest in, our churches and their place in the life of our communities, and not just for existing members of our congregations. There will be a special event on the day for young people. “Out of the Box” is a group of young people who help the understanding of the Bible through fun activities. There will be lots of fun activities with Puppet Drama and Music Workshops. See below for the full programme.

ALL ARE WELCOME. If you would like to come, call Ken Ross (Tel: 01852 200565) or Mhairi Ritchie (Tel: 01852 314388)

Wed, 6th Oct – Parish Lunch and Produce Sale from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

Everyone welcome. A chance to meet up with friends and neighbours, folk working locally and 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. The newly up-dated Local Directory will be on sale and 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 6th of October when we look forwards 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:	Lunches	Yvonne Anderson	01852 200326
		Beth Nicholson	01852 316242
	Baking	Dorothy Carmichael	01852 200374
	Plants	Elizabeth Asbury	01852 200377
	Bottle Stall	Dorothy and Malcolm Bark	01852 200370
	Produce	Jenny Moody	01852 200222
	Raffle	Yvonne Anderson	01852 200326
	Handicrafts	Isabel Smith	01852 200537

N.B. Yvonne Anderson and Beth Nicolson have kindly agreed to take over the running of the Parish Lunch from Georgina this year in case she's away helping out with her first grandchild.

Friday, 15th October – Ceilidh from 7.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of hall funds. Live music, dancing, buffet and bar. Please bring a contribution for the buffet. Tickets available from the shop or from Fergus or Matthew £7.50 adults, £3.50 children.

Contact: Fergus Gillanders (Tel: 01852 200388) and Matthew Anderson (Tel: 01852 200326)

Friday, 5th Nov – 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Sunday, 28th November – Craignish Christmas Fair at 12 noon in Craignish Village Hall. Soup and rolls and fine food and gifts for Christmas. To book a table, contact Norma Kirk (Tel: 01852 500368 E-mail: normakirk@btinternet.com)

Friday, 3rd Dec – 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 baking greatly appreciated.

Contact: Melissa Oatts (Tel: 01852 200314)

Friday, 31st December – Hogmanay Ceilidh from 9 p.m. till late in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Music, games and dancing. Please bring your own drinks and food for your table. Nibbles supplied.

Admission at the door: Adults £4.00 Children under 12, £2.00. Everyone very welcome.

Contact Diane Scaife (Tel: 01852 200208)

ART GROUP

The group meets informally weekly on Thursdays from 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. in the small hall in Kilmelford. There is no tutor at present so fees are just £1.50 per session to cover the hire of the hall. All welcome.

Contact: Agnes McColl (Tel: 01852 200365)

COUNTRY DANCING

Scottish Country Dancing will again take place most Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall starting on the 7th of October. New faces are always welcome at any time. However, it's better to start at the beginning of the season, if possible, so why not come along on the 7th.

Contact: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151 E-mail: toni@themitchells.co.uk

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS – the weekly **Wednesday** morning workshops take place in Kilmelford Village Hall from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. £2 per person per morning.
Contacts: Dorothy Carmichael (Tel: 01852 200374) Toni Mitchell (Tel: 01852 316151)

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chair	Toni Mitchell
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders
Secretary	Diane Scaife
Committee member	Matthew Anderson
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Caretaker	Colin Gibson
Bookings	Kilmelford Village Stores

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 11th May and 13th July 2010.
The full minutes of the meetings can be found on www.kilmelford.com

a) INSULATION OF THE MAIN HALL

The good news is that a grant has been secured to cover virtually the entire cost of £28,000 for the insulation of the main hall. The Leader program is contributing 47.5% and Community Energy Scotland 50% of the necessary money. The committee is obliged to do 90 hours of work relating to the business plan of the Village Hall as a contribution in kind to make up the shortfall. The insulation work commenced in early August and necessitated the closure of the main hall during that time.

b) COMMUNITY LINKS SCOTLAND (CLS)

CLS is a charitable, not for profit organisation, that supports local community groups. Kilmelford & Kilniver Village Hall is one of six village halls that have been selected for assistance. CLS will draw up an outline business plan for us and give advice and help on submitting applications for grants to various bodies. A total of eight days' help is on offer.

