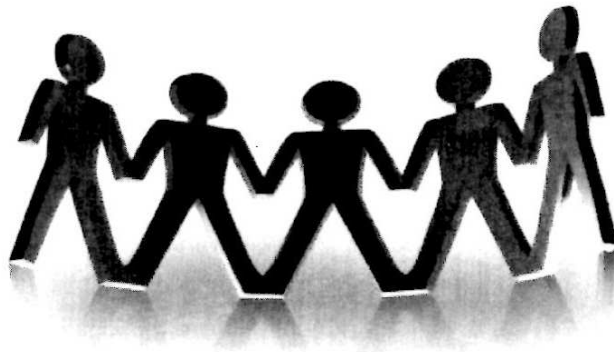


# KILNINFORD NEWS

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*Wishing all our readers  
a very Merry Christmas  
and  
Peace and Happiness  
In 2015*

## KILNINFORD NEWS

Thanks to Georgina's efforts, there is now a team in place willing to take over the running of the Kilninford News. They have only had an initial meeting and will possibly want to make changes to the format, the frequency of the newsletter and the ways we went about things. However, the good news is that you should receive further issues in future.

The new team will be headed up by Graham and Val Wardle who can be contacted at [warhelle@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:warhelle@blueyonder.co.uk) Tel: 01942 513 322. We are very grateful to them for taking this on.

Before bowing out, I would like to say a big thank you to all past and present members of the team, to Christine for allowing us to print the newsletter at the Melfort Club, to all the people who've advertised with us, making it possible to cover our costs, to the many people who've helped with the distribution and to all those who've helped in any way over the years.

We have agreed to donate £250 toward the cost of new drapes for the village hall and £250 toward the cost of a defibrillator for the community when the accounts are finalised before the new team takes over. Any remaining funds, after leaving a start up amount for the new team, will be distributed to local, charitable organisations.

Fiona Wyllic



THANK  
YOU

**N.B. THE VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN** will be out of action during the first two weeks of February, for refurbishment. The Committee and I apologise for any inconvenience. The rest of the hall is still usable if you don't need kitchen facilities. Thank you for your forbearance.

Antoinette Mitchell

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

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's Grotto** at Arduaine Garden from 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Mince pies and mulled wine for the adults.

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December – Wriggily Nativity** presented by Kilninver Primary School in Kilmelford church at 2 p.m. All members of the local community are welcome.

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December - Solstice Walk** from 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. meeting at Lady Glassary Wood car park. Join Dr Sharon Webb, curator of Kilmartin Museum, to explore some of Kilmartin Glen's prehistoric monuments. The walk is free but booking is essential. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Sorry, no dogs except guide dogs.

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

**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December - Hogmanay Party** in Kilmelford Village Hall from 9 p.m. till late. Music, dancing and fun for all ages. Adults £5, children under 14 £2.50. Please bring your own alcohol and snacks for your table. Tables cannot be reserved, so come early for the best choice!

Tickets from Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January – Kilninford Association AGM.** Venue and time to be confirmed.

Contact: Fiona Wyllie Tel: 01852 200227 Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January – AGM of Kilmelford and Kilninver Community Association** in Kilmelford Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Contact: Diane Scaife Tel: 01852 200208

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January - Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

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

Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March - Coffee Morning** from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon in Kilmelford Village Hall in aid of parish funds and the village hall.

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

Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

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

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

Contact Melissa Oatts Tel: 01852 200314

## 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

We've had some really good dancing this autumn, learnt some new dances and had a lot of laughs – thank you, Mike.

The end of season party will be on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30 p.m. We'll then break for Christmas and start again early in January on **Thursday evenings from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.**, date to be confirmed.

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

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 10 a.m. - 12noon**. £2.00 per person for each session.

Contact: Toni Mitchell Tel: 01852 316151 Olga Salmond Tel: 01852 200787

### **MELFORT UKULELES**

The group meets in the village hall on **Wednesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.** Sessions will start again early in January after a break over the festive period. £3 per adult, children free. Ukuleles available to borrow for beginners.

Contact: Sarah Whittle Tel: 01852 500790

### **MOTHERS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP**

Kilmelford Playgroup runs **every Wednesday afternoon from 2 - 3.30 p.m.** (apart from holidays) in Kilmelford Village Hall. We are now a very small group of mums and babes and would love anyone with wee ones to join us for friendly afternoon fun and games and great baking.

