

# KILNINFORD NEWS

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## KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### URGENT

As from October 2012, the KKCC is urgently seeking a secretary for the Community Council. Initially the secretary is not required to be a member of the Community Council, if they would prefer not to be. It could also be a 'job share', one person to take minutes and produce them, and another person to undertake the work of the secretary. If no one is prepared to take on these positions, then the Community Council cannot function and neither the present Chair nor the Planning Officer are prepared to take on these duties again as they have in the past, as their present positions are onerous enough. It may well mean, without this position being filled, there is no Community Council for Kilninver and Kilmelford.

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDAS AND MINUTES ARE ON [WWW.KILMELFORD.COM](http://WWW.KILMELFORD.COM)**

Agendas, Draft Minutes and Approved Minutes are posted on [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com) under Community Information, Community Council and then Page Navigation on the right to find which you are looking for. Draft Minutes and Agendas are normally posted a minimum of 10 days before the next meeting. This gives people time to read through Draft Minutes before attending meetings and in time to register any discrepancies before Minutes are approved.



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

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September – Games Night** from 7 – 8.30 p.m. in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall (Small Hall) for 9 year olds upwards.

Beetle Drives and other games. Prizes, tea, juice and cakes. 50p per head.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212, Sarah Edwards Tel: 01852 200555, Jenny Moody Tel: 01852 200222

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September – Quiz Night** at 7.30 p.m. at the Cuilfail Hotel in aid of the Fire Fighter's Charity.

Entry fee £2.50 per person, maximum 5 to a team.

**Wednesday 3rd October – Annual Parish Lunch and Produce Sale** from 12 noon till 2.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of church funds.

Everyone welcome to come along. A chance to meet up with friends and neighbours, folk working locally and visitors. On offer is home-made soup with vegetarian and gluten-free option, superb selection of filled rolls, tea and coffee, shortbread and biscuits. The plant stall always has a fine selection and there will be plenty of jams and chutneys and home baking to take away. The newly updated Local Telephone Directory will be on sale and the £1 charge per copy will be donated to the church for any bought that day.

Donations to the stalls listed below will be very welcome. It would be much appreciated if contributions to the Plant Stall could be named if possible. Goods for the Baking Stall can be left with Olga Salmond beforehand and 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.

Lunches	Georgina Dalton	01866 844212
Baking	Olga Salmond	01852 200787
Plants	Toni Mitchell	01852 316151
Bottle Stall	Dorothy Bark	01852 200370
Produce	Jenny Moody	01852 200222
Raffle	Jane Rentoul	01852 200331
Handicrafts	Isabel Smith	01852 200537

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October – Dick Gaughan** at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £10.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or online at [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – The Chinaski Sessions** presented by David Hughes Dance at 7.30 p.m. in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £10 Concessions £8.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or online at [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October – Abba Curryoke Night** in Craignish Village Hall in aid of Craignish Church Restoration Fund.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or online at [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October – Scottish Youth Theatre Family Storytelling** event in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £8 Concessions £5.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or online at [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October – An Evening of Halloween Family Fun** presented by Kilninver Primary School from 5.30 – 8.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Food, lucky dip, temporary tattoos, Halloween costume competition, face painting, helium balloons, pumpkin competition and Witch Grotty's Creepy Cottage. £5 per family.

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

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

Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Tim Kliphuis Trio** in Craignish Village Hall. Tickets £8 Concessions £5.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or online at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Pre Christmas and Classical Music by Carmen** at 5 p.m. in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall. Teas and home baking during the interval.

Adults £6.00. Concessions and children £5.00. Family ticket £20.00.

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Craignish Boat Club Ceilidh/Auction** in Craignish Village Hall.

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair** in Craignish Village Hall in aid of Hall funds. Starting time still to be confirmed (either 11 a.m. or 12 noon).

Tables still available.

Contact: Norma Kirk E-mail: [normakirk@btinternet.com](mailto:normakirk@btinternet.com) Tel: 01852 500368

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre** from 11a.m – 3p.m in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall. Santa's Grotto, nearly new toys, craft stalls, homebaking, face painting, raffle and much more.

Contact: Lucy Files 01852 200722

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December - Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

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

Contact: Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Coffee Morning** hosted by Kilninver Primary School from 10 – 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Festive Fayre and Christmas Songs from the children. Admission: £2.50

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's Grotto** at Arduaine Garden.

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December – Craignish Boat Club Christmas Tree Auction** in Craignish Village Hall.

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> December – Mid Argyll Ball** in Craignish Village Hall in aid of the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme.

Contact: Dawn Stewart Tel: 01852 500291

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December** Hogmanay Party in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall. 9p.m until late.

Music, dancing, games and raffle. A good family evening. Please bring your own drinks and snacks for your table. Adults £4.00, children under 12, £2.00

## **ART GROUP**

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

Contact: Agnes McColl Tel: 01852 200365

## **COUNTRY DANCING**

Mike will be taking these classes again on Thursday evenings from 8p.m. till 10p.m. in the Village Hall starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October.

All welcome. You can come and join us at any time but, if you're a beginner, try and make it at the start of the season in October.

Contact: Bob Fleck Tel: 01852 200258 E-mail: [rfleck@btinternet.com](mailto:rfleck@btinternet.com)

## **‘CRAFTS and THINGS’**

For anyone interested in embroidery, tapestry, sewing, knitting, crochet and other similar crafts, meetings are in the Kilmelford Village Hall every Wednesday morning from 10am -12noon. £2.00 per person for each session.

Contact Dorothy Carmichael Tel. 01852 200374 or Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151

## **MELFORT UKULELES**

Weekly classes run from September to May on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. in Kilmelford Village Hall.

Anyone wishing to learn how to play the ukulele can join the band at any time of the year. The cost is £2 per evening (or £3 for a family - of **any** size!) and includes music/song sheets and refreshments.

A spare ukulele is often available for newcomers to discover just how easy the instrument is to play. Prior knowledge of how to read music is **not** necessary. However, a good singing voice is essential !

Further information is available from the band leader, Peter Salmond on 01852 200 787.

## **MONDAY TEA AND COFFEE CAKE BREAKS – CHERISH FUND (OBAN)**

Every Monday from the 10<sup>th</sup> of September from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in the Cuilfail Hotel in aid of the Cherish Fund (Oban). There may not be any coffee mornings between the end of November and February, so please check. Future dates will be announced in the December newsletter.

