

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm

Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

Committee : Neil MacGregor (NM/Sec. acting Chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Trs), David Scott-Park (DSP), Sarah Guy (SG) & Ivan Mavor (IM)

PC Gemma Sloan from Police Scotland Dumbarton (flying visit due to being on duty)
George Murphy (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board)
Councillor Sally Page

14 members of the community

2) Apologies

Apologies received from Gavin MacLellan, Jim Morrison and MSP Jackie Baillie

3) Declaration of interest

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

4) Minutes of meeting on 7th January 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by DSP and seconded by SG

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Regarding the planning matter with the former public toilets, the owner of the land with the pathway has still not been found. MSP Jackie Baillie was not present to give us an update on research into who asked BT to pay rent. NM updated us that the planning review body had upheld the decision to deny the change of use from public amenity to private garden. WDC seem to think they still own the land and the decision to sell was pending approval of the change of use. WDC state that they can sell off the land without consulting the community.

KCC agreed to continue investigation in to the ownership of the land.

KCC will follow up with BT to reinstall a public phone box due to the lack of mobile phone coverage.

6) Treasurers Report

End of Year accounts are prepared pending settlement of bills for KMH rental on 7th Jan and 11th Feb

Current account balance : £831.20

[Remaining outgoings for KMH rental on 7th Jan and 11th Feb to be deducted.]

Benevolent fund balance : £668.21

[Correction from previous report found while preparing end of year accounts (+£50 carried over from previous year)]

A third attempt to update the signatories and correspondence address for the Benevolent Fund is ongoing. The signatories to be :

- Neil MacGregor – Secretary
- Andrew Sinnott – Treasurer
- Ivan Mavor – Community Councillor

7) Planning Matters

Building Warrants :

Gartlea Farm - granted

Arisaig Farm – 2015/0191/DET – extension to agricultural building - granted

Planning Applications :

PSC/2018/0004 - RSPB – EIA screening complete

2019/0007/DET - Garden Centre – discharge of section 75 – ongoing

2018/0338/DET – Little Duncryne Farm – erection of dwelling house and garage - Approved

2018/0349/DET – Former garage adjacent to Tigh Gael, Duncryne Road, Gartocharn – Change of use from garage and erection of second floor extension to form dwelling house – Approved

2019/0045/DET - South Gartocharn Farm – Change of use of land and building to equestrian, and alterations to existing access (retrospective) – representations to be made by 2nd April

2018/0375/DET - Gartenwall – Formation of temporary access track (retrospective) - approved

2018/0303/DET – change of use of public amenity space to garden ground at former public convenience, Church Road, Gartocharn. Application refused. Decision upheld on appeal. KCC will monitor in case of elevation to judicial review.

Crudens who are developing housing at Dumbain are discussing preplanning for a phase 2. KCC to monitor.

National Nature Reserve

After the previous KCC meeting on 7th January, a special meeting was held where SNH gave a presentation and entered discussion with the community. SNH highlighted their role in general within Scotland and more specifically our local NNR. They explained the designations and their meanings and the subsequent legislative protections. Minutes are on the KCC website.

2016/0126/DET – The Wards development as discussed in the special meeting on 11th February

The recent letter sent by KCC was reported to have appeared and disappeared from the LLTNPA planning portal. Dissatisfaction with the content of the letter was raised and further clarification of the intent of the letter was requested as it did not specifically state that the objection raised in the original letter still stood. There was a claim that the original objection letter had also been removed from the planning portal – subsequent examination showed that it hadn't.

It was agreed that the recent letter will be reworked and posted on the KCC website regardless of it being posted on the planning portal.

Search for planning applications here :

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

8) Kilmarnock Community Trust

Update from KCT Chairman :

The KCT AGM was held on 20th February with about 35 members of the community in attendance. Sheila Cronin has stepped down as a director after many years service including a stint as Chair. KCT thanked Sheila for all she has done for the community as a member. After the formal business, we had a discussion on Ultrafast Broadband using Fibre to the Premises, with Gordon Davidson of Openreach. We are disappointed that there is no immediate prospect of going ahead with the Community Broadband project until a suitable funding opportunity becomes available. The number of premises willing to sign up for FTTP is insufficient given the overall Openreach quote and existing Voucher offer. Clearly the arrival of up to 30MB/s from the Cabinet in Gartocharn to homes within about a mile has taken some of our original group out of the picture for now. We will issue further updates to the community once new options become clearer, which may include dividing the Community into smaller units and lobbying for the new R100 scheme to prioritise rural communities close to cities, such as ours, who have missed out so far.