Kilmelford playgroup and Xplorers joined baking forces for an afternoon tea to raise much needed funds for the Ebola crisis. After a bulging table of goodies were demolished, we received donations of over £300. A big thank you to all you generous folk and big thanks to all the helpers for your time and generous baking.

Kilmelford playgroup would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year.

Please contact me at [madmelc19@yahoo.com.au](mailto:madmelc19@yahoo.com.au) or Georgina Dalton on 01866 844212 for any information.

Mellony Metavish ( Hamish's mum)

**GAMES NIGHTS** will hopefully take place some Friday evenings throughout the year from 7 – 8.30 p.m. in Kilmelford and Kilninver Village Hall for 9 year olds upwards. Beetle Drives and other games. Prizes, tea, juice and cakes. £1 per head.

Contacts: Georgina Dalton Tel: 01866 844212 Sarah Edwards Tel: 01852 200555 Michelle MacIntyre Tel: 01852 316105

### **MUSIC NIGHTS**

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

**Loch Melfort Hotel (Tel: 01852 200233)**

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

Check for closures in January and February.

### **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.

Tickets for performances are available from Ardfern Village Store, by E-mail: [evhartsevents@gmail.com](mailto:evhartsevents@gmail.com) or by phoning Tel: 01852 500746

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND SERVICES

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2014

#### **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Advent Communion in Kilninver Church at 6 p.m.

#### **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Kilninford School Nativity Service in Kilmelford Church at 2 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Advent Service in Kilbrandon Church at 8.45 p.m.

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

Family Nativity Service and Gift Sunday in Kilmelford Church at 12 noon

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

Community Carol Singing in Kilmelford Church at 7 p.m.

Carols by Candlelight in Craignish Church at 6 p.m.

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

Watch Night Service in Kilninver Church at 11.30 p.m.

Watch Night Service in Craignish Church at 11.30 p.m.

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

Christmas Day Service in Kilmelford Church at 11 a.m.

### SERVICES IN 2014/2015

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
December	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>
January	4 <sup>th</sup>	

## 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 6 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

## CHRISTMAS IN THE REAL WORLD

A question about Christmas is whether it is simply a mid-winter fairy tale, a comforting make-believe story with accompanying rituals that brighten up the darkest days of the year? Or is it an event that impacts the real world, our everyday world, bringing challenge and change, transformation and hope?

Mary, a principal participant in the first Christmas, had no doubt that it was the latter: “he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.” (Luke 1:52-53) Not a matter of business as usual.

In a world still full of the violence of oppression and the hunger of inequality, there is much to ponder in the Christmas story. For people like us, with all our unanswered questions and unrequited longings, might we make the journey in our hearts to Bethlehem to find out what the birth of Christ means for our story?

As we look ahead to Christmas might we find a moment to pray, with Janet Morley:

God, our hope and our desire,  
we wait for your coming  
as a woman longs for the birth,  
the exile for her home,  
the lover for the touch of his beloved,  
and the humble poor for justice.

With all good wishes for a very happy Christmas.

Kenneth Ross  
Parish Minister

### **WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL**

Please remember not to chuck your used stamps in the bin. It's incredible how much money is raised by people spending the little time that it takes to tear these off and give them to the Stamp Appeal – just over £4,000 last year! Stamps can be left with Mary Clark in Kilmelford or with Georgina Dalton.

### **IAN MCTAVISH**

Ian came to Kilmelford from Castleton and Bellanoch to be near his family after his wife died. Sadly, Ian died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. The village extends its sympathy to his family and friends.

### **THE XPLORERS**

The Xplorer group leaders have been meeting and preparing for the gatherings at Kilmelford Church on the first Sunday of each month.

We have taken the “I am” sayings of Jesus for the theme and so far have looked at “the true vine”, “the good shepherd” and “the light of the world”.

The Christingle Xplorers will be on 5<sup>th</sup> December, the second Sunday in Advent. The family Nativity Service will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12 noon in Kilmelford Church. It's hoped that some young people will read parts of the traditional Christmas story and families, parents and friends will come along.

In taking a break in January, the first Xplorers of 2015 will be on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Georgina Dalton

### **PARISH LUNCH AND PRODUCE SALE – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Once again the village hall was buzzing with people gathering and greeting friends. The stall holders were kept busy with selling baking, produce, preserves, plants and crafts. The raffle and bottle stall

holders reported lots of tickets sold and many good prizes to win. A delicious selection of soups and the extra pot came in use as a good number of lunches sold. Heaps of made up filled rolls disappeared like snow off the dyke.