Contact: Jean Bowman Tel: 01852 200308, Caroline Gillanders Tel: 01852 200388

## **MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP**

Kilmelford playgroup runs **every Wednesday from 2 – 3.30 p.m.** in Kilmelford Village Hall and costs £2 per child. This includes a snack and juice and grownups get a cuppa too. There are plenty of toys for the children, not just small toys but Little Tike Cars, Scooters, Climbing Frames, Fancy Dress Costumes, Music, plenty of space to run around and we are trying to have different things to do such as crafts, baking etc maybe once a month.

It would be lovely to meet some more new faces so we can continue to have the playgroup and make use of the facilities on our doorstep and maybe encourage even more families to come to Kilmelford. If anybody in the area would like to come but has transport problems please feel free to email me and maybe we can sort something out. Also if anybody has an old Little Tike Car or similar they would like to donate that would be great (we only have 2 and with 5 boys fighting over them it can get a bit testing!). Any contributions of arts/crafts materials/fancy dress costumes would be very welcome and if there is anybody who has a talent they feel the children might find interesting, then please feel free to contact me at [Taniatwilliams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Taniatwilliams@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel 01852 200574 or Laura on 01852 200532.

We look forward to seeing some new faces soon!

## **MUSIC NIGHTS at Loch Melfort Hotel and the Shower of Herring**

All welcome. Come and join in and musicians, bring along your instruments.

**Loch Melfort Hotel - Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month** – from approximately 9.30 p.m.

**Shower of Herring - Every Monday** from approximately 8 p.m.

## **KILMARTIN HOUSE MUSEUM**

A full programme of events can be found on [www.kilmartin.org](http://www.kilmartin.org)

Information and bookings: Tel: 01546 510278 E-mail: [admin@kilmartin.org](mailto:admin@kilmartin.org)

## CRAIGNISH VILLAGE HALL

For regular events such as Coffee Mornings, “Keep Fit” and “Knit and Natter” please check their website [www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk) or their Facebook page.

Pre-show meals available – see [www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk) for details.

Bookings: Tel: 01852 500746 E-mail: [cvhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:cvhartsevents@gmail.com) or buy online at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

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## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

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

	Kilmelford	Kilninver
September		23 <sup>rd</sup> (Harvest Thanksgiving*)
October	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>
November	11 <sup>th</sup> (Remembrance), 25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Communion), 18 <sup>th</sup>
December	9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>

Notices for the Christmas Services will be announced in the December Kilninford News and will be posted locally and on the website [www.netherlornchurches.org.uk](http://www.netherlornchurches.org.uk)

- \* Harvest Thanksgiving – donations of dried or tinned foods please so that they are suitable for Blythswood’s monthly transportation abroad from Oban
- \*\* 30<sup>th</sup> September, United Parish Service at 12 noon in Craignish Church
- \*\* Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October – Faith Time at 7.30 p.m. at the Inglis’ home at Raera, Kilninver.
- \*\* Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November – Faith Time, venue to be confirmed

## 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

## FAITH TIME

Anyone interested is invited to join an evening of discussion of faith matters. The first of the autumn series will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 1st October. It will be hosted by the Inglis family at Raera, Kilninver, and will start by sharing a meal together. The 5th November Faith Time will be hosted in Craignish, venue to be confirmed.

## A SEASON OF CREATION – TIME TO CELEBRATE, TIME TO CARE

A longstanding occasion in the church calendar is Harvest Thanksgiving, usually held in September or October. A more recent development has been a move to extend this into a “season of creation” – a time of year when we celebrate the goodness of the natural world and consider our place within it and our responsibilities towards it.

The Eastern Orthodox Church has a strong understanding of the natural world as the creation of God. It was their Patriarch who suggested in 1989 that 1<sup>st</sup> September, the first day of the Orthodox year, should be observed as a day “of protection of the natural environment”.

It was a prescient move to make. Since that time we have become ever more aware of the vulnerability of the natural world. And of the fact that one of the greatest threats it faces is from ourselves.

There are many dimensions to the environmental crisis – scientific, political, economic etc. But to get to the bottom of it we need to take account of the spiritual dimension. This is what we are invited to do in a series of services which will run in Netherlorn from 23 September to 21 October under the heading of “Time for Creation”.

We have already started to live differently in light of the threat to our environment – recycling, saving energy, reducing our carbon footprint. It is what the Bible calls “repentance” – turning round to take a new direction. The signs are that our repentance will need to go further and deeper if the crisis is to be meaningfully addressed.

In our services we will be addressing what this will involve. It might lead us in the direction of becoming eco-congregations, of which there are a growing number in Scotland today. It is a time to celebrate and a time to care – and all are welcome to be part of it.

Kenneth Ross  
Parish Minister

## **THE XPLOERS GROUP SUMMER REPORT**

We were delighted to welcome Walter and Heather Ritchie to our end of term Xplorers at the church on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Walter kindly guided us through the Prayz time as Ken was on duty on Mull.

The groups explored Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. The dramatic crossing of the Red Sea was illustrated in the youngest group’s colourful collage. Unleavened bread, made by the 2 oldest groups, was baked in Sue Johnson’s oven; thanks Sue. Messages in Hieroglyphics were painted on paper leaves and left on display in the church with the collage over the summer holidays to show the young people’s involvement in the church.

The summer picnic planned for Barnacarry was again unfortunately transferred to the Hall for an afternoon of fun and games. The timing of high tide and unsettled, chilly weather resulted in the decision to relocate being made when we met in the Hall car park. The disappointment of not playing and paddling on the sandy beach was soon dispelled by energetic games of musical chairs, “duck, duck, goose”, pass the parcel and statues etc. Everyone pooled food for the picnic tea and the party ended with much laughter as children dashed across the hall as fast as little legs could go to reach the safety of the other side before being caught as the big parachute came down.

The Xplorers leaders met on August 24<sup>th</sup> to plan the new session. The link running throughout the session will be buildings around which we will base some incidents and teaching from the New Testament. The first meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be our Harvest Thanksgiving. We are aiming to make appropriate buildings for a Nativity based service, probably on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. As part of our building programme we will need shoe boxes, loo roll centres, even foil from chocolate and sweetie wrappers; so do not be surprised if some odd requests come home!!

Finally we look forward to welcoming friends, old and new and of all ages, to Xplorers afternoons on the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m.

## **MUSIC EVENINGS IN KILMELFORD CHURCH**

The Music Evenings took place again every Wednesday in August (five this year) in Kilmelford Church.

