

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm

Kilmarnock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

Committee : Gavin MacLellan (GM/Chair), Jim Morrison (JM/Vice-chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Trs), Sarah Guy (SG) and Ivan Mavor (IM)

Cllr Sally Page (SP)

Plus 13 members of the community

2) Apologies

David Scott-Park

3) Declaration of interest

None

4) Minutes of regular meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Approved by IM, seconded by SG.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

At the last meeting it was suggested to draft a letter to the Scottish Government reporter regarding concerns with the planning process and the number of appeals, some of which KCC are taking a closer look at to better understand the background.

An unauthorised letter was sent in error to the Director of Planning Appeals and has subsequently been retracted since it was project specific. This matter remains ongoing and is not concluded.

Other matters arising as per agenda tonight.

6) Treasurers Report

Outgoings since the last meeting were £13.50 for the hire of the hall for the last meeting and £8.39 x 2 for monthly web hosting fees.

Current account balance : £1253.77

Benevolent fund balance : £668.21

After a discussion on the replacement of defib pads it was proposed to continue to use the benevolent fund for now.

**AS to purchase the pads and liaise with KMHA to get them installed.**

7) Planning Matters

*KCC actively seeks contributions to the agenda via our secretary email address. The basic agenda appears on both the KCC & WDC website and on display in the hall when possible and there is normally little or no response. As a statutory consultee on planning applications it is in everyone's best interest for any applicant to contact KCC and discuss their plans direct or arrange a slot on the agenda to address a KCC meeting.*

Recent notifications

2019/0233/75A - Limepark, Church Road, Gartocharn - Application to discharge a planning obligation related to planning permission (86/011/PP/W (LL.2218)) in order to remove a local occupancy restriction

2019/0251/DET – Limepark, Church Road, Gartocharn - Further application (under section 42) for planning permission for the development of land (use of buildings) without complying with condition 3 (restricting occupancy) attached to planning permission ref: 86/011/PP/W (LL2218)

**KCC have no objections to these applications**

Update from last meeting

2019/0184/DET – Former Public Toilet : Change of use of public amenity space to garden ground.

The Applicant has revised and submitted plans as agreed at the previous KCC meeting 2nd Sept 2019. A final check will be made and our approval will be advised to the Authority.

2017/0087/DET – Arisaig Farm

A site visit was undertaken by three community councillors (GM, IM & DSP) and a fuller understanding of the various applications was gained.

A special meeting of KCC will be arranged for a week today, Mon 11<sup>th</sup> November in the hall at 7:30pm. The applicants will make a presentation to the community.

8) Kilmarnock Community Trust

1. Football pitch and playground. Work is complete apart from goalposts and lines which will be done before first home game.
2. Fibre to the Premises. Openreach are continuing their detailed FTTP survey and those involved are getting email updates.

## 9) National Park and Community Partnership Issues

### Core Path Consultation

The chair reported that since the CC response differed from the LLNP desires and the CC expectations of a proper consultation differed with those provided by LLNP there appears to be a distance between the community and the NP.

To improve the dialogue and close the policy gap between KCC & LLTNPA, GM requested increased community representation on access matters under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 since as discussed at the last meeting and numerous others before it, in NP elections we elect a board member not a local representative. Local knowledge can save a lot of time and effort pre-consultation as well as during the whole process. The initial response from LLNP had not been supportive but this was only early days in building this working relationship and KCC will pursue this.

Aber Path – the state of the path is a regular feature of KCC meetings and regular representations are made to the NP to maintain it to an acceptable standard. Having community members involved in the NP local access team would improve this expectation and deliverable.

### NNR Management

The community interest in the NNR has been demonstrated at well attended meetings on that subject. GM has approached the NP to request community participation in matters relating to the NNR on a permanent basis again under the opportunity empowered by the Community Empowerment Act.

In both cases, paths and NNR, the NP has questioned the need for this and asked us to show why we think it is needed. We will continue to discuss the merits of local participation in our affairs in future meetings and develop community interest. Individuals interested in taking part in this then please contact KCC via the usual methods.

### General

We received a memo titled “**Progress update on a new recreation delivery plan for the National Park**” from Kenny Auld (Recreation, Access & Health Manager, LLTNPA). A copy will be posted in the hall with the minutes and uploaded to the KCC website.

## 10) West Dunbartonshire Council

### General / Cllr Sally Page

SP met with Raymond Walsh of the Roads Dept.

Firstly, regarding the turning at Arisaig Farm entrance on the A811, Raymond is happy to meet with the NP planning team and the applicant at the site to clarify what has been done and see what, if anything, further needs to be done.

Secondly, regarding the A811 Lomond Road Bridge work – work is due to start on 6<sup>th</sup> December and at first there will be light controlled contraflow before closing completely in

mid-January for 27 weeks (6 months!). The official diversion will be via Bonhill Bridge. Work will start earlier if possible.

SP floated the idea of WDC trialling a European style centralised rubbish collection system in Gartocharn. The idea is to save money by removing the present household roadside collections by lorry. There was a good deal of interest and discussion around pros and cons of such a scheme. No date for any trial has been given as it is still early in the discussion and planning.

#### A811 pavement

No further news but KCC & WDC Roads dept had planned to meet around now so we will follow up and report back at the next KCC meeting. We wrote to Derek Barr in October and GM asked if SP can help get them to contact us.

#### Other

GM advised SP that WDC had charged him for water testing but none had taken place. Water testing is excessive and costly. SP agreed to investigate.

#### 11) Correspondence

Nothing received other than discussed in the agenda.

#### 12) AOB

It was noted that once again there was no police crime report nor police officer present in person.

Apologies for non-attendance were received post-meeting from PC Glen Roberts, he hopes to attend the next meeting in January 2020. He also submitted the following :

*"In reference to the previous period (between 01/09/2019-10/11/19) there was only one crime report raised, which relates to a 'Housebreaking with intent to steal' which took place on the 22/10/19 at the Lomond View filling station, A811 Gartocharn. This is currently undetected."*

Recent rains following leaf-fall have led to blocked drains throughout the village. Pictures will be sent to WDC and cc'd to KCC.

The road surface in Church Road is in poor state with large cracks and deep potholes. It is a long time since it was resurfaced and needs repairs.

**AS & GM will bring it up in their upcoming meeting with WDC Roads dept.**

RSPB will be hosting an open day on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall between 2pm-7pm to showcase the plans for new paths on the reserve.

13) Next Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 19:30 in KMH

*Please note this is one week later than the original date of 6<sup>th</sup> January to allow extra preparation time after the holiday season.*

Please send in any agenda items in good time to [secretary@kilmaronockcc.org](mailto:secretary@kilmaronockcc.org)