We very much appreciated the Netherlorn folk coming and also those from the neighbouring parish of Kilmartin, Ford and Kilmichael Glassery.

It's good to see old friends having a chance to catch up on news and also be able to introduce new comers to the parish locals.

Thank you very much to everyone for your support and generosity helping to raise a successful sum of £1,329.60 for Kilniver and Kilmelford parish churches. A happy and successful day.

Georgina Dalton

### **FUND RAISING AFTERNOON TEA PARTY in aid of Médecins sans Frontières**

The Mums at playgroup and Xplorer leaders baked cakes and made sandwiches and hosted an afternoon tea party to raise funds to help the medical teams fighting the Ebola outbreak in west Africa. The ukulele players and the dancing group both contributed at their tea and cake breaks and with other donations a successful total of £324 was raised.

Thanks very much to everyone who came or contributed.

Georgina Dalton

### **KILMELFORD & KILNIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Chair	Antoinette Mitchell	
Treasurer	Fergus Gillanders	
Secretary	Diane Scaife	
Committee members	Matthew Anderson	
	Ellen Coyle	
	Lucy Files	
	Christine Rawlins	
Caretaker	Colin Gibson	01852 200204
Bookings	Kilmelford Village Stores	01852 200271

Committee meetings of the above association were held on 16<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Copies of the approved minutes can be found at [www.kilmelford.com](http://www.kilmelford.com).

### **Maintenance of the Village Hall**

- a) The kitchen will be out of action for the first two weeks of February for various work to be carried out.
- b) The walls of the main hall have been measured for new drapes and the fabric will be purchased when there are sufficient funds in the bank.
- c) The problems associated with the overflowing recycling bins in the car park seem to have been remedied now that households can recycle their own plastics & cans. The caretaker had previously been having to transport the excess rubbish to the dump.
- d) The KKCA Constitution is in the process of being updated to keep abreast of current requirements.

### **Fund Raising**

- a) The 100 Club is running successfully, but always needs new members to keep up the numbers. If you are not already a member and would like the chance to win a prize, please contact Diane Scaife 01852 200208.

b) Neil Goulding has kindly offered his services as MC again this year for the Hogmanay Party. Tickets will be sold in advance @ £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for under 14s. Raffle prizes are requested please. More details in the forthcoming events section.

## 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

### CARRAIG GHEAL (WINDFARM) COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

N.B. Information about the CGCBF is to be published shortly in the Oban Times and by leaflets. To benefit from this fund volunteers will need to come forward to represent their community on a Steering Committee. Our Kilninver and Kilmelford community could lose out if we don't have representatives. Please consider this.



**KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 12th AUGUST 2014 8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC); Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA).

In attendance: Cllr Elaine Robertson (ER) and 11 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES** - Stuart Cannon

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - JMcA Agenda Item 4(b)

**3. MINUTES OF AGM** held 10 June 2014 - Cllr. Robertson's name to be added to those attending. With this amendment the Minutes were agreed.

**MINUTES OF MEETING** held 10 June 2014 - a few minor amendments were agreed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

a) Community Emergency Plan - Owing to pressure of exam study JMcA has not yet prepared outline plan. He is to liaise with Carol Keely of Civil Contingencies, Argyll and Bute Council. ER advised that they will require to have a copy of plan in order to have information centralised.

b) Proposed Fish Farm - South West Shuna. The application is still under consideration. The number of pens has been reduced - from 14 to 12 and dialogue is continuing with Marine Scotland.

c) Celtic Sea Wind Turbine - Application as it stands will be refused. Planners are in discussion with Celtic Sea but the application has not yet been withdrawn.

d) Musdale Wind Farm - Jamie Grant of Infinis gave a presentation of the scheme, submitted July 2013, discussions having taken place with Argyll and Bute Council and with Scottish Natural Heritage. There has been a reduction in number of turbines from 16 to 15. A supplementary environmental information submission will be made within the next month which will cover changes from the original submission which he said should satisfy the consultees. The application will be going straight to the Scottish government.