They produced a wealth of talent; ukeleles, guitars, fiddles, bagpipes as well as singers, poetry readers and storytellers making up a very varied programme each night.

Many thanks to all who took part and supported the evenings. We look forward to next August!

Donations, which will go to church funds, amounted to £233.

Thanks again to all.

Jim Robb and Winnie

## **KILMELFORD COMMUNITY FIRE STATION**

It's difficult to believe that September is, once again, with us and, to quote a much used phrase, the nights are drawing in. For us at the fire station this means an increase in the possibility of chimney fires and road traffic collisions. So I appeal to the readers of this magazine to have their chimneys swept and make sure their cars are in good condition for winter roads and above all, in whatever you do, take care.

So far this year we have raised over £900 for the Fire Fighter's Charity, a feat which doesn't go unnoticed by the Scottish organiser of the charity, from such a small population. Please accept my sincere thanks to my crew for their efforts and for all our supporters who have made donations, put money in the collection boxes and attended our events such as the car washes and pub quizzes. On that very subject the next Pub Quiz at Cuilfail Hotel will be on Saturday 29th. September at 7:30, usual entry fee of £2:50 per person and max 5 to a team. We look forward to seeing you there.

In August I had the honour to be asked to make up an 8 man detachment from Argyll to go to the 40th. anniversary commemoration of the Kilbirnie Street disaster when 7 Firemen of Glasgow Fire Brigade were killed in the course of rescuing a colleague at a large fire in a cash and carry warehouse. It was a very moving day with the one man who survived from the rescue party and members of the families of all 7 fireman present. The service at the monument in the Necropolis was followed by a remembrance service in Glasgow Cathedral and a civic reception at Glasgow City Chambers. The Argyll detachment was made up of Firefighters from Tobermory, Bowmore, Carradale, Kilmelford, Campbeltown and Helensburgh. A day I will never forget and of which I was proud to be a part.

I will close by wishing you a safe Autumn time and remind you that if you wish some home safety advice and free smoke and heat alarms you have only to ask at the fire station on a Thursday night or contact me during the day on 01546 605530 or mobile 07789 480673. Stay safe.

Dave Millward  
Crew Commander  
Kilmelford Community Fire Station

## **NORTH ARGYLL CARERS CENTRE – OUTREACH WORK**

Do you help to look after someone who could not manage without your help?

A family member, neighbour or friend?

Mairi and Lorna are both Outreach workers employed by North Argyll Carers Centre to support unpaid carers in the more remote parts of Argyll, including Kilmelford & Arduaine.

Mairi is running a series of Craft Workshops and Training sessions for carers & would like to hear what you would enjoy taking part in.

Please phone her on 07795434499 or e-mail: [mairi@northargyllcarers.org.uk](mailto:mairi@northargyllcarers.org.uk)

Would you like to improve your knowledge, skills and confidence? Increase your ability and confidence to handle your caring situation? Find ways to improve your own health and well-being? Have an opportunity to meet others in similar situations? Try a new craft? We'd love to help you.

Lorna is happy to visit carers at home for a chat, to offer support and provide information, and never refuses a coffee (or a cake!)

If you would like to speak to Mairi or Lorna please call North Argyll Carers Centre on 01631 564422



Or pop into the Centre - We have a Carers Coffee Morning every Tuesday from 10.30am. We're in the wee flat roofed building next to the car park, opposite the Police Station in Albany Street. Keep your eyes on the noticeboards at the Village Hall and the Quaich for posters advertising our workshops and events.

**Coming up soon at North Argyll Carers Centre: All welcome.**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00pm – An informal information session with local solicitor, Gordon McNab, of Stevenson Kennedy, to discuss Power of Attorney & Guardianship.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 11.00am – An informal information session with local Welfare Rights Officer, Irene Boyd, to discuss benefits entitlement for Carers.

**KILMELFORD & KILNINVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com).

## **Maintenance of the Village Hall**

- a) The cleaning and painting of the exterior of the Village Hall has been carried out free of charge by the Employability Team. The total cost of the paint was covered by a grant and also by an anonymous donation, thus requiring no expenditure from Village Hall funds.
- b) The patch of mould on the ceiling of the Gents' cloakroom has been treated and painted by Colin Gibson.
- c) AIS, who carried out the previous insulating work at the Hall, has provided an estimate for the cost of insulating all the cloakrooms and changing rooms. This estimate came to £9,103. Toni Mitchell has applied for funding for the entire cost from Awards for All, and the result should be known soon
- d) The costs of replacing the warped fire door at the end of the corridor and the leaking door from the main hall are being looked into. These will be replaced if affordable.

## **Fund Raising**

- a) The Jubilee Lunch, organised by Olga and Peter Salmond on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, was very much enjoyed and made a profit of £159.70. Out of these proceeds, £50.00 was donated to Kilninver School and £50.00 to the Mother & Toddler group. Thanks go to all those whose hard work made it such a success
- b) A cheque of £530.00 was received from the Grab Trust for the Annual Loch Melfort Beach Clean. Thank you to everyone who played a part. The shoreline looked so much better afterwards.
- c) Future treats being organised for this year include, by popular demand, the Christmas Fayre with Santa's Grotto on 25<sup>th</sup> November, and the Village Hall Hogmanay Party on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Details under Forthcoming Events.
- d) The 100 Club makes a very necessary contribution towards the upkeep of the Hall, but more members would be better! Speak to Diane, 01852 200208

## KILMELFORD & KILNINVER VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE AT KILMELFORD VILLAGE STORES Tel 01852 200271

### SPORTS

Squash:	£5.00 per hour all categories
Badminton:	£5.00 per hour all categories
Junior Football:	£5.00 per hour
Indoor Tennis:	£5.00 per hour

### HIRE CHARGES

	LESSER HALL	MAIN HALL
Charity Fund Raisers	£2 per hour	£5 per hour
Social use other than charities	£4 per hour	£7 per hour
Commercial use	£8 per hour + £25*	£15 per hour + £25*

The £25.00 charge is for the Caretaker to set up the tables and chairs beforehand, and clear up afterwards. Above charges include kitchen power and use of equipment for light refreshments and drink preparation only. Additional use of kitchen cooking facilities for preparation of hot food is **£10.00** per event

EVENING DANCES & FUNCTIONS	5 p.m until 11 p.m (1 a.m for dances)
Charity	£65.00 per session    Deposit £20.00
Private	£65.00 per session    Deposit £20.00
Commercial	£90.00 per session    Deposit £50.00

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

**After use the Hall must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do this will lead to a further charge of £50.00**

### HIRE OF EQUIPMENT

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

Tables £5.00 per day. Chairs £3.00 per day. Prices of cutlery and crockery on request.

