

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 9 July 2018 at 7.30pm

Kilmarnock Millenium Hall

1) Sederunt

Committee : Gavin MacLellan (GM/chair), Neil MacGregor (NM/Sec), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Trs), David Scott-Park (DSP), Sarah Guy (SG) and Ivan Mavor (IM)
MSP Jackie Baillie (JB), Councillor Sally Page (SP), Willy Nisbett LLTNP
Jan Shields Balloch and Haldane CC
Mary Sweetland KCT
4 other members of the community

2) Apologies

Apologies received from Jim Morrison and Police Scotland

3) Declaration of interest

The committee members confirmed that they had no interests in any matters on the agenda.

4) Minutes of regular meeting on 21 May 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Sarah Guy and seconded by Andrew Sinnott

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Further to the correspondence with LLTNP regarding neighbour notification, KCC view being that it was not *effective*, LLTNP replied that it was *compliant*. They agreed our point and indicated that modernisation was needed and that the Scot Exec were having a rethink on the process in the near future so we should expect improvement.

Although Police Scotland sent their apologies for non-attendance NM had not received the crime statistics by the start of tonight's meeting.

Regarding the road condition at Ashfield corner, NM sent photographs to WDC Roads Dept and received an acknowledgment of receipt but no further communication as yet.

The A811 has been "cored" by contractors to ascertain the construction of the road surface..

The drainage problem at Duncryne Terrace has not been followed up due to the extended dry spell preventing photographs of flooding being taken.

6) Treasurers Report

AS reported that the only expenditure since the last meeting was the rental of the hall for that meeting. There is a monthly subscription running by direct debit for hosting the website. No invoices received yet for construction of the website.

AS also informed the committee that the annual grant from WDC has been applied for but so far no response has been received. AS will contact WDC to follow up on allocation of the grant.

Regarding the Benevolent Fund Account, there is a requirement to have a sub-committee to manage this on behalf of the parish. IM and GM volunteered to form a sub-committee.

Balances

Main acct : £745.12

Benevolent Fund : £768.21

7) Planning Matters

NM reported that no new planning notices for Kilmarnock had been received.

Flamingo Land (2018/0133/PPP) – GM & AS attended the public meeting held by Balloch and Haldane CC on 19th June. Subsequently KCC decided not to submit a comment to LLTNP planners. Private contributions are still encouraged - even though the official closing date has passed, comments will still be recorded. B&HCC submission is now on the LLTNP planning site.

Search for applications here :

<https://eplanning.lochlomond-trossachs.org/OnlinePlanning>

8) Kilmarnock Community Trust

Two meetings were attended by KCC. Mary Sweetland (MS) in attendance tonight.

On 23rd May a joint meeting of KCC, KCT and KMH was held to update the action status of the Community Action Plan (CAP)

- a) Improvement to bus service – timing with trains. Ongoing but unlikely to improve under current service providers.
- b) Bus shelters – one side only possible. Ongoing but unlikely to prove worthwhile. Cost plus maintenance responsibility.
- c) Speed limits – awaiting new ScotGov plans for 20 mph zones. Meanwhile keep lobbying MSP.
- d) Signs at crossing point of cycleway and A811 – no reply from Sustrans at time of meeting.
- e) Pathway (pavement/footway) from Gartocharn to Balloch. Draft proposal awaiting discussion with Roads dept of WDC. Aug/Sept maybe.
- f) Drop kerbs and crossing points in Gartocharn – awaiting list of desired locations before following up at meeting with Roads Dept.
- g) Lobby for self cleaning public toilet – playing field suggested as location – awaiting contact person details at WDC. Costs are very high.
- h) Mobilising youth to engage in community activities. Any ideas welcome.
- i) Community litter picking – successful event already held by KCC and other members of the community. More planned and will be advertised.
- j) Litter bins – request for more on hold as we can't seem to get the present ones emptied often enough!

The second meeting was the KCT board meeting on 3rd June in which KCT specific actions for CAP were updated along with the following (MS further updated the status in discussion during tonight's meeting) :

- k) Field – still some dialogue with ScotGov if to be pursued further but essentially the field will remain overpriced to prevent community purchase.