Comments from the floor included the observation that the neighbouring windfarm Carraig Gheal stands out significantly when viewed from the Sound of Mull, concern over impact on the historical Drove Road to Crieff and the issue of Borrow Pits, Peat Slide etc. Also the question of upgrading of cables and restringing of line to Kilchrenan sub-station. ER expressed concern over reinstatement of land after life of windfarm ended. She said the restoration bond should be scrutinised more diligently and the local authority should be stricter, as local people needed to be reassured.

Community benefit would be in place once consents are received and construction started. It was stated that Carraig Gheal has not yet paid out a penny of community benefit.

Infinis undertook to keep the Community Council informed on progress, as has been the case up until now.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Pebble Beach View** Kilmelford Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XD - Alterations and formation of first floor balcony extension. Ref 14/00493/PP

**Land East of Traighuaine**, Arduaine, Ref. No.: 14/01313/PPP Site for the erection of dwellinghouse.

**Land South East of Clachan Farm**, Kilninver, Oban, Argyll and Bute

Ref. No.: 14/01033/PP Change of use of agricultural land for the storage of timber (retrospective)

**Kames Fish Farm**, Kilmelford, Argyll and Bute Ref. No.: 14/01050/PP Removal of caravan and erection of replacement log cabin.

**Land South West Of East Kames**, Kilmelford, Oban, Argyll and Bute PA34 4XA Ref. No.: 14/00973/PPP Site for the erection of one dwellinghouse

**Plot 2 Arduaine Caravan Park** Renewal of Planning Permission 11/01325PP Erection of dwellinghouse  
Ref. No. 14/01488/PP

**Craigaol Kilmelford** Change of use from detached garage/shed to form self contained unit for private  
use Ref. No. 14/00881/PP

The above seven applications: Status Permitted

**Arduaine Farm** Erection of agricultural shed Ref.No. 14/01744/PNAGRI

Status: Pending consideration

**Barachuile Forest Kilmelford** Rural Development Contract Ref.No. 14/01127/RDCRP

**Cuilfail Cottages Kilmelford** Installation of Telecommunications Apparatus Ref.No.  
14/00967/TELNOT

The above two applications: Status Prior Notification - no objection

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

## **7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- a) Concern was expressed regarding accuracy of Rural Opportunity Area at Traighuaine, Arduaine. ER advised that the Local Plan has been presented to the Reporter and that any concerns should be addressed to Sybil Johnston, Strategic Planner with Argyll and Bute Council, who is very approachable.
- b) Fergus Gillanders addressed the meeting on behalf of Kilmelford and Kilniver Community Association regarding the change in legislation which governs the way the association can be operated. He passed round a paper outlining this and took questions from the floor. Initially, the constitution of KKCA has to be changed, the cost of doing this is £120. It was generally agreed that the Community Council funds this - proposed by NM and seconded by AD. Fergus Gillanders was thanked for the work undertaken by him in this matter.
- c) Since nobody has come forward to take over the production and distribution of the Kilniver News, the last edition will be published in December 2014.
- d) It was reported that out of a possible 300 people 24 had responded to be on a group email list to receive information relating to Community Council business. Discussion ensued as to how this could link with the Community Emergency Plan and expand to incorporate information regarding road closures etc. JMcA to liaise with Fiona Wylie regarding the email contacts on such a list.
- e) ER advised new arrangements to be introduced by Argyll and Bute for waste collection by possibly end of October. She to speak to Melissa Stewart of A&BC re communication with the Community Council on this.
- f) ER gave notice of Scottish Rural Parliament meeting at Corran Halls from 12 - 4 p.m. Wednesday 17th September.
- g) ER reported that the Council is aware of the issue of vegetation encroachment on roads generally in the area but particularly on the Loch Avich Road and the impact of the uncut verges upon large vehicles using that road.
- h) Oban North and Lorn Ward election for Councillor. If the election is contested polling will take place on 23rd October 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10 p.m.

## **KILNIVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2014 8 p.m. KILMELFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Nigel Mitchell (NM); Antoinette Mitchell (AM); Jane Rentoul (JR); Colin Clark (CC);  
Annie Delap (AD); Jamie McAndrew (JMcA).

In attendance: Constable Jeremy Moore and 5 members of the public.

Before the meeting started a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for Peter Menzies,  
Corrylorn, whose funeral had taken place earlier that day.