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

### HEATING CARDS FOR MAIN & LESSER HALLS - **£1.50 each**

**HALL CARETAKER** - Colin Gibson Tel: 01852 200 204 or 07825 987 696

### KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### APPROVED MINUTES

A meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Present:** Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chair; Antoinette Mitchell (AM) Planning Officer; Jane Rentoul Acting Secretary; Matthew Anderson (MA) Vice-Chair & Treasurer; Sarah Edwards (SE); John MacLean (JM); Colin Clark (CC)

Also in attendance were Councillors Elaine Robertson (ER Cllr. ABC) and Louise Glen-Lee (LG-L Cllr. ABC) and 12 members of the public.

**Not Present:** Stuart Cannon and Piet Hammick

**Apologies:** Lucy Files, Secretary

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** All present were given the opportunity to read through the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The minutes were taken as a true and accurate representation of the meeting and approved. Proposed MA and Seconded AM

**Declaration of Interest:** No conflict of interest or involvement with any items on the Agenda was declared.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

It was confirmed by Colin Clark that he is not on an official retainer with ABC to clear Degnish Road of debris. Graham Stone of the Roads Department is to be notified when such work has been carried out.

### **1. Ardmaddy Fish Farm**

Nothing has happened since the February meeting. It is in the hands of SEPA. LG-L contacted the Scottish Government re the application. There have not been many personal representations to date. Individuals should write in. Planners are awaiting favourable reaction from SEPA.

### **2. Clachan Wind Farm**

Application is still progressing. NM spoke to Arlene Knox. There is going to be a Public Hearing but not until after the local elections and when the new PPSL committee will be in place. It is likely that the decision will be made later in the year. People can still write in direct to the planning department and let the Community Council know, as a Change of submission will be allowed if appropriate. A majority of people at present are against the proposal. NM asked for addresses of submissions from the planning department in order to pull out names in our community council area. Fiona Wyllie asked how many people who voted with show of hands at the 28 February meeting were from our area. Votes from outside the area were also counted separately as well as those from the KKCC area by a show of hands which was taken to allow the community council to make a decision.

The pole from the KKCC flyer was as below and we will keep taking opinions up to the time of the Hearing.

Kilninver in favour – 1 Kilninver against – 38

Kilmelford in favour – 2 Kilmelford against – 21

Arduaine in favour – 2 Arduaine against – 9

### **3. CAP**

NM asked who would take on the Community Action Plan? No-one had come forward.

### **4. Speed Limit**

The change in the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph in Kilmelford will be advertised in the Oban Times but not until September. ER and LG-L advised that residents should support the proposal or it might not happen. NM had submitted a request to extend the area of the speed limit further south this would be considered.

### **5. Purchase of Printer**

The Community Council now has a new printer and is with the secretary.

### **6. Land Around Kilmelford Village Hall**

NM had spoken to John Tilly. He has draft agreement which he will go through with the community council. Anyone may have a copy on request. The land will go to the KKCC plus £75,000 in cash. There will be no restrictions and the KKCC will still retain the right to object to future development. If a PDA is granted there will only ever be 5 plots. If after PDA designation John Tilly gets outline planning permission, within three months the land will be transferred to KKCC at no cost. MA sought clarification to understand implications fully and NM explained in more detail, illustrated by a plan which showed the potential plots and surrounding area. NM read out an extract from a letter from John Tilly and explained the detail of the contents. Enabling development is the western portion of the land (5 plots); the rest of the land is to go to the community.

Answering a question from MA regarding timing, NM believes we should get PDA approval for 5 plots, after which John Tilly has to apply for planning permission. SE felt that John Tilly has sat in the background up until now. She felt he should come to a KKCC meeting and explain his plan. NM agreed to ask him to come and speak at the next meeting. Georgina Dalton asked what happens if he reneges on the deal. NM said that Tilly must pay the community before anything is built. The KKCC is to monitor the situation very carefully. Olga Salmond asked if lawyers would be involved. NM replied in the affirmative but that we would not be liable for any costs. Fergus Gillanders observed that John Tilly might not get permission. NM said that KKCC is trying to get a watertight document and AM stated that community could just leave the land as it is and do nothing with it.

### **7. Planning Applications**

Eathie- amendment to original design.

Land W of Barochreal – retrospective planning permission.

Dwellinghouse. NW Bragleenbeg. Decision pending.

Allt na Crioch. Permitted.

Hill House Arduaine – wind turbine. Decision pending.

Hill House Arduaine – land west. Permitted.

Hill House Arduaine – land east. Withdrawn.

Arduaine Farm – 11kw wind turbine. Withdrawn for the second time. ( Reapplied for 3<sup>rd</sup> time)

Ardenstuir- Office and Store. Permitted

Steadings, Glenmore – all dwelling houses (12) Permitted. Not mix of holiday houses and houses. Change of entrance?

## **6. Correspondence**

Wind Farm, Musdale. Infnis Wanted to explain details to our community council, prior to application going in. The Meeting was asked if we wanted them to come. NM showed a map of the scoping area. LG-L said that they have been to Kilchrenan Community Council and that it will be a major application. It will not be a rushed job and we should await the scoping report which could be two years hence. AM thinks it is alright to await other rural communities' views and there is nothing to stop individuals submitting their own representations. It was felt we should not make contact yet as it is early days and the procedure will be long and drawn out.

Glen Lonan Wind Farm. Taynuilt are against the application. It is difficult to judge the opinion of the community. LG-L said that Taynuilt is against the infrastructure, e.g. the access. ER agreed and said that grid connections are an additional consideration. It was stated that the windfarm would not be in our area – we are just neighbours but we are allowed to comment..

Prospecting for Minerals. An email was read out from Tony Dalton after NM outlined the subject matter, namely a helicopter with 30m wide net below was about to start flying over a large area of countryside around Kilmelford/Kilninver, prospecting for copper and gold. Georgina Dalton explained further that permission to fly over the land had already been given from all landowners concerned including being able to sink shafts and take core samples, mineral rights having been already established. The whole project has been on the go for at least a year. A representative of the company concerned had visited the Daltons recently and they found the plans revealed by him to be interesting but the implications frightening.