The long-term aim is to upgrade the facilities in the Hall in order to improve future marketing opportunities. Suggested improvements for which future funding may be sought include: a refit of the kitchen, more efficient and greener heating, solar panels for hot water, new carpet in the corridor, new flooring in the lesser hall, plasterboard skim in the lesser hall, acoustic panels in the main hall and replacement furniture.

As part of the business plan, CLS is also to send out a survey questionnaire to residents in the Kilmelford, Kilniver and Arduaine area asking what sort of activities, services and facilities they would like to see at the Village Hall.

c) FUNDRAISING

The Beach Clean around the shoreline of Loch Melfort was very successful and was granted a total of £595.00 from the Argyll and Bute Trust, £105.00 of this being raised by the Kilniver School. Thank you to everyone who participated. There is the potential to earn a bit more next year by extending the area covered.

The Quiz Night in May was a popular and hilarious evening making a profit of £308.00. The less you know, the more fun you have!

A Ceilidh in the Village Hall is being planned for the autumn with a band being put together from local musicians. The Hogmanay Party will also go ahead using the same format as last year.

The 100 Club is nearing the hundred mark – just a few more participants please! This is a steady fundraiser for the Village Hall.

Contact: Diane Scaife 01852 200208

KILMELFORD AND KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

SPORTS

Squash: 16 years and over £4 per hour
 Under 16 years, OAPs, students and unemployed £2 per hour
 Badminton: £3 per hour all categories
 Junior Football: £3 per hour
 Indoor Tennis: £3 per hour

HIRE CHARGES

	LESSER HALL	MAIN HALL
Charity Fund Raisers	£1.50 per hour	£3 per hour
Social use other than charities	£3 per hour	£6 per hour
Commercial use	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

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

Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for preparation of hot food is £10 per event.

Evening Dances and Functions	5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (1 a.m. for dances)
Charity	£60/session Deposit: £20
Private	£60/session Deposit: £20
Commercial	£85/session Deposit: £50

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

HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

Residents of Kilmelford, Kilninver and Arduaine may hire equipment, those resident outside the area by special arrangement.

Tables: £2 per day. Chairs: £1 per day. Prices of cutlery and crockery on request.

A full list of rates and availability can be obtained from the Hall Caretaker.

Hire is subject to a minimum charge of £10.

HEATING TOKENS FOR MAIN AND LESSER HALLS £1.50 each

MEMBERSHIP AND LOST KEYS £10 each

CARETAKING AND BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL

Caretaker:- Chris Johnson

Bookings should be made during business hours at the Kilmelford Village Stores (Tel: 01852 200271).

UNDER 16s

PLEASE NOTE: owing to safety issues, no-one aged 16 or younger can be allowed into Kilmelford and Kilniver Village Hall without the supervision of an adult.

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

THE MAIN HALL INSULATION

Hopefully, by the time the Kilniford News goes to print, the biggest single improvement to happen to the Village Hall, since its construction, will be complete, the insulation of the Main Hall.

The idea for this came to me over two years ago when I managed to get the hall on an energy audit programme which was being offered to a small selection of village halls by Community Energy Scotland. Following this came the battle of trying to get insulation without first changing the heating system to Renewables. As we work on a token system in the main hall this was neither practicable, nor, as I saw it, the solution to the problem of a very cold main hall in winter. The moving of the heaters from the roof to around the walls certainly helped in making the hall feel warmer, but it didn't address the problem of heat loss, in an area which I felt closely resembled a barn.