**1. APOLOGIES** - Stuart Cannon; Councillor Elaine Robertson

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING** held 12th August 2014 - NM read out from email received from ER covering the following six points: (1) Waste Collection - any questions to be directed to Stuart McCracken, A & BC, who is in overall charge of the new arrangements. It was noted that there are different collection days at Kilninver and at Kilmelford. (2) Kilmelford War Memorial - The railings around the memorial will be repaired before Remembrance Day, 11th November 2014. (3) Verge Cutting - a plan for a better service is being discussed and will be in place for 2015. The problems this year were outwith the control of the Amenity Department at A&BC. The situation on the Lochavich road has been highlighted with the above Department and our MSP. (4) Provision of footpath from Kilmelford Yacht Haven to Degnish road is in A&BC capital programme. (5) ER had been contacted by Lucy Files concerning recent near accident at Kilninver School. ER had spoken to Pippa Milne, Executive Director of Infrastructure, and Jim Smith of the Roads Department. A meeting is to be held between the Police and Roads Department to discuss what further measures can be put in place to slow down traffic past the school. (6) ER emailed Mike Russell regarding the Community Benefit Programme relating to Carraig Gheal windfarm, who advised that nothing has happened concerning this.

Celtic Sea Turbine - NM had spoken to Stephen Fair, Planning Department. Contrary to what NM understood before August Community Council meeting, the application has not been refused. The status of the application at present is Pending Consideration. Stephen Fair will be decide if it will go to the PPSL Committee, who would decide if it should go to a Public Hearing. NM has stressed to him that the large number of representations from the community should be taken into account in any decision he makes. The alternative is for the application to be refused which would allow Celtic Sea to go to appeal.

Musdale Wind Farm - application not yet submitted.

NM proposed that the Minutes of meeting held 12th August 2014 be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was approved by AM and seconded by JMcA.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

JMcA to check with SGC if accounts have been sent to A&BC.

a) **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN** - JMcA took the meeting through the areas of most concern incorporated in the basic layout of the plan. The areas of high priority were agreed to be (1) Disruption to Utilities covering power, water supply and drainage (2) Road Closures and (3) Communication Services. Discussion ensued on various aspects of the plan and Constable Moore summed up by saying that the plan should reflect what suits our community and that local knowledge is paramount in the preservation of life and assistance in an emergency to the elderly and infirm in the area. JMcA undertook to develop the plan to suit our needs. He is to check contact names and numbers and finalise the draft before sending to the Community Council and to Constable Moore and Carol Keely, Civil Contingencies, A&BC in due course. Once the action plan is submitted funds will become available to purchase any equipment considered necessary.

As a result of the foregoing discussions the meeting agreed to ask that a defibrillator be positioned as soon as feasible at Kilmelford Village Hall and at Kilninver. The operation of such a machine is now much more simple, with clear instructions attached. This would be an initiative quite separate from the Community Emergency Plan.

b) **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS** - Anyone interested in standing should put their name forward by 4 p.m. on 27th October.

c) **LDP CHANGES** - NM reported that the Local Development Plan had been submitted by Argyll and Bute Council to the Scottish Government in Edinburgh and the Reporter has been determining that what had been submitted is acceptable. It has now been brought to NM's attention that the SPP3 (Scottish Planning Policy 3) was approved a few months ago and this basically means that parts of the Argyll &

Bute Council Local Development Plan have been thrown into the bin. There has been a re-designation of constrained areas concerning windfarms, housing etc. These changes apply across the board, not just to Argyll and Bute. Up until now developers of windfarms, housing etc. had to prove an application would be acceptable. Now the public has to prove an application would be unacceptable. The criteria has changed, constraints have been removed and our (the Community Council and individual) representations ignored. NM spent a long time talking to the developers of SPP3 who agreed that there had been no consultation with any community on the changes. It has since emerged, however, that some communities were given the opportunity to respond within seven days to these changes but Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council were not contacted in this connection. The meeting greeted this news with dismay and was greatly concerned that comments made by the Community Council and by individuals to the Local Development Plan current when the submissions were made, would now be assessed under a completely different set of criteria. SPP3 is available to read on the Scottish Government website.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Celtic Sea Ltd** Arduaine Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4XD Ref. No. 14/00403/PP Erection of 50k wind turbine (24 metres to hub height). Status: Pending Consideration.