Work to complete the Football pitch levelling, drainage and re-seeding will start again in the spring. We have been partially successful in obtaining WDC Community Budgeting revenue funding for the play park but we need to explore with WDC what the situation is regarding capital costs. Thanks are due to the 135 people who came to the event or voted on-line for our bid. This was a great response from the community but not quite enough to get the amount asked for. Revenue monies have been awarded and KCT are currently finding out what could be achieved with this before accepting the award.

9) National Park & Community Partnership Issues

Nothing received recently but for interest, the March CP Newsletter is on their Facebook page.

10) West Dunbartonshire Council

[Health and Social Care by George Murphy \(george.murphy@west-dunbarton.gov.uk\)](mailto:george.murphy@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

George provided some sobering statistics on health within WDC area versus Scotland in general. As the general population demographic shifts balance to older and older with poorer health outcomes the future of health care needs a new strategy.

Managers, clinicians and planners are working together and are engaging with patients, service users and staff to develop plans for a better health and social care system for people.

There is an opportunity to comment and ask questions about how services move forward.

Public consultation meetings will be held on 13th March in the Alexandria Community Centre and 19th March in Clydebank Town Hall and there is a Survey Monkey online questionnaire open until 22nd March.

<http://www.wdhscp.org.uk/news/transforming-health-social-care-for-the-future/>

Community Transport

A.S. attended the first 2 of 3 sessions of the network/steering group for the development of community transport in West Dunbartonshire.

First session discussed existing schemes in Scotland and how they operate, the second was regarding funding routes and support structures for CT schemes.

The next session will explore experiences of developing CT schemes from existing CT managers.

If WDC do not develop a scheme then if there is a desire, we can look at a more local level.

Scotrail have announced grant funding for community based schemes to improve rail connections. We have previously looked at improving integration of bus and rail schedules from the bus perspective, if we cannot arrange more commercial bus provision especially at peak times then another option has been a CT type scheme and a third is a park and ride type scheme. A.S. e-mailed Scotrail to seek advice.

Fly-tipping

Gavin MacLellan has sent photos and information to Greenspace via the police again about fly-tipping along the waterboard road.

SP reported illegally tipped oil drums to Ian Bain of Greenspace and they were subsequently removed. SG asked for the contact details of Ian Bain as maybe the same team can assist with the removal of the recently dumped washing machine on the back lanes.

Again the WDC waste uplift charges and how they are applied were raised.

Roads

Flooding reported at Tulloch and Ashfield.

Sewer in Church Rd collapsed.

Old School Road is in very poor condition. More potholes than road now.

Duncryne Road – after the repaired section to the A811, there is a poor road section and the and the passing places and lay-bys are in poor condition – drop off heights or sinking ground cause trouble for vehicles using them to pass.

Bridge over the Gad burn has been bashed and the stone work is now loose and deteriorating. Needs repair. Nearby there is a bank at the side of the road that has been undermined and is treacherous.

NM to pass on these issues to the roads department.

11) Correspondence

Nothing other than already discussed.

12) AOCB

Police Scotland were on hand to answer any questions but had to leave early due to being on call. There were no crimes reported from 1st Feb to now.

A resident raised the issue of removal of trees around the entrance to the Wards. They were concerned that this was done illegally. It is not known who owns the land the trees were on or who gave instruction to have them cut down. KCC were asked to look into this matter so will follow up and report back next meeting.

The trees were cut down by a company called Abacus around Jan/Feb 2018 so we can try to contact them too.

Smartocharn – upcoming village litter pick on March 17th – contact Peter Page to sign up. So far, we have approx. 30 volunteers. WDC and Police Scotland are signed up to assist with equipment and road safety. KMHA are signed up to help with catering and use of car park. It would also be useful to send a note to Peter if there is a particular area of concern to be cleaned up.

At the forthcoming Balloch and Haldane CC meeting on Wed 6th March, there will be a talk about the oil pipeline from Grangemouth to Finnart. 10am in NP HQ.

13) Next Meeting

Next ordinary meeting will be on Monday 20th May 2019 following the AGM at 7:30pm in Kilmarnock Millennium Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:00