Bill Jackson emails. He is concerned at the extent and manner of flail on verges which he says is a disaster for wildlife. LG-L said she would take the issue up with the correct department.

Bill Jackson. He also has concerns about speeding drivers (locals) at Ardmaddy junction. He reports numerous near misses.

Cairn at back of Kilmelford Hall. There is to be an inspection of the cairn by Historic Scotland between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May. John Tilly has asked NM to attend as an interested party.

Association of Community Councils. A course is to be held at Dunblane 18<sup>th</sup> April 1030 – 1530 entitled “Learning from the Past”..

Argyll and the Islands Countryside Trust. Tourism seminar at the Corran Halls 26<sup>th</sup> April.

## **7. Any Other Competent Business**

Fergus Gillanders said, on behalf of Diane Scaife, that there was two weeks to run of the annual beach clean. Locals pick up rubbish and ABC collects the bags. He reported a problem with a large amount of debris after last storms at the beginning of January. Of particular concern is that rubbish from both this year and some years back is still on the shore adjacent to the Celtic Sea Mussel Farm on Loch Melfort, some of it is heavy items such as broken pontoons, not possible to put in bin bags. NM said that he had phoned Celtic Sea and left a message but had not heard back. He subsequently spoke to Elaine Martin (secretary). She is to come back to him as unable to commit if Celtic Sea is able to do anything to help. Fergus Gillanders undertook to keep an eye on the situation.

NM announced that Minutes, Dates of Meetings and Agendas will be posted on Kilninver and Kilmelford website 10 days before a meeting. Linda Mackinnon said that the Agenda for tonight's meeting was not up at the Kilmelford shop. NM said that notices in future would also be on the website.

NM and AM went to a meeting organised by Local Community Councils and A&B Council that was attended by Richard Kerr and Mark Lodge of ABC Planning Department to advise community councils how to go about determining applications for windfarms. It was an interesting meeting. NM has a map showing current windfarm applications.

Fergus Gillanders asked that, if there is a defined area of applications for windfarms, what is the point of the pre-determined planning areas. The current Local Development Plan was determined 5 years ago and the Planners go by the Local Plan. NM said that, generally speaking, it is difficult to understand all the planning procedure. The next plan will be a 10-20 year plan. The next Local Plan has been delayed because of elections. Fergus Gillanders questioned policy re windfarms. NM showed plan depicting offshore development for renewable energy. LG-L explained the underlying aim of the Local Plan. ABC has to look at

Scottish Government targets for renewables. The master plan is for progress and encouragement. Argyll is 40% above requirement already. Is it appropriate therefore to have further development.

Deirdre Campbell-Gibson asked if the large sign which had appeared on the side of the building at Melfort Farm advertising Melfort Pier is temporary. What is the ruling on such signs? The meeting was advised that new legislation on this is coming, through the Scottish Government. NM advised Deirdre Campbell-Gibson to phone the Enforcement Officer at ABC as there is very clear advice concerning signage.

Georgina Dalton asked what could be done about the McLeod site at Kilmelford. She felt that McLeods should landscape the area by shrub etc. planting after filling in the holes in the ground and removing unsightly Herries fencing. There was general agreement with her comments. LG-L offered to approach McLeods and will report back to NM.

Judith Stannard asked if there is a policy regarding house colour. Discussion followed regarding the newly painted house opposite Kilmelford Shop. The Chair commented that people can paint their house whatever colour they wanted to and it is not a C.C matter.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee – There is to be a lunch organised by Kilmelford & Kilninver Community Association in Kilmelford Village Hall on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. It will be a big function. Food will be provided and charged at £5 a head. More details will be published in due course.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held at Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 8:00 p.m. Chairman (NM) thanked all present for attending and Fergus Gillanders gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

## **KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012 were not approved at the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2012. It was agreed that the Minutes would be amended and they have now been posted on [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com) and the amended Draft Minutes are as follows:-

### **AMENDED DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **Amended by NM after the meeting of 14th August.**

The meeting of the above council was held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Kilmelford Village Hall.

**Present:** Nigel Mitchell (NM) Chair, Antoinette Mitchell (AM) Planning Officer, Lucy Files (LF) Secretary, Matthew Anderson (MA), Vice Chair & Treasurer, Stuart Cannon (SC) Assistant Vice Chair, Sarah Edwards, John MacLean, Colin Clark

Also in attendance were Argyll and Bute Councillors Louise Glen-Lee (LG-L Cllr ABC) and Iain Macdonald (I M Cllr ABC), Fergus Murray, Development Policy Manager ABC, Adrian Jackson-Stark Planning Officer ABC, PC Andrew Simpson (Community Police Officer) Mr John Tilly, Mrs Veronica Tilly, Mr Nick Tilly and 30 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillor Elaine Robertson (ABC), Cllr Duncan MacIntyre (ABC), Peter Hammick

#### **Not Present:**

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** All present were given the opportunity to read through the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012. The minutes were taken as a true and accurate representation of the meeting and approved. Proposed MA, seconded CC

#### **Building land on The Glebe**

L G-L (Cllr ABC) reported that MacLeods have consented to do something to tidy up the land designated for future housing between the two existing developments on The Glebe. The Heras fencing is to come down and the land is to be levelled. The Enforcement Officer is involved and has also stated that the verges along the main road need to be cut now. L G-L is awaiting a full report.

#### **Beach Clean**

SC is in the process of moving detritus and cleaning the beach in the area of his fish farming business. He stated that he is in a dilemma regarding disposal of a raft and rubbish from a mussel farm unconnected with his own business and also a keep raft that belonged to a fisherman but was no longer used. L G-L (ABC) suggested that he gather up all the items for disposal and then contact either herself or Iain MacDonald (Cllr ABC) to arrange removal. SC advised that this would be a big job involving forklifts and cranes.

#### **Clearing of Degnish Road**

Colin Clark was advised that the clearing of Degnish Road does need ABC permission but when the need is urgent he can let ABC know retrospectively. CC could be recompensed for any clearing work that he does. He is to phone Graham Stone of ABC.

### **Declaration of Interest**

No conflict of interest or involvement with any items on the Agenda was declared.

Christopher Liversidge (CL) asked that if Nigel Mitchell Had applied for the PDA around the hall that he should stand down when this item came up for discussion as he had a personal interest in that particular item. Mr Mitchell stated he had no financial interest.