First I had to find a company that was prepared to take on quite an unusual insulation project. I contacted all the "power" companies, not one was interested. So I then literally went through the phone book speaking to various insulation companies. Only three got back to me. One from Gateshead whose quote was astronomical, one who made two appointments and showed up for neither and finally the one "we" have gone with, AIS (Alternative Insulation Solutions, from Cairndow, Loch Fyne. If I had searched for years I don't think I could have found a better firm or person than Danny Sumsion with whom to work. The next stage was to find funding for the £28,000 project; not easy. However, at last Community Energy Scotland agreed to 50% of the funding without us having to change the heating system. As I pointed out, whatever heating system one used, the heat was still going out through a metal roof and metal walls. I also pointed out that it was not just an energy saving exercise but that the acoustics would be vastly improved and the hall would be more ascetically pleasing. All these aspects might then help us to promote the hall as a more user friendly environment to the local community and also market it for wider use hence increasing hall revenue for future projects. Having found 50% of the funding, the next 50% was slightly easier, although the form filling that The Leader Programme demanded was a nightmare. I can only thank Fergus Gillanders and my long suffering husband for their help and patience as we sat for three sessions filling in a lengthy questionnaire on line. This was sent back three times before we got it right!! However, the outcome was successful and by mid June The Leader Programme had granted us 47.5%, the other 2.5% to be contributed by the local community. However, we were allowed to contribute "in kind" rather than have to find the monetary funds. I was told that if I project managed for 90 hours, that would be sufficient. Unfortunately, all the hours I had already put in did not count. I could only count the hours from commencement of work. However, I was allowed to share this Project Management with Fergus.

I have endeavoured to take photos and put them up in the hall to show the various stages of the process, for those of you who are interested. It was basically framework, hardboard, holes drilled in the hardboard, the insulation squirted in, rather like cavity wall insulation, a plastic membrane because of the metal not allowing for condensation, and finally the plaster board and painting.

My sincere thanks to Danny and AIS for a great job, to Fergus especially for encouraging me when I got despondent, and the rest of the committee for supporting me in this endeavour. We hope you will feel it was a worthwhile project and that you will be able to make greater use of YOUR hall.

Whilst the search for funding was going on, The Leader Programme also encouraged us to have a business plan for the hall (something Argyll and Bute Council had been asking us for when we were in

discussions with them about the land around the hall, should this ever be “given” to us). Again we were lucky to be one of 6 halls to be included in The Community Links Scotland Programme. They give us 8 days of their time to form a Business Plan. The first part of this programme you will have already take part in, as hopefully, if you are on the electoral role, you will have received and completed a questionnaire compiled by The Community Links Programme on our behalf. From this we hope to glean a clearer insight into what you would like us as a committee to do and what future you see for your village hall. No doubt there will be a number of projects over the years and we will keep you up to date with these as best we can.

Antoinette Mitchell

Note from the Editor – Tony has put a HUGE amount of time and effort into initiating this project and seeing it through from start to finish. THANK YOU, TONY.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

Services are held every Sunday at 12 noon **alternately** in Kilmelford Parish Church and Kilninver Parish Church with the exception of services on the 31st of October and the 7th of November which are both in Kilninver Church

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September	12 th , 26 th	5 th , 19 th
October	10 th (Harvest Thanksgiving), 24 th	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st (11.30 a.m.)*
November	14 th (Remembrance), 28 th	7 th (Communion), 21 st
December	12 th , 28 th	5 th , 19 th

* **Sunday, 31st October** – joint service with Craignish, Kilbrandon and Kilchattan at 11.30 a.m.

Friday, 17th December – Carol Singing. Details will be in the December newsletter.

Notices for all Christmas Services will also be in the December newsletter and will be posted on the noticeboard in the Village Shop in Kilmelford.

Please note:

Services are held every Sunday in Craignish Parish Church in Ardfern at 10.30 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

DEATHS

Hilary Hill died peacefully on the 12th of April at Thorney Croft, Stranraer. She shared her passion and knowledge of plants so willingly and was an inspiration to many of us. Her beautiful Degnish garden, and in particular her collection of alpines, will be remembered by everyone who visited it. Donations in her memory went to Riding for the Disabled.