It was noted that an application would be forthcoming from the Melfort Club regarding extended hours for the Shower of Herring Restaurant, allowing representations to be made within 21 days of 9th October and advertised in The Oban Times.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Bin collection - confirmation of new arrangements.
- b) Installation of telecommunications apparatus at Cuilfail Cottages, Kilmelford. No further action as 4 mb/second broadband speed would be required.
- c) Oban High School - start of 12 week consultation regarding new campus.
- d) Criminal Justice Team for Argyll and Bute. Seeking community views on appropriate forms of unpaid work under the Community Payback Order, such as cleaning road signs, verge cutting in villages, removal of silted up road edges e.g. on Cuilfail Bridge in Kilmelford etc. Community Council members to receive list and comment.
- e) Police Scotland and other bodies in Argyll and Bute seeking views on issues of interest to communities, to be returned by 31 October.

## **7. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- a) Constable Moore reported the following in the Kilninver and Kilmelford area:

Road Traffic Incidents since 1 August (15), of which 6 were sent to Procurator Fiscal.

Disorder and Public Nuisance (7).

Theft - Referendum Yes and No signs and a quantity of tea bags on 18th September.

Stolen car abandoned on A816 after keys left in ignition.

Telephone fraud - never give out bank details.

Constable Moore summarised by saying that care of vulnerable people in the community is of paramount importance. If anyone has a concern on this front they should contact him as he would be able to contact the appropriate body to offer assistance.

- b) The meeting wished it put on record the appreciation of the community for the grass cutting and general keeping tidy of the roadside in Kilmelford which is done completely voluntarily by Colin and

Cameron Carmichael, Ian and Gordon MacKinnon and Duncan MacMillan. They have all done a terrific job of contributing to make Kilmelford such a pleasant village through which to pass.

c) If anyone wishes to comment on the service standard of their broadband connection they should not go through BT Openreach. They should contact their individual Internet Service Provider. BT Openreach will only respond to a situation such as a dangerous pole etc. - not to a complaint about general service quality.

d) JMcA and Fiona Wyllie are continuing to work on producing a list of email contacts which people have requested to receive, relating to information on Community Council business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th December 2014.

## **KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2014 – CONTACT LIST**

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Colin Clark	Kilmelford	01852 200259	colinclark11@btinternet.com	
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## **BT and BTOpenreach FEEDBACK**

I finally received a reply to my letter from BT regarding the complaints that you kindly submitted regarding the poor landline and broadband service in the area. N.B. there is no way of contacting BTOpenreach directly, enquiries have to go through your ISP. BT's reply was, typically, completely unhelpful and didn't address most of the points that I made. In spite of the fact that their letter was written only days before Argyll and Bute Council made an announcement about "Next Generation Broadband" which included an update on the Kilmelford area, BT made no reference to this although I had specifically asked when we could expect any action!!! The announcement from Argyll and Bute was as follows:- "Next Generation Broadband" ..... "Coming soon - Kilmelford. See [www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/](http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/) for details". The website information on the Kilmelford and Kilninver areas is as follows:- "Your area will be enabled within the next six months and we'll provide more details nearer the time. At the moment you can't order Superfast Fibre". As I understand it this doesn't mean that everyone in the area will receive Superfast Fibre when it is finally enabled – those at a distance from the exchange and on exchange only lines (not supplied via a green telephony cabinet) will not, as I understand it, receive the upgraded service.

Fiona Wyllie

## **KILNINVER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The children have been involved in a range of practical activities with the pupils of Craignish Primary.

We hosted a very successful Halloween party at the village hall that was very well attended by the extended families from both communities.

We would like to thank the many local residents who came along to support our pop up museum. The WorldWar exhibition was a great success and this event gave many families the opportunity to familiarise themselves with their families experience of war.

The outreach team from Glasgow Science centre brought the BodyWorks tour to give the children the opportunity to investigate how the human body is constructed. Activities included a close look at the digestive system, how exercise affects our heart rate and how relaxation aids concentration.

We have started to prepare for our nativity play. This year we will be performing the 'Wriggily Nativity' in the Kilmelford church at 2 p.m. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. All members of the local community are welcome.

#### Dates for your diary

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Play at Kilmelford church at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December - school closes

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January - school reopens

Berni McMillan

#### **A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY**

I have been asked several times to include this article in the Kilninford News and as this may be the last opportunity I thought I had better include it in this Christmas issue. The following is a very brief history of Barochreal as we have researched it.

*Barochreal*, however you spell it, and there have been many variations over the years, means we are told, the Hill of the King. In ancient times the old Kings of Argyll were brought to Barochreal and laid out before being ferried over to Iona. I imagine the area known as Barochreal then extended down to Loch Feochen, to include the hill of the Dead and the Hill of Kneeling.