Mr Christlieb then started to speak and the chair then reminded him that he was not allowed to address the CC until a letter of apology had been received from him for past remarks made to previous CC.

(CL) then made a request that any community councillor with a personal interest in developing the land around Kilmelford Village Hall should declare themselves. He clarified that he meant any community councillor who would benefit from developing the land around the Village Hall. The Chair (NM) responded that the declaration of interest refers specifically to a personal financial interest in a matter. EK repeated that he requested that “those who are personally keen on developing the land around the Hall should identify themselves.” No declaration was made.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **1. Ardmaddy Fish Farm**

NM advised that the planning application is still in abeyance.

#### **2. Clachan Wind Farm**

NM advised that no date has yet been set for the public hearing.

#### **3. Community Action Plan (CAP)**

The Chair stated that nobody has come forward to action this.

Ewan Kennedy voiced concern that the community is not being passed accurate information and referred specifically to an overview of the CAP compiled by AM and distributed throughout the community. (A leaflet had been compiled by AM with all the CC’s approval & sent to every dwelling within the community. A similar article in the Kilninford news made no reference to the number of Renaissance areas.) The overview stated that “Kilmelford was to be one of only 6 Renaissance areas in Argyll and Bute” but EK stated that this was incorrect and that 26 areas had been selected; he reiterated that he had concerns about the accuracy of information passed from KKCC to the community and the fact that this information was misleading. Ewan Kennedy requested that a letter correcting this should be sent to the community ..

As author of the piece in question, AM responded that she is not a professional and she has not had any training, she is a volunteer trying to do her best for the community. Regarding the overview of the CAP she stated that she wrote that document in good faith drawing from the best information available at the time. AM apologised for any mistake she might have made but asseverated that it was a genuine mistake and that it had never been her intention to mislead the community in any way.

Fergus Murray ABC stated that 26 settlements had been listed for consideration as Rural Renaissance Settlements and that a shortlist was to be drawn from these. He clarified that there are 6 potential Rural Renaissance Settlements in the Lorne Area and suggested it was these 6 settlements that AM had meant to refer to in her article.

NM averred that the CAP is nothing to do with Kilmelford’s status as a proposed RRS and emphasised that the KKCC cannot be involved in forming the CAP. The only responsibility of the KKCC is to try to get members of the community to undertake the task which was why AM wrote the article in question.

#### **4. Kilmelford Speed Limit**

Advertisement in The Oban Times of the proposed reduction of the speed limit is awaited. It is advisable for those who want this reduction to write in and support it.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*12/01179/pp Land east of Hill House Arduaine Dwellinghouse*

*12/00934/pp Extension to Shepherds Cottage Kilninver*

*12/00814/pp Dwellinghouse land south west of Glenmore Farm Kilmelford*

### **LAND AROUND KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL – PROPOSED PDA DESIGNATION**

The Chair welcomed Mr John Tilly, Mrs Veronica Tilly and Mr Nick Tilly and thanked them for coming to speak about their proposals for the development of the land adjacent to the Kilmelford Village Hall. He also welcomed Mr Fergus Murray Development Policy Manager ABC and Mr Adrian Jackson-Stark Planning Officer ABC and thanked them for attending to answer any planning queries.

Nick Tilly (NT) then spoke as follows:

In 1982 his family bought the Home Farm at Melfort and then in 1984 they bought land and property in the village including the land around the Hall. Over the years they had a number of requests from the community regarding land for use as a playing field then, in 2005, they were approached by KKCC requesting land for a recycling area. The Tillys asked KKCC if the community still wanted a playing field which led to discussion and then a meeting in the Hall in March 2007. Following these discussions, Robin Asbury, Neil Manchester, John Tilly and Nick Tilly came up with a scheme similar to the proposal under consideration now. The Tillys wanted to be sure that there was support for the scheme and KKCC said that there was local support for it. Thereupon, plans were drawn up and, in due course, plans were submitted. That process was a joint scheme between the landowners and the community – a joint enterprise.

The Tilly's architect then advised that if the application were to be submitted in the name of the KKCC rather than by the Tillys themselves the fee for the application would be 50% less. This advice was followed and thus the planning application was submitted under the name of KKCC but the scheme was a joint enterprise. The planning application was refused but the planners suggested that if the scheme was to move forwards representation should be made by KKCC to have the land zoned as a PDA (Potential Development Area) and included in the LDP (Local Development Plan). The representation would propose that the land in question was suitable for community use if supported by enabling development (a form of development where some of the proceeds pay for a community facility). The suggestion was only that the land be zoned as a PDA which is not conclusive or final.

The issue of ownership of the land was clarified by Mr Nick Tilly. The land is owned by Brackenburn Holdings but the Tilly Family owns this company.

Ewan Kennedy pointed out;

That the plans went to the Reporter who recommended that the land should stay as open country.

That the approach of the Tilly's architect had been misleading

That there should be an explanation of how community benefit from this development is to be secured regardless of who might own the land.

John Tilly (JT) responded that the request to have the land zoned as a PDA was applied for by the Tillys/Brackenburn Holdings and was considered by a Reporter. He went on to point out that in 2002 the Consultative Draft Plan (CDP) identified the land in question as a possible PDA without any planning application being made. There was a debate within ABC who took it out of the CDP. The Tillys then applied to have it put in.

Ewan Kennedy voiced concern that no one can guarantee what a planning committee will do.

Sarah Edwards requested clarification of the financial side of the scheme and how the land transfer would work.

NT responded that at this stage a planning application is not being discussed. The proposal is to make a representation to the planning department to zone the land for future strategic development. Subsequently a deal can be worked out that all parties are happy with a planning application would be submitted on that basis. At this the proposal is to get the land zoned before moving on to the wider application.

JT added that if the land is zoned the community will have benefit. This is tied into the zoning.

Peter Stott (PS) stated that there is no obvious demand for a playing field and said that a large number of people in the community have reservations. Fergus Murray (FM) ABC clarified that this application is wrapped up in the new Local Development Plan. It comprises community zoning with an enabling housing development. The Planning Dept is proposing to put forward potential sites for inclusion in the LDP for a 6 week consultation period to garner opinion and gauge reactions of communities.

Alasdair Oatts (AO), a former KKC Councillor, pointed out that over the years a great deal of work has gone into this project and in his view it should go forward. Christopher Liversedge (CL) enquired who owns the land either side of the burn and NT responded that it is all within the ownership of Brackenburn Holdings and is all included in this concept as a woodland walkway area.