- l) Football pitch – some delays but work tender was due out mid-Jun. MS reported that it has now been put out to tender by the due process. The work includes levelling and draining. The drainage will go into a ditch which will then need to be maintained to be effective.
- m) Also to note that the recent dry spell has allowed Gartocharn FC to play on the field and they are doing rather well in both league and cup.
- n) Broadband – residents close to village should be improved by Dec, the remainder is unknown – lobbying BT will improve outcomes - KCT will inform community via website. Areas served from Alexandria exchange cabinets have not improved at all and remain very poor service. In discussion tonight it was pointed out that service improvements can be had by the fixing of joints on the traditional copper cable. However, as it is time consuming and therefore expensive, BT need to be pushed hard to start this. Neighbours might do better collectively rather than individually as each joint fixed improves the next one and so on so more efficient for BT.
- o) Access matters – NP have appointed a new access officer who will be invited to a meeting with the Paths Group. KCC would like to be notified of the next paths group meeting once arranged.

9) National Park & Community Partnership Issues

Willy Nisbett (WN) highlighted that there had been recent elections to the board (of which he was the one chosen to represent our area). WN also advised that there will shortly be 5 government appointees joining the board also.

AS reported on a recent consultation workshop regarding the Trees and Woodland Strategy. Ten proposals were discussed by a variety of interested parties. The discussions were recorded and will be written up to form the basis of a strategy for the next few years. The strategy will be put up for public consultation in Jan/Feb 2019. Following that, the final strategy will be implemented from June 2019.

10) West Dunbartonshire Council

Cllr Sally Page (SP) reported on liaison matters with WDC. The Roads Group will next meet at the end of August. Representatives have been invited to make site visits to Gartcharn to see areas of concern.

Further correspondence with Sustrans regarding improved signage at the crossing of A811 and National cycle route 7. Sustrans should provide the signage but it is up to WDC to erect it.

AS reported that he had been invited to meet the roads group to explain the pathway improvement project to them for comment.

Regarding the Flamingoland development proposal, SP has requested a proper impact assessment on traffic effects on the local infrastructure.

Jan Shields of B&HCC talked about the proposals from Cameron House regarding the reconstruction work and the associated plant and construction traffic on the A82 and the diversion of guest traffic to the Old Luss Road. Residents are concerned about the capacity of the narrow road to cope on top of existing residential traffic and parking.

After discussion of some general road condition issues, NM will contact Roads Dept and see what the plan is for A811 resurfacing and remarking of lines especially centre ones.

NM will also be contacting Inspector McKenzie to discuss more speeding detection on the A811.

11) Correspondence

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute - 11 November 2018

We received proposals for a national event to mark the 100th anniversary of the WWI armistice.

AS reported that there was some interest in this during our joint KCC/KCT/KMH meeting in May. KMH reps suggested lighting a beacon on the Dumpling and having an event in the Hall. No one from KMH was at tonight's meeting though to progress this.

Ideally we should invite the Lord Lieutenant. JB indicated that it would be worth contacting the Provost as he has a fund for this kind of thing.

Peter Page and SG volunteered to coordinate an event for the occasion.

GM reported that the KCC website was progressing with SG coordinating with the web developer.

12) AOCB

GM announced that KCC are thinking of holding the next meeting in a different location – Inchmurrin for instance. GM will look into the availability and logistics of holding the meeting on the island.

NM reminded us that Scottish Water were holding consultations with the public and until 31st August there is a chance to have your say on “Shaping the Future” via web site www.yourwater.scot. JB highlighted general concerns she was aware of with the performance of SW and the current strategy for using bill payers money to pay for long term Capex investment and recommended people expressed their concerns.

NM said concerns had been raised about the dwindling availability of burial plots in the village. Further information is needed as a new area has been allocated. NM will contact Ian Bain at Greenspace

JB gave a heads up on an imminent govt initiative “Moving Forward Together” to review Acute Service Provision. A ‘stratified service level’ is proposed which will define expected service level vs population served. The lower the population the lower the service level. Vale of Leven Hospital is under pressure with reduced services as it is. KCC agreed to hold a special meeting if needed to discuss this.

Jan Shields raised Flamingoland topic again. JB stated that she is looking into the ownership of the riverbed of the Leven. The general belief is that existing statutes state that it should not be privately owned. Rights to navigate will not be affected but moorings, scarce already, will be lost. It was also discussed in the room that the trailer park at the Duncan Mills slip will be lost with the development of Flamingoland.

13) Next Meeting

Monday 3rd Sept 2018 at a location to be confirmed.