

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 1st July 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)

Cllr Sally Page

Elaine Ellen – Kilmaronock Community Trust

Plus 21 members of the community

2) Apologies

Sarah Guy and Ivan Mavor

3) Declaration of interest

No declarations regarding tonight's agenda.

4) Minutes of regular meeting on 20th May 2019

Proposed as accurate by JM, seconded by GM.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Hardcopies of previous minutes and tonight's agenda were not available. For future meetings, the hall's photocopier will be available as long as we provide the necessary paper.

KCC (AS) will bring the necessary items next meeting and post a hardcopy in the hall when minutes are available.

6) Treasurers Report

The annual administration grant from WDC has been paid into our account. The same amount as last year £662.61

Current account balance : £1344.31

Benevolent fund balance : £668.21

After a discount during our first year of website, the monthly hosting fee has been bumped up from £4.79 to £8.39

The next website admin bill is due in August. This is the ideal time to review the service and decide whether we continue as is or take control ourselves.

KCC to have a review of the website as it has been in operation for a full year now.

7) Planning Matters

2019/0127/PPP – Blairlusk Farm : Erection of dwelling house – **No comments from KCC**

2019/0154/DET – Windy Park, Gartocharn : Erection of cattery, container, lean-to building and enclosures, installation of new private treatment plant and photovoltaic panels. Retrospective permission sought for gated access track from car park hardstanding and site of container – Personal permission only granted which has prevented funding of the project – **KCC have written to Planning Authority for an explanation (letter published on LLTNPA Planning Portal).**

A building warrant has been granted for a sun room at Aber Mill.

2016/0126/DET – Wards Estate – Planning Authority committee met last Tuesday and refused the application.

Claddoch Cottages – expect a new application shortly so if you wish then look out for neighbour notification.

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

2016/0013/ENF

2015/0191/DET

Members of the community have approached KCC with concerns over the quasi-industrial activity and the confusion over planning applications and enforcements at Arisaig Farm. The applicant was present and suggested that his son will make a presentation at the next KCC meeting to clarify the situation. KCC will collate community comments and allow time on the agenda for the next meeting.

KCC (DSP) will contact LLTNPA planning team for an update on the history and status of the various planning applications and collate community concerns with planning matters and operational activities. GM to add item to next agenda.

Lomond Banks aka Flamingoland – several members of KCC attended the meeting in Alexandria Parish Church organised by Save Loch Lomond. Over 265 people attended and the event live streamed. Two days later, WDC met and after a short debate, unilaterally accepted a motion to object to the development. We don't have a date for the Planning committee meeting, our representative on the NP board, Mr. Nisbet was not in attendance tonight. It was also noted that he has declared an interest in the project therefore cannot vote or apparently even attend meetings to discuss the matter. Another party said Mr Nisbet claims he was told by the Park Authority not to engage in meetings or discussions about this matter. This leaves us with a lack of representation which ought to be addressed. This matter needs more clarity around representation as well as what constitutes an "interest". DSP suggested writing to Mr. Nisbet for further explanation.

KCC suggests that individuals write to Mr. Nisbet with their concerns over this development and Mr Nisbet's lack of representation of affairs.

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

Despite having agreed to meet tonight, the applicants did not show up to discuss their plans to revise their application. They have been advised by their agent to wait until the full application is ready, we disagreed with that approach and recommended to bring the ideas forward for discussion with those most affected as the best way to gain agreement to proceed.

A question was raised about asset transfers and the council not informing the local community. No direct communication has taken place between the council and the CC but the applicant had reported that the land would only be sold if the CC approved. It was suggested that we establish the fact that no sale will take place without CC approval and if not the case then as a community we could look to have the asset transferred at zero cost.

KCC (GM) will follow up with Cllr Page on the issue of the asset transfer and the council responsibilities to consult with the community.

KCC (GM) will write to LLTNP planning team to ensure neighbour notifications are sent out when the new planning application is submitted.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the way the construction traffic and parking of contractors and suppliers affects daily access to Church Rd particularly pedestrians who are blocked and forced into the road. Parking on the pavement and too close to the junction with the A811.

KCC advised anyone affected to contact 101 and report it, the more complaints the more likely it is to be policed.

Also, the lay-by is being used for contractor parking, preventing local use and causing inconvenience for deliveries and access to day-care bus for disabled residents.

A811 Layby - JM suggested we look into extending the lay-by to specifically cater for disabled access e.g. a dedicated pick up and drop off for day-care bus. This could be considered for the next Community Action Plan.

KCC (AS) to follow up during consultations for the next CAP

8) Kilmarnock Community Trust

AS and Elaine Ellen (EE) of KCT gave a report on the latest KCT activities :

Community Broadband. The new Rural Community Broadband scheme means we can now claim an increased contribution to the costs and together with a reduced initial quote from Openreach based on only the Gartocharn exchange numbers means that we think this is now a viable project. We will submit the final list of properties to be included this week for final Openreach quote.

Football pitch. The drainage and earthworks are complete and grass seed sown so this project is now almost complete.

EE gave a more detailed explanation on the community broadband initiative and was thanked for the work done on behalf of everyone.

9) National Park and Community Partnership Issues

Nothing other than already discussed regarding lack of local representation.

RSPB are due to publish their 5 year management plan and will send a copy to us when it is ready.

10) West Dunbartonshire Council

Cllr Page reported on

- Book Festival (Booked!) held in May, – very successful and inspirational to school ages in particular.
- Gaelic Implementation Plan – Dual language signs and meetings questioned over need and cost. This is funded directly from Scot Gov so money is not coming from council budget as such.

A811 pavement – GM has arranged a meeting with AS, Derek Barr and Gail MacFarlane of WDC Roads department on 16th July.

A question was raised about the speed of traffic on the back roads – lots of walkers and cyclists are directed down these roads due to NCN7, John Muir Way and new Core Path route. We can ask police but more likely they don't have the resources,

secondly we can request additional signage. "Quiet Roads" signage becoming more common now.

KCC (GM & AS) to bring it up with WDC Roads on 16th July.

11) Correspondence

No Police report or police representation tonight to answer questions. Last meeting, we had none either. There have been a recent spate of house breaking which would have been worth a comment. Disappointment expressed at lack of police presence.

KCC to ask for PoIScot to attend next meeting and provide crime statistics for period since last meeting.

Scottish Ambulance Service sent us a 6 page document to read out. Instead we will post it in KMH and on our website.

KCC (AS) to follow up when producing the minutes of this meeting and post both in KMH.

12) AOB

Drainage problems reported. Exact locations and ideally pictures would assist in notifying the council.

Core Path issue. Aber Path is impossible to access due to overgrown weeds and grass.

KCC to inform LLTNPA Access Officer Dave Robinson

Bottle banks - The bottle banks at the Garden Centre have been put back in place. Note they never left, just covered for aesthetics!

Removal of non-native invasive species. Peter Page raised awareness of Himalayan Balsam which is soon about to flower. Efforts to organise a removal gang of volunteers have been hampered by the holiday season. Therefore, if people could identify areas of dense growth and or remove and destroy (compost) avoiding seed dispersal.

13) Next Meeting

2nd September 2019 at 19:30 in KMH