Jenny Moody (JM) reiterated SE's request for clarification of the financial side of the enterprise and NM commented that his reservation about the whole development is concern that if the PDA is granted the community still has to wait an appreciable time for funds and asked when funds would become available. FM stated that the area would deliver community facilities with enabling housing and that a Section 75 agreement would be put in place to ensure that this happens. JT corroborated that a Section 75 binds the land.

EK returned to his assertion that community councils were set up to deal with planning applications and opined that those with a personal interest should declare themselves. NM responded that the CAP should be the vehicle to take this scheme forward.

Stuart Cannon referred to AO's comments and agreed that huge effort had gone into this project over the years and it represented a long-term vision for the community. The previous KKCC thought that it would be a good idea to secure the land around the Hall for the use of the children and teenagers of the village and area. He stressed that this is only a representation for a PDA and stated that he wants to see it taken forward for the future.

NT confirmed that his family are the sole share holders in Brackenburn Holdings. Peter Stott then asked the Tillys to give the land to the community.

LF questioned whether EK meant that she should declare a personal interest in the proposed development since it is well known that she has four children and it would undeniably benefit her family if this went ahead? She then emphasised that she was speaking for the many families with children in the village and surrounding area who find it difficult to attend KKCC meetings and pointed out that it is a misapprehension that there is no need for a playing field or recreation facility. She stated that there is a very palpable need for facilities both for the younger children and the teenage population and referred to the existing play area as inadequate and demonstrably unsafe having a substation juxtaposed to it adding that this has been raised as a safety issue at previous KKCC meetings. LF stated that there is a demand for this development.

Peter Cross (PC) pointed out that the community is acquiring a developable piece of land and a fund with which to develop it. He asked how else such a facility can realistically be funded unless there is a payback from housing and commented that the village is standing still. Chris Liversedge stated his belief that the village already has a football field.

EK asked for a definite proposal of what is envisioned for this joint enterprise and stressed that an independent group should draw up and manage this, not the KKCC. An independent body is needed to take this forward. Stuart Cannon responded that KKCC gets the point, an independent body must be brought together to do this. NM asked if Fergus Murray would make a recommendation whether an independent body is needed at this stage? FM was reluctant to advise and stated that ABC simply wants to know at this point whether the land goes into the LDP.

Louise Glen-Lee (L G-L Cllr ABC) reiterated emphatically NM's earlier suggestion that the CAP is the vehicle to take this forward.

NT repeated that at the moment the primary issue is whether there is representation to include this land as a PDA on the LDP. The LDP will have a lifetime of a number of years. If a representation to include the land on the LDP were to be successful it would mean that at any point a planning application could be made and, if made, would be looked on with more favour than if the land was not a PDA in the LDP. If there is no representation to include the land as a PDA a planning application is less likely to be successful. This means that, in future, if local opinion is strongly in favour of developing this land and there is no PDA, the community could find itself stymied. In summary NT said the community does not have to act on a PDA but the community has nothing to lose by making a representation for a PDA. FM advised that the run time of the LDP is to be 20 years with a review every 5 years.

FM outlined the representation process as follows:

We are at the stage of making a representation to the Area Committee to designate the land as a PDA

Then:

Consultation

Back to Area Committee

Reporter

Full Council

Full LDP drawn up and advertised for 3 months

Reporter

LDP finalised

FM after a representation to the Area Committee the proposal will be advertised for a 6 week consultation period to enable the community to have input.

MA queried why the Tilly family could not support the application for a PDA. FM responded that the Tilly's cannot do this. The representation must come from the KKCC.

NM put forward a motion that the proposal be advertised for 6 weeks in order to gain public opinion again.



KKCC voted as follows:

In favour - SC, JM, CC, AM, LF (5)

Against - (0)

Abstentions - MA, SE (2)

Chris Liversedge objected that there is no business plan in place and FM responded that this is not a planning application but a representation for PDA designation that will now go out to a special 6 week consultation.

LF asked for repeat clarification of the motion just voted upon for the purposes of absolute accuracy in the minutes.

KKCC just voted to put this proposal forward to a special 6 week consultation process as outlined by Fergus Murray ABC. Then the proposal will come back to KKCC with the opinions garnered and KKCC will vote on whether to proceed with representation for the land around the Hall to be designated as a Potential Development Area in the Local Development Plan. The 6 week consultation will enable a true representation of opinion in Kilmelford to be gathered. The views that are submitted in the course of this consultation will be accepted as a true and genuine representation of community opinion.

### **Police Issues**

PC Andrew Simpson, standing in for PC Jeremy Moore reported 55 incidents since 1st April. Most of these have been speeding offences on the road past Kilninver Primary, there have also been incidents involving cattle and sheep. SE asked whether the police will continue to monitor speeding. PC Simpson confirmed that this is ongoing and will continue. He said that the police are also willing to monitor speeding in Kilmelford.

Deidre Campbell-Gibson asked if it would be possible to have a temporary one-way system in place whenever there is a funeral at Kilninver Church because the parking situation on the roads around the church building is chaotic. Karen Liversedge stated that more drivers need to obey the speed limit in Kilninver/Kilmelford and asked if it would be possible to install the flashing speed limit signs that give a smiley face for obeying speed limits. L G-L Cllr ABC said this suggestion would need to go to Transerve. Cubby MacKinnon reported that drivers regularly overtake within the restricted area of Kilmelford Village and that it is only a matter of time before there is a bad accident. PC Simpson advised that solid lines are needed but that this is a matter for the Roads Dept ABC. It was generally agreed that solid white lines are needed right past the Degnish Road end.

### **Correspondence**

A form from Vodafone in connection with the Femto Trials requires completion. NM asked for a volunteer to undertake this. SE volunteered

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held at Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 14th August 2012 at 8.00pm. The Chair (NM) thanked all present for attending. There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.53pm

## **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **School Dates**

School closes on 5<sup>th</sup> October and pupils return on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October

School closes on 15<sup>th</sup> November with 16<sup>th</sup> being an in service day and pupils return on the 19<sup>th</sup> November

School closes on 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopens on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013

School closes on 12<sup>th</sup> February with in service on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and pupils return on 19<sup>th</sup> February

School closes on 28<sup>th</sup> March and reopens on 15<sup>th</sup> April

School closes on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and reopens on 7<sup>th</sup> May

School closes on 28<sup>th</sup> June

### **School News**

We have had a good start to the term. Buddies have been organised and are working well together.