HARVEST AT A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE

We have all been aware of the great crisis of our time brought about by climate change. An increase in the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, brought about by human activity, has disturbed the delicate balance in the relationship between the earth and the sun. Our modern way of life, with its dependence on burning coal, gas and oil, is rapidly increasing the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere. Scientists say that 350 parts per million CO₂ in the atmosphere is the safe amount for humanity. Our current level is 392ppm – and rising. We see the results in higher temperatures worldwide, melting ice and devastating floods.

We all have a lot of re-thinking to do, the Christian faith not excepted. Have we too often privileged humanity at the expense of the earth in our thinking about the faith? Has our understanding of the faith unwittingly fuelled an exploitative approach to the earth's resources for which we are paying a heavy price today? It is time to face such questions. Time to remember that the God who meets us in the humanity of Jesus Christ is the Creator God who has made the heavens and the earth. Time to remember that to us God has given responsibility to steward the earth's resources.

Harvest Thanksgiving has for centuries been a time to celebrate the fruitfulness of the earth and to recognise our dependence on it. This year our Harvest Thanksgiving will fall, as it happens, on the tenth day of the tenth month of the tenth year of this century. 10/10/10 has become a world movement encouraging everyone both to undertake a local project and to do some political lobbying, all with a view to tackling climate change. Here is a context in which our Harvest Thanksgiving takes on new urgency and importance.

Re-thinking our faith in relation to today's context is not an exercise limited only to climate change. The challenge will be taken up in broad perspective at the Netherlorn Churches Gathering being held in the Seil Island Hall, Ellenabeich, on Saturday 2 October 2010 from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Details appear elsewhere in this issue of the News. Can I encourage you to put this date in your diary and bring your contribution to shaping the future of church life here in Netherlorn?

Finally, as the new parish minister, let me mention how much I have enjoyed the early months of meeting new people and entering into the life of the community. I extend my sincere thanks to all who have offered such a warm welcome to my family and myself.

Kenneth Ross
Parish Minister

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD OUTREACH GROUP (now Xplorers)

Good dialogue and open discussion of ideas with the "Young Mums" group have led to the formation of "The Outreach Group", founded last September: which has become "Xplorers".

Georgina, Elizabeth, Cath and Jenny, who already have Disclosures, have been joined by Rachel Ross and Alex Tweedly; also by Isabel Smith and Margaret Morsley, our two "talented grannies". Applications for their disclosures are currently being submitted.

On the first Sunday of each month, except January and August, "Xplorers" will be held at Kilmelford Church for an hour of creative activities, Bible stories for the younger groups; discussion and exploration of different aspects of Christianity for the senior group.

Juice and "buns" will be enjoyed as the Xplorers arrive at 4 p.m. The activity session will be followed at 5 p.m. by a 15 minute Prayz (Young People's Service), based on the theme of that day, usually led by the minister, Ken Ross. The senior group will ring the church bell at approximately 4:55 p.m. and children from the younger groups will be at the door to welcome all who wish to come and join the young people for their Prayz. Absolutely all are invited, parents, friends and visitors; the more the merrier.

A monthly flyer will come home in schoolbags with primary school children and there will be posters around the area to remind the rest of us; however, we hope that you will make the first Sunday of the month a red letter day on your calendars.

We look forward to welcoming you on September 5th.

JUNE PICNIC AT BARNACARRY

On Saturday 26th June the children of Kilmelford and Kilninver enjoyed a picnic and fun-filled afternoon on the beach at Barnacarry. The weather defied predictions of rain with a lovely warm and dry afternoon and all the children paddled, played in the sea, built dams in the burn, played on the beach, joined in a number of organised games and generally had a lot of fun. When it was time to eat each family had brought their own picnic but this did not stop the children swapping, mixing and matching as they always do and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

All of us appreciated the hard work that went into making this a lovely afternoon. We also appreciate that people gave up their time to make it a success and thanks to these people not only were our children kept happy and entertained but they were also safe, vigilantly supervised by helpers "on patrol", so to speak, on the beach. The helpers included in their numbers new Minister Ken Ross and his wife Hester who made a point of chatting to all the families enabling us all to get to know each other better. On behalf of all the families present, thank you very much to everyone involved and a particular thank you to Patricia Wakefield for allowing us access to Barnacarry Bay.