'Myth Tradition and Story from Western Argyll by K W Grant gives us great insight into the History of Barochreal in the 1700's.

*'I was born in the year 1774 at Barichreal , a small village of Nether Lorn..... Our village was an important place in its own estimation. It consisted of a group of sixteen thriving families, whose boast it was that every known trade required in the district was represented among the men... the town of Oban did not exist except in the brain of the Duke of Argyll and his chamberlain. The first time I walked into Oban there were but three houses on the bay: the Custom House, the Inn and a farmhouse. Our village lay in a glade, flanked by two low brown hills the houses were clustered on both sides of the burn.'* ( I believe this to be the burn in our field Allt Gleasan. On close inspection many ruins of these properties, doubtless black houses, can be seen on our land.) *' Each family in Barichreal owned a few sheep and cows... each croft had a plot set apart for the cultivation of flax.'* (If you walk along the banks of the River Euchar below Raera you will see the ruins of a flax mill.)

In Nancy Black's book 'From a Hollow on the Hill' there is an old map which shows both North and South *Baracheil*. We believe the wall that runs across our fields from west to east is the old marches and what marked the north, south boundary. With the help of photo copies of old maps from the archives of the West of Scotland Archaeological Services in Edinburgh we have managed to find the

position and probable remains of 14 of the 16 houses. The other two we believe may lie below the existing property. A John Brown married Catherine Campbell at *Barrichareil* in 1761. They had 6 children born here and two married here. We feel that the village was possibly a casualty of the clearances many families moving to Kilmartin and that some were the victims of the massacre in the Barn of Bones at the end of Scammadale.

The front and the old part of the present house we discovered was built in the 1870's when it was the shepherd's cottage for the Kilninver Estate. As we have an original water colour in the house painted in 1911 and called *Barochreil Farm* we assume it had become a farm but still part of the Kilninver Estate. We have photos of the 3 Mitchell boys, Nigel was one of three brothers, and their sister who lived here in the 1930's and went to Kilninver Primary School. The girl Margaret was born in what is now our blue bedroom and we were delighted to make her and her husband's acquaintance last year and we are in constant contact. The Laird Ian Tegners Grandfather provided her with a cot as she was sleeping in a drawer. We also have photos of Mr. and Mrs. George Lightbourne MacDonald at *Barachrail*, which they rented from the Tegners with 600 acres. We also have a photo taken in 1955 of 'Big Geordie Macdonald' shearing sheep with his nephew Bill Mc Nie looking on.

Barochreal, still part of the Kilninver Estate eventually became the property of the Kilpatrick's and finally was rented out as a holiday cottage until it was sold to its former owner Mrs. Angiers. In 2003 she built the large extension and briefly ran Barochreal as a B and B. We the Mitchells bought it from her in 2005. We renovated the inside of the house particularly the old bedrooms restoring Victorian fireplaces etc. and added the conservatory. However most of our time has been spent establishing a garden, which we have already opened for the Scottish Garden scheme. Nigel has just purchased a digger for more landscaping!!!!!! We are delighted to welcome anyone who is interested to view our garden or walk the land looking for both historical remains and at some of the natural features.

Antoinette Mitchell

## USEFUL INFORMATION

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

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Office and Swimming Pool closed

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> December – Office and Swimming Pool open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> January – Office and Swimming Pool closed

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Office open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Swimming Pool open 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 – the Club and facilities close for annual maintenance at 12.30 p.m.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 – Office and Swimming Pool reopen at 9 a.m.

### EASDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Normal working hours for phone calls are 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01852 300223.

In case of emergency outside normal working hours, dial 999 for an ambulance.

For health advice, phone NHS 24 Tel: 111

The surgery will be closed as follows:-

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE  
BLOOD DONATION SESSIONS 2012

Tel: 0845 90 90 999 or 0141 357 7700

Dates of future blood donation sessions are posted on [www.scotblood.co.uk](http://www.scotblood.co.uk) under "Where to Donate"

In order to meet hospital requirement for blood and blood products, 1,000 blood donors are needed every day in Scotland. Only 5% of the eligible population currently give blood. New and returning blood donors are urgently needed.

**LOCAL DIRECTORY**

The Directory was up-dated in October and is on sale at £1 a copy at Kilmelford Post Office or by contacting Georgina Dalton.