We would like to say thank you for the lovely comments received regarding our hanging flower baskets.

The children put a lot of work into them and it is great to know that they are admired by the wider community.

Thank you also for the Tesco vouchers handed into the school. We have replaced the space hoppers and also topped up our art supplies.

We have already held the first meeting of the Parent Council and are delighted to welcome the following office bearers:

Lucy Files - Chair  
Sheila Whitlow – Secretary  
Michelle MacIntyre – Treasurer

This promises to be a full and interesting term. Children have created a time machine and are using it to help them to look at periods in history that interest them. We will let you know how they got on in the next issue.

P7 will be attending the Smoke Free Me Day which will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the Corran Halls.

Zoolab Experience will be visiting the whole school and will focus on Nocturnal Animals on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

P7 have devised a ‘Happy Birthday to You’ scheme. They have designed and printed Birthday Cards and are in the process of delivering them to the individual pupils on their special day.

You can keep up to date with the children’s learning online through our website  
[www.kilniveryprimary.com](http://www.kilniveryprimary.com)

Berni McMillan

### **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We would be most grateful for your support with a number of fundraising initiatives as outlined below.

#### **The Giving Machine**

This online shopping gateway enables you to shop at well-known online retail outlets while ensuring that a donation is made to the school with every purchase without costing you a penny. The donations are made by the shops as commissions for customer referrals. To register please visit:

[www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk)

#### **Kilnilver Primary 100 Club**

A small lottery in which each subscriber pays £12 for entry to 12 draws (£1 per entry per draw). A draw is held monthly. Please contact Lucy Files.

#### **Kilnilver Primary Rag Bag**

The Rag Bag – please support us by recycling textiles, shoes, soft toys, cds, games and books at our recycling bin in the playground at Kilnilver Primary School. Alternatively you can leave items with Parent Council members

#### **Tesco Vouchers**

We always participate in the Tesco vouchers for schools initiatives and if you do not already donate these vouchers elsewhere we would be most grateful for them. Please contact a Parent Council member.

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WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT ARDUAINE GARDEN

What a change to be in the warmest and driest part of the country for so much of the spring and summer! With memories of the gales of May 2011 fresh in our minds, it was such a pleasure to bask in the warm sunshine day after day and yet have just enough in the way of occasional showers to keep the garden green. Visitors from the rest of the country would commiserate with us and ask how we managed to cope with such an appalling spring and we could point out that we'd had the best spring on record! As always, we seem to be subject to the opposite of whatever the south and east are getting; I was in East Anglia during August and enjoyed two weeks of dry weather and high temperatures after months of rain. As a consequence, the gardens there were unusually lush and green!

But all good things come to an end, and over the last month or so we've seen more cool and wet days than usual. Grass cutting has become more difficult and our field, normally cut by now, grows longer and wetter by the day and consequently the grass will be much heavier to lift if we ever do get it cut! Border plants, however, have done well and the later perennials are still looking good and I hope will still be so when this newsletter comes out. In the middle of September we're enjoying a lovely display of red hot pokers, some of them yellow or greenish-yellow, several crocosmias, also in shades of yellow, Japanese anemones in pink and white, monkshood in deep blue, eupatorium in purple/pink, schizostylis in red or pink and nerine, also pink - and many more. It's noticeable that in this shortlist of seven, four are from South Africa.

Shrubs are still doing their bit too, particularly the white-flowered eucryphias, although they're gradually coming to an end. Hydrangeas are good - we've planted several new selections in the last year or two and they're beginning to flower now. A particularly good one is 'Zorro', a sturdy growing lacecap with deep blue flowers and very dark stems.

Autumn colour is unreliable here - sometimes excellent, often less so. This year has been strange, probably due to the unusual weather patterns - we've seen Norway maples colouring up well in July. In this day of dread diseases I immediately jump to the conclusion that something's wrong, but I hope that it's merely a response to our unpredictable weather.

Talking of dread diseases, which I have to, we're still working towards the sad task of removing all the larches in the garden, thanks to that scourge of the decade, *Phytophthora ramorum*. We're not as close as I would have liked to have been to beginning the job, for all sorts of reasons, but begin it we will have to do. In the meantime, just to keep us on our toes, we have recently been informed that Arduaine is now suffering infections of *Phytophthora lateralis*, a species that attacks *Chamaecyparis* and *Cupressus*, among others, and was identified for the first time in the UK in 2010 in Balloch Country Park, where it has caused a great deal of damage. To quote the Forestry Commission: "*Phytophthora lateralis* usually kills most Lawson cypress trees that it infects, and is the main cause of mortality in Lawson cypress in its native range in south-western Oregon and north-western California." Whatever has caused such an acceleration of all these plant diseases, and in my view it's likely to be due to the beginnings of global temperature rise, they are with us now whether we like it or not and unfortunately will be much more noticeable in coming months and years. We're all in this together and must be vigilant in reporting any suspicions.

Horror story over for now! How about a success story? On the evening of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September we were visited by the Walking Theatre Company, who performed a perambulatory production, as one might suppose, of the 'Conference of the Faeries', their own version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. I must be careful in the way I use the word 'wet' in this context, but I have to say that on the night in question it did rain, quite considerably, and therefore grew darker earlier than we'd expected! In spite of the prevailing conditions, a good time was had by the 44 hardy souls who had bought tickets and in a peculiarly British way, we not only pretended to enjoy getting soaked, but also to being called upon to read the lines of various Shakespearean characters! My thanks to everyone who was involved, both in the Support Group, the Company and indeed the audience! We must do it again some time.

The next event at the garden will be the visit of a certain bearded gentleman a little before Christmas, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of December, subject to the selection of a suitable Santa!

Further news from the Support Group. After discussions with the NTS, it has been decided that Support Group members, with certain conditions attached, will have free entry to the garden. We'll keep you up to date with developments. I would like to say again how much we at Arduaine value the support of both SG and NTS membership without which we would not be here, so can I issue a plea to all readers who are not members of one or the other to have a think about it. We still encounter visitors who don't realise that the NTS is funded only by members of the public, through membership, donations, legacies, retail sales etc, and has no government assistance. And of course, if you feel that you can help us in any way at all, as a volunteer, do please get in touch.

Most importantly of all, of course, do visit Arduaine and bring your friends – it's your local garden!

Maurice Wilkins.

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