The picnic marked the culmination of a year of outreach work on the part of the ladies of the two parishes focussed on the children and teenagers of the area. The youngsters have enjoyed several activity afternoons throughout the year and this is set to continue on a regular basis which is marvellous. May I conclude by thanking Walter and Heather Ritchie, Elizabeth Asbury, Georgina Dalton, Jennifer Moody, Cassi Carey and Cath Manchester for their initiative in getting this project off the ground and their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

Lucy Files

MUSIC NIGHTS IN KILMELFORD CHURCH

The music nights took place again this year each Wednesday in August. They were very well attended and there was a rich mix of talent, bagpipes, accordions, guitars, flutes, fiddle, singers, poetry readers and storytellers. Thanks to everyone who came along and, to those who provided the entertainment, a very big thank you.

KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

N.B. It was agreed at the Community Council meeting held on the 14th of October, 2008 that Draft Community Council Minutes would only be published in the newsletter when they are due for approval within two weeks of distribution of the newsletter. Where there is a time gap of more than two weeks, the draft minutes are posted on the two official noticeboards at the same time as the Agenda is posted for the next meeting. Once approved, the Minutes are then published in the following newsletter.

MINUTES

The meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 13th of April 2010 at the Village Hall.

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chairman, John Mclean (JMCL), Colin Clark (CC), Antoinette Mitchell (AM) Sheila Whitlow (SW)

Also in attendance were Cllr Duncan MacIntye, Cllr Donald Macdonald, Cllr Elaine Robertson and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Matthew Anderson and Sarah Edwards.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting on the 9th of February 2010 were taken as being a true and accurate representation of that meeting. Proposed – AM. Seconded – JMCL.

3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:

- a) **Bus Shelter in Kilmelford** – The seating is now in place. The roof was scheduled to be repaired by 18th March. Action – To confirm whether this had been completed and review at next meeting.
- b) **Land around the Village Hall** – NM explained that the most likely application would be for 5 houses and a lump sum. NM has received an email from John Tilly who is not able to commit to a lump sum. The application has been applied for as a PDA for the Community Council. The Community Council would have more planning control for the piece of land with the exception of the 2 plots nearest to the hall.
AM has contacted Argyll and Bute council's Community Links Scotland. They are offering support to help with the production of the development plan. The village hall will be the 6th Village hall to be supported. Help will also be available with other funding for the hall development. AM has sent in all the information needed to apply for support.
A decision will be needed on the lump sum as well as the land.
- c) **Local Development Plans-** Neil Mackay had urged at the last Community Council meeting for all the community to be informed about the plan. AM confirmed that leaflets have been sent to all the community in Kilmelford and Kilninver. AM and NM have responded on behalf of the Community Council and personally.
- d) **Proposed Wind farm, Raera Forest** – Very quiet at the moment. NM confirmed that there have been 20 definite objections and it will go to a Public Hearing. NPower have asked to extend determination for two months. Nothing can now be determined before the Public Hearing. NM is waiting for confirmation in writing. There has been a lot of input on Argyll and Bute Council's planning department website.

4. Planning Applications :

1. Proposal to convert 2 chalets to 2 detached dwellings at Tralaig.
(no objections)

5. Correspondence:

AM brought to everyone's attention the correspondence laid out on the table and highlighted the following correspondence received by mail and email:-

1. Issues of Mental Health.
2. Helping Young Offenders.
3. Advice to Clubs and Licensees.
4. Confirmation of the Councils decision not to adopt the telephone kiosks.

6. Any Other Business:

1. The condition of the roads and particularly the Degnish Road are very poor, and the potholes require urgent attention. Three of the members of public attending the meeting agreed CC to inform roads.
2. Judith Stannard has agreed to be the Honorary Auditor for the accounts which are being prepared now.

