

KILMARONOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON 5 MARCH 2018

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- 1) PRESENT: Gavin MacLellan (GM) Neil MacGregor (NM) Ivan Mavor (IM) Sarah Guy (SG) David Scott-Park (DSP)  
Councillor Sally Page (SP)  
Suzanne Greer WDC
- 2) APOLOGIES: Andy Sinnot (AS), Jim Morrison (JM) via email  
Some 14 members of the community were also in attendance
- 3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST GM asked the assembled company if anyone wished to make a declaration of interest in any of the matters on the agenda but no declarations were made.
- 4) MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON 8 JANUARY 2018  
Proposed by DSP and seconded by GM  
GM then introduced Suzanne Greer from WDC who has taken over liaison duties from Kate Coleman who has retired from that post. Suzanne gave a presentation on her duties and assured the members of the community of the assistance WDC would provide.
- 5) MATTERS ARISING AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES  
NM advised that he had contacted WDC Roads about path insurance following the adoption of the path from the pedestrian crossing to Ross Loan and was advised that KCC no longer requires to pay the insurance.
- 6) TREASURERS REPORT  
AS is presently offshore but GM advised that AS had left a note of the current financial standings as: £749.70 in the Treasurers Account and £818.21 in the Benevolent Fund. DSP queried the existence of 2 accounts. GM responded that the Treasurers Account was similar to a current account and was used to pay for expenses such as hall hire whereas the Benevolent Account was used for distribution to projects and had recently paid for new defibrillator pads.  
GM also advised that AS had attended the meeting on Community Funding and had prepared a report to fellow councillors.  
Concern was raised about the present method of funding perhaps being more biased towards the larger community councils whereas in the past each CC was allocated a set amount. Suzanne replied that the funding may not continue in its present format.
- 7) PLANNING MATTERS  
NM read out the following applications/decisions:  
RSPB application 2017/0366/DET which was discussed at the last meeting had been approved by LLTNP on 8 February  
Building warrants in respect of internal alterations at Gartlea Farm and the demolition of a building and a replacement to be erected at Gallangad Farm had been issued.

There followed considerable discussion on the outline planning permission which had been granted to Mr Malabar for the erection of 3 holiday units at Claddochside Cottage following Mr Malabar's correspondence to NM requesting that the community comment on the application.

Several points were made in relation to the application including disturbance to wildlife and their habitats, increased volume of traffic and noise but the main issue here was that due process had not been followed as only Sheila Cronin had received a neighbour letter from the applicant. Mr Malabar had maintained that as he was unaware of the owners of neighbouring land he had not sent out notifications. This was countered by Mr and Mrs Page at Claddoch who had had communication with Mr Malabar and had invited him to Claddoch on his recent visit from Australia. Mr M failed to respond to the invitation.

The feeling of the community was that the decision to grant planning permission ought to be revisited and that the application ought not to have been left to a delegated officer but should have been referred to committee for a decision.

GM advised that, under the circumstances, KCC will write to LLTNP Planning to have the decision to grant planning permission revisited and that hopefully, LLTNP will take a pragmatic view and enter into discussion with KCC and residents.

#### 8) KILMARONOCK COMMUNITY TRUST

Sheila Cronin advised that the KCT AGM was held on 21 February although the election of office bearers will be held at a later date. A presentation to the meeting was given by RSPB on future developments for the site at the Wards.

GM reported that AS had produced a Proposal Paper for pavement repairs and upgrade for the footpath alongside the A811 as part of the CAP. A copy of the Paper is available on request and the project will resume in April.

The general consensus was that the footpath requires to be maintained and that the narrow section near Ashfield Farm requires remedial work.

Willie Nisbet pointed out that it is a Core Path and should have precedence for assistance from LLTNP.

#### 9) NP & CP REPORT

There were considerable misgivings about the condition of the Aber Path and the condition of the decking on the bridge near the Aber end of the path. The path was constructed in the 1990s under a grant from SNH. There is no obligation contractual or otherwise on any party to maintain or replace the structures but LLTNP have accepted this under their responsibility for maintaining public access. This was confirmed by Willie Nisbet, LLTNP representative.

NM was tasked with writing to Kenny Auld at LLTNP about the maintenance of the path and bridge albeit the community was aware of the difficulties with the present owner of the field.

NM reported that he had attended a recent Community Council Forum meeting at Riverside Parish Church Hall, Dumbarton. Most of the discussion was centred around matters in Clydebank and the planning application to have Dumbarton FC's ground moved to Young's Farm, this application being subject to some opposition. Delegates expressed their pleasure at having KCC represented at the meetings.

#### 10) WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

NM advised that he and IM had attended the Forum on the WDC Budget at the Concord Centre in Dumbarton where proposals to cut the budget in various areas had been discussed. The meeting had been a lively one with delegates commenting on which proposals could be implemented. SP advised that following the meeting many of the comments made at the meeting had been taken on board by WDC.

SP also advised that £1.5m had been allocated to improve the A811. There will be a photoshoot at the Buchlyvie lay by this Friday in an attempt to have the A811 upgraded to trunk

road status. Stirling councillors are very keen to have the road upgraded. There was general support for SP to lobby for the A811 to be upgraded.

NM advised that along with SP and fellow residents Ian Sweetland and Paul Lindsay had attended a recent meeting at WDC Roads, Garshake in an effort to have the many defects on the road surface remedied. Sadly poor weather has temporarily impeded further progress by WDC Roads.

#### 11) CORRESPONDENCE

NM intimated that he had received correspondence from Scottish Water who are having a 6 month consultation with communities to help shape water and waste services for the next 25 years. Response is by online survey. It was suggested that Facebook be used to inform residents.

GM advised that he had received an email on 5 March from Matt Buckland who has taken on board the litter and fly tipping problem on Scottish Water land at the entrance to Blairlinnans. This was appreciated since there had been failings to resolve by both SW and LLTNP in the past. Matt is considering the use of signs and video cameras in an attempt to control the problem.

GM also indicated that he will contact LLTNP to ascertain if they will assist here.

#### 12) AOB

GM advised that he had received a copy of Social Media Policy which he will circulate.

GM invited interest litter picking along the A811 on Sunday mornings before the grass grows over the litter. Interested parties to contact GM.

There being no further matters, the meeting was closed with GM thanking all for attending.

13) NEXT MEETING 21 May 2018 also AGM on that date

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