

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

Committee : Gavin MacLellan (GM/Chair), Jim Morrison (JM/Vice-chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Trs), David Scott-Park (DSP), Sarah Guy (SG) & Ivan Mavor (IM).

Brian McQuillan (BM) – Community Empowerment Team, WDC

Willy Nesbitt (WN) - LLTNPA

Plus 12 members of the community

2) Apologies

Neil MacGregor (Secretary)

3) Declaration of interest

No declarations regarding tonight's agenda.

4) Minutes of regular meeting on 4 March 2019

Proposed as accurate by DSP and seconded by SG.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Nothing other than covered by tonight's agenda.

6) Treasurers Report

The End of Year accounts were just presented at the AGM, subsequently two extra outlays have taken place. One for March meeting and one for Smartocharn.

Current account balance : £731.32

Benevolent fund balance : £668.21

7) Planning Matters

New applications since last meeting* :

DC 19/033 - Landfill site at Mid-Auchencarroch Farm – WDC not LLTNP – extraction of clay for use on site as capping over landfill.

General discussion on the operations, location and name.

2019/0104/LBC - Ross Priory - Installation of wall mounted sign

2019/0133/ADV - Ross Priory - Installation of 2no. pole mounted signs and 1no. wall mounted sign

2017/0087/DET – Arisaig Farm - Retention of: alterations and extensions to shed, CHP (Combined Heat and Power) building, access track and hardstanding (development already carried out); and erection of car port

2018/0249/DET – East Cambusmoon - Proposed erection of cattle shed, formation of new access and siting of mobile home – Approved by Planning Authority

2018/0250/DET – East Cambusmoon - Proposed erection of cattle shed / farm machinery store – Approved by Planning Authority

2018/0251/DET – East Cambusmoon - Proposed erection of silage store – Approved by Planning Authority

2019/0007/DET - Garden Centre at Ballagan - Application to discharge a planning obligation related to planning permission ref. no. WP00/142 - Approved by Planning Authority

2019/0045/DET - South Gartocharn Farm – Change of use of land and building to equestrian, and alterations to existing access (retrospective) – Approved by Planning Authority

One member of public expressed dissatisfaction on this approval by the Planning Authority

Planning matters arising from previous minutes :

Proposal re land adjacent to the former public toilets, Church Road

With the planning application refused, a revised proposal was put forward to address the stated objections direct to the community. KCC welcomed the applicants to tonight's meeting. GM suggested the best way forward was for the new proposal to be discussed directly with concerned parties e.g. those using the path to Church Rd. The applicants agreed to hold a separate meeting with appropriate documentation.

The specific parcel of land in question was shown on the recent plan and was confirmed to be owned by WDC who have agreed to sell it if planning permission is granted.

JM pointed out that we have a young couple moving to the village which we want, they have improved the state of a disused public building turning it into a home and will make little garden with the only effect being to move the path by a couple of metres.

Road safety on the corner is still the main objection to be resolved.

KCC will organise a meeting for applicants and existing residents to come up with an agreed solution.

GM confirmed that it was very unlikely that the telephone box will be re-instated whatever the outcome since this matter had been taken up with BT a few years ago and they have made this decision regardless.

*** Suggestion made to circulate planning lists for discussion – better use of website would be ideal.**

8) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Janet Beveridge (JB) of KCT gave a report on the latest KCT activities :

Football field : KCT are awaiting the return of the contractors after the winter break. The Contractor has not responded to contact from KCT's project manager. The completion schedule was not known.

Broadband ; Following the AGM with Gordon Davidson, a new application was made splitting the properties by exchange. Drymen now excluded due to lack of response. Alexandria exchange properties (11) quoted at £80K. Gartocharn (62) quoted as £156K, taking into account the Gigabit

voucher scheme it comes down to £90K which presently works out at about £1500 per property. Thus the Gartocharn exchange properties are within financial reach, further canvassing is now needed. For Alexandria more properties would be needed to express interest. The funding gap appears very close and some home owners present indicated they would be able to afford this.

Voucher scheme is £500 per household or £2500 per business hence more interest will contribute more to the discount. Further interest can be expressed to Elaine Ellen via KCT who is setting up a working group to progress this further. KCC will contact KCT to further understand the status and assist to move this forward.

Access matters : RSPB no progress on planning application so far as an Environmental Impact Assessment is needed. The path up the dumpling has been assessed as needing £17K of repairs. Funding would have to be sourced and the work agreed with the new owners. Aber Path – require discussions with landowner for access to repair sections. Pubic toilet path – as already discussed tonight.

A new hole in the bridge (Aber path) was reported so JB will inform the Paths Group.

CAP : Another joint meeting of community bodies was proposed to discuss present Community Action Plan and prepare for consultations on the next one due 2020.

9) National Park and Community Partnership Issues

Regarding the application for Planning Permission in Principle by applicant formerly known as Flamingo Land, WN advised that the approximate timing for the Planning Authority's Committee decision would be at the end of the summer.

10) West Dunbartonshire Council

Trusted Trader Scheme – A type of quality assurance scheme WDC are inviting local business to sign up for. Details are on their website. <https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/business/trusted-trader/>

A811 pavement – dialogue continues about how to create a budget for this project – considering the scale of the project in Balloch it should not be difficult in comparison. The same funding model would be applicable to this project. We have written to WDC but await response.