3. Digital Switchover – A meeting had been held previously in the hall to give information. NM was not aware of any particular concerns. A query was raised as to whether there will be digital radio.
4. Questionnaire to FOLI regarding Community needs. - AM confirmed that Sarah Edwards had completed the questionnaire and £500.00 is now due to the Community Council. Councillor Elaine Robertson was delighted to learn that the questionnaire had been returned.
5. Renewable Energy Seminar – NM attended the seminar with Jim Mather MSP. ALI Energy were involved and funds are available for the community for projects.
Renewable Heat Incentive- A subsidy is available. There is a possible benefit for the hall, in combination with grants.
6. Raera Wind Farm application. – Georgina Dalton enquired whether there had been any reply from Karen Fox regarding how the equipment was to be transported to Raera.
Scottish Woodlands and Forest – objected because the forest is not being replaced.
No indication as yet of how the power would be taken to the grid.
No application has yet been made for the proposed jetty.
NM confirmed that he had not had any further updates from Richard Kerr, Fergus Murray or Arlene Knox.
7. Planning Applications – All applications will still be advertised in the Oban Times as there were too many public objections to it being removed from being advertised in the press.
8. Dog Fouling in Kilmelford- Concerns were expressed about the condition of the pavements throughout the village. There are currently no signs shown in the village and more signs are now needed. The waste bin had been removed a year and a half ago and there is currently no bin. AM will contact Dereck Crooks the Dog Warden at Argyll and Bute Council.
9. NM thanked SW for offering to be Minute Secretary until the elections can be held for a new Secretary in six months time.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 8th June at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

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- b) **Land Around the Village Hall-** There are no more developments since the last meeting.
- c) **Proposed Wind Farm, Raera Forest-** The date for the planning PPSL is likely to be during August.

- d) **Dog Fouling in Kilmelford-** AM contacted Argyll and Bute Council and the Dog Warden has contacted AM today. Two more bins are being organised, with the suggested locations being at the end of the Degnish Road in the village and approximately half way along to the Loch Melfort Club. Notices will be being put up in the next few days. Another bin was suggested for the main village. AM will follow this up.

4. Planning Applications:

1. The Steading in Kilmelford. – There are 2 separate applications for alterations and extensions and 7 dwelling houses and 5 holiday homes. The plans do not seem to show much difference from the roadside. The plans will go into the post office. As it is a listed building application it will go to a central planning committee PPSL.
2. The Kames development- The layout of the development has been completely changed and includes 2 affordable housing units. Outline planning will be discussed at the August planning meeting and any comments should be made by the end of July. Any difference in the layout of the plan would mean a new application. The plan on display in the Post Office appears to be different. Councillors Neil Mackay and Donald Macdonald will liaise to ask David Love to contact the Community Council to clarify the differences in the plans. Cllr Neil Mackay was unable to comment specifically on individual applications but explained that for any such application, the community council can make any comment on the scale of the development. If an application is approved under delegated powers the application could go to a local review body. If there were more than 20 objections there would be hearing. If a development has an existing business which could affect a planning application then a LPBAD2 policy could be relevant. One and a half storey buildings would be discouraged for this type of application.
3. Lagganmore Dwelling House, Kilmelford- Outline planning has been given for a small house at Lagganmore and the application will now be going to the detailed planning stage.
4. Degnish Farm Unit, West of Kilmelford. – The application is for a 15 kilowatt turbine, local use. Hub height of 15 metres.
5. Corrylorn- Two applications for two 80 metre high Meteorological Masts at Trallaig. Temporary installations.
6. Clachan Wind Farm – NM has spoken to Rory Young and he would like a meeting with the Community Council first before a general Community Meeting. The plan has already been discussed with other community councils. The plan is in scoping at the moment and it is not anticipated that it would reach planning before October. The community turbine would generate some funds and as the plan is for under 20 megawatts it would be an ordinary planning application. NM suggested that the meeting with the community council should go ahead. It was felt that this community should have been approached first not last.

5. Correspondence:

The correspondence was laid out on the table and included the following:-

GRAB Trust Community Newsletter May 2010

Mental Health in Argyll and Bute 2010 – NHS Highland

NHS Highland Annual Review Letter May 2010. Annual review Meeting Tuesday 22nd June.

News Release 29/4/10 – Argyll Residents Insulated against Council Tax Bills.

Nature of Scotland- Scottish Natural Heritage 2010.

Spring Magazine of Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

Digital Switchover Community Outreach Pack.

City Link- Green Thinking City Listing

6. Any other business

1. The elections for the community council will be held in the Autumn. If anyone is interested they should contact NM. It was suggested that the elections should be highlighted in the community newsletter. SW is staying on as Minute Secretary for the next meeting.

2. The FOLI funding should now all be going through..
3. NM attended the Oban, Lorn and Isles Local Area Planning Group meeting and will be involved again. AM is attending the planning meeting on Thursday 17th June.
4. The condition of the Degnish road is now much improved following work to repair the potholes.
5. SE raised concerns regarding the speed limits in the village generally on behalf of 3 residents in the Glebe, with concerns regarding the safety of the children in the village. NM will contact Jeremy Moore the local Community policeman. The local traffic police have been at Kilninver again to check on speed. Taynuilt and Connell Community Councils have also expressed concerns regarding the speed of traffic.
6. Concerns were raised regarding the sewage close to the Village hall. Recently a puddle of sewage was bubbling out by the Septic Tank. There should be provision for any problems to be resolved within 6 hours but on this occasion the situation was not resolved within the time limit. It is possible that the outfall for sewage from the new houses may have caused the problem and West Highland Housing Association will be contacted. There is a concern for the village as a whole particularly if any further housing is planned. NM will look into this further.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 10th August at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

Argyll and Bute Council has launched a programme of activities to help raise awareness of the financial challenges it faces to balance the budget from 2011 onwards.

The council anticipates a shortfall of between £9 million and £13 million each year for the next three years as a result of the current economic climate and decisions from central government to cut public sector funding.

With a total budget for 2010-11 of £277.6 million this represents a real-term reduction of around 12 per cent.

As a result Argyll and Bute Council is faced with some difficult choices about the way it delivers services in the future when there is less money available and is involving the public in its budget decisions.

This is the first time the council has undertaken a public budget consultation exercise.

Council leader Dick Walsh is keen to hear ideas from across Argyll and Bute. He explains:

“It would be wrong of me to pretend we can continue to provide all of the services we do at the minute. As a council we have to take a long, hard look at our services and the way we deliver them and ask ourselves some difficult questions. And as a council it’s our responsibility to listen to what communities want us to do on their behalf. As we develop the budget I hope to hear from residents about their priorities.”

An information leaflet outlining where the council gets its money from and how it spends it has been produced and is available from libraries, leisure centres and council offices. It is also available on the council’s web site: <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/democracyandyourcouncil/3309797/> and a series of focus groups looking at delivering services differently have been carried out at five locations across the area. Discussion workshops have also been arranged with Local Area Community Planning Groups and residents can send their budget feedback using a survey form, dedicated email address or via the web.

The initial consultation exercises will help identify priorities and develop options for changing the way services are delivered. These options will come forward for further consultation in later part of the year before the final budget proposal goes before full council in February.

Council website: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVENTS AND SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Tuesday 31 st August	Dental Hygiene talk to Primary 1
Thursday 2 nd September	Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 7 th October	School closes for October holiday
Monday 25 th October	School re-opens
Friday 26 th November	Kilts for Kids fundraiser
Wednesday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas holiday
Thursday 6 th January	School re-opens

Our new Primary 1's are settling very well into school, the transition has been very smooth and they will be attending full time after the October holidays.

As before the whole school will attend Atlantis Leisure once a week for swimming and gym .