Review of Community Councils and support provided – Brian McQuillan (BM) WDC Community Project Worker introduced himself and the upcoming programme of focus groups to look at scope and function of CC's and how they can be best promoted and supported in what they do.

Community Transport update – This is a project aiming to develop a transport system run for the community by the community to fulfil local needs not otherwise provided by public transport or council funding. WDC's part is to facilitate discussions for community groups to take forward themselves. BM discussed what has been done this year to evaluate & communicate and where it might end up. The group are in the early stages of development of an action plan and need to assess needs and demands to fill gaps in public services. KCC are currently represented in this group.

11) Correspondence

Police report – see appendix for full report.

Two crimes reported, one theft and one drug related.

Crimestoppers number : 0800 555 111

100% anonymous, CS pass on the info to the police on your behalf.

Otherwise phone 101

No police representation tonight to answer questions. Last meeting, we only had a flying visit.

KCC to ask for PolScot to attend next meeting.

Speed enforcement has been continuing which is appreciated and to be encouraged.

75th Anniversary of VE day in May next year – a National event is being planned along the same lines as for the WWL event in 2018.

It would be good to run a local event similar to the WWI event last November by getting schools involved. SG pointed out that May is exam time for secondary schools so perhaps primary schools would be ideally placed to do something. After the summer we will look into this more.

12) AOB

Health care in Vale of Leven Hospital

At the last KCC meeting in March, George Murphy gave a briefing on the Health & Social Care Partnership strategy consultation. There were meetings in Alexandria and Clydebank mid-March which were not attended by KCC members. Based on what was presented and the low attendance numbers (~20 in Alexandria), Jackie Baillie was moved to organize follow up meetings in conjunction with Hospitalwatch in Dumbarton on 9th April and Helensburgh on 11th April.

Report of public event 9 April:

Over 200 people turned out in Dumbarton on 9th April. Representatives of the health board were supposed to attend but did not so were represented by an empty chair.

At the meeting a hand out of the health board presentation in March was dished out and JB spoke about what GGCHB had presented and her suspicions about the consultation process - that decisions are being made top down independently of the public consultations. However, taking the process at face value these meetings were an opportunity to have public drive the agenda and fill in those blank pages.

JB : There are 31 areas for revision, all of which are provided at VOLH.

Two main ones to fight for are :

Out of Hours GP surgery which is always under threat and even now is often closed last minute due to lack of cover forcing local patients to have to travel to Paisley at inconvenient times. Lack of doctors being down to poor pay and conditions (compared to surrounding areas)

Breast Cancer Service also proposed for relocation to Paisley again as a policy for centralization of services.

Public shows of hands demonstrated support for retaining and improving upon these and other services in Vol.

Comments were then taken from around the floor with many contributions.

<http://jackiebaillie.laboursites.org/news/2019/04/16/community-demands-nhs-greater-glasgow-and-clyde-make-better-use-of-the-vale-of-leven-hospital/>

Jim Moohan of Hospitalwatch spoke with a more optimistic view of recent improvements in dialogue. After 13 years of marches and petitions being ignored, the last 2 years have seen engagement. <https://www.facebook.com/VOLHospitalWatch/>

Bottle banks

It was raised that the bottle banks and other recycle collection points at the Garden Centre have been removed. Nearest ones are now in COOP car park at Balloch.

KCC to investigate the removal of the bottle bank at Ballagan and whether there is a suitable location within the village for a bottle bank as well.

13) Next Meeting

1st July 2019 at 19:30

Appendix 1 – Police Crime Report



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Name of Community Council:- Gartocharn

Date of Report:- 01/04/19-20/05/2019

Submitting- PC Roberts L0354

STORM inc raised:31 Crime Reports raised: 2

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	Gartocharn Beat 13
	Please note this report covers Crimes and Offences occurring in the Gartocharn.
	The Crimes can be summarised as follows:
	Murder/Attempt 0
	Serious Assault 0
	Robbery 0
	Assault with Intent to Rob 0
	Wilful fire-raising 0
	Common Assault 0
	Serious Assault 0
	Possess Knife/Offensive weapon 0
	Theft/Att Housebreaking – Domestic 0
	Theft by Housebreaking – Commercial 0
	Theft by Shoplifting 0
	Theft (Unclassified) 1
	Possess Drugs 1
	Possess With Intent to Supply 0

	<p>Breach of the Peace/Disorder 0</p> <p>Vandalism 0</p> <p>Vehicle/traffic Crime 0</p> <p>Fraud 0</p> <p>Firearms Act 0</p> <p>Breach of Bail 0</p> <p>Other 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Us</p> <p>I would urge the community to continue to use Crimestoppers if wishing to leave anonymous information regarding incidents which are happening within the community. The telephone phone number is 0800 555 111 and is operated 24hrs a day.</p> <p>If you wish to contact us direct with any specific complaints or concerns, please contact the following based at Alexandria Police Office;</p> <p>Communities Sergeant – Calum Fulton</p> <p>Tel: 101</p> <p>LomondCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>LevenCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>DumbartonCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Or the following based at Dumbarton Police Office;</p> <p>Communities Inspector Mo Boyle</p> <p>Tel: 01389 822028</p>
Updates on previous actions	
Incidents of note or crime trends	22g of herbal cannabis recovered from within a motor vehicle on the A811 by the road policing team.
Forthcoming events / Initiatives	Speed safety campaign.
This month – Issues raised at the meeting	