School website www.kilnilverprimary.com

USEFUL INFORMATION

MOBILE BANKING SERVICE

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

Galley of Lorn car park, Ardfern	11.15 a.m. – 12 noon
Craobh Haven Marina	12.15 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.
Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford	2 p.m. – 2.15 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.	Tulich 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 Kilnilver Primary School

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE
BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2008

Tel: 0845 90 90 999

Corran Hall, Oban

Wednesday, 10 th November, 2010	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 11 th November, 2010	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
Wednesday, 9 th February, 2011	16.00 – 19.30
Thursday, 10 th February, 2011	13.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30

Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Wednesday, 17 th November, 2010	14.30 – 15.45 and 17.15 – 19.30
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ARDUAINE GARDEN

Whilst the summer has been a bit hit and miss, Arduaine Garden is going from strength to strength. First quarter figures show over 10% increase over last year, and second quarter figures are likely to be higher than that. Those visitors have also spent more (up nearly 40% on last year), and with the new retail opportunities in Reception, and the flexibility to allow dogs into the Garden (the only NTS garden that has this facility) this will continue to rise. Combine this with the increased activity by the National Trust for Scotland to generate the Endowment Fund, and we are on the way to making the Garden secure. We still have until June 2012 - however whilst this seems a long time, it will go quickly, so any other ideas and support welcome to me on 01852 200 358 / rick.potter@maxwellbruce.com.

The Support Group continues to generate interest in the Garden - both the Whitsun Picnic Day and the Summer Fair were very well attended and well supported locally - thank you ! The latter also raised around £400 for the Garden. The next event will be an Xmas Grotto on the 18 and 19 of December - more info later. These successes mean that we intend to repeat these activities next year, with provisional dates for an Easter Egg Trail on Sunday 24 April, the Whitsun Picnic on Sunday 29 May, and the Summer Fair on Sunday 7 August. Other suggestions have been made for the Garden including concerts, plays, and an open-air service - we are looking into these, but again any ideas please contact me.

So again, we appreciate all your help and interest in the Garden; I still can't believe there is a possibility it might close, and I'm sure you can't either. So let's make sure it has a really good future – support your local Garden!

Rick Potter

HAVE A LAUGH

Donna Challice, a thirty year old single mother of three from Devon, has appeared in court accused of failing properly to recycle her household waste. Mrs Challice was being prosecuted for “contaminating recyclable rubbish” under the Environmental Protection Act. She has now been released on bail and will next appear on 5 June 2006 for a pre-trial review.

The Environmental Protection Act specifically states which types of recyclable items must be cleaned and placed in which containers on which days. Mrs Challice has been accused of putting items in the wrong bins on six separate occasions over the last year. She claims that the rules are confusing and that any offence that she may have committed was completely by accident.

Arthur Dimson, Director of Waste Disposal for the Exeter City Council, has dismissed Mrs Challice's claim, saying that:

“It's quite simple really. On the second and fourth Monday of each month, plastics go in the red bins and aluminium in the blue bins. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month – providing there has already

been a first Monday – paper goes into the red containers and other non-aluminium metals go in the blue containers. If there hasn't been a first Monday, the schedule is pushed back a week. On alternating Wednesdays, glass goes in to the red cans and miscellaneous recyclable refuse goes into the blue cans. On Thursdays, non-recyclable refuse may be put into either the red or the blue receptacles. All discards must be washed except clothing – which may be either washed or dry cleaned depending on the fabric – and paper. Paper with coloured printing should only be placed in the red cans on the first Tuesday of each month. Paper with only black ink may be placed in the red containers on any other qualifying Tuesday. On weekends the bins are to remain empty for cleaning. These rules are all posted on the bottom of each recycling bin. So it's not as if people have to memorise them."

He added: "Mrs Challice could wait until the weekend and look in the bottom of the empty bin to refresh her memory on the rules."

LOCAL DIRECTORY

A reprint of the Directory, including all the changes since October 2009, will be available in October, at £1 a copy. You can purchase the Directory at the Parish Lunch and Produce Sale or at Kilmelford Post Office. Alternatively, send your request to Fiona Wyllie at Traighuaine Ard, Arduaine, Oban PA34 4XQ **enclosing an s.a.e. and your £1 payment.** Please note that an old copy cannot be exchanged free of charge for a new copy.

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