

Annual General Meeting of KCC

7:30 pm 18th May 2020

Virtual Meeting Online

1) Sederunt

CC : Gavin MacLellan (GM), Jim Morrison (JM), Sarah Guy (SG) and Andrew Sinnott (AS)

2) Apologies

David Scott-Park

3) Minutes of the AGM on 20 May 2019

The minutes were proposed as accurate by JM and seconded by SG.

4) Chairman's report

The year started with our first meeting in May 2019 and we had 6 full meetings in July, September, November, January, March and our AGM today. Considerable time has been allocated by a dedicated team of CCs. Thank you to each of you.

Each meeting was attended by 5 or more Community Councillors and between 6 and 25 members of the public. We hold our Community Councillor meetings in open public by choice, which enables discussion and feedback before CCs make decisions. We also record our discussion and decisions in our Minutes of Meetings. We believe this method best captures opinion and enables contribution but equally we appreciate not everyone attends.

Our Website is now the shop window for our operations and is in its second year. Having been continually improved it now forms a transparent noticeboard and record of our activity. We also use this to post relevant links and third party notices that we receive from other parties. We are now sufficiently enabled to reduce printing in accordance with best business practice. Thank you to Andy Sinnott who has driven the website improvements. Thank you also to Bob Balmer who has been busy in the virtual mail room distributing incoming mail.

KCC thank Police Scotland for either attending or offering reports to each meeting.

There was no LLNP executive attendance this year, though Willie Nisbet, NP Board Member, attended the meeting in March.

The LLNP persisted with proposing Core Path ADD26 despite objection from KCC and many individuals, this was disappointing since we made an effort to engage very early in the process, even before it was issued. The LLNP Consultation failed to consider local business or safety, consequently this matter is now raised to a decision by the Scottish Government's Reporter. The suggested Core Path ADD25 was withdrawn though we had less concern over this. KCC will continue to monitor this matter but it is disappointed that our views were not respected.

Special meetings were held as follows:

Arisaig Planning Application – November, to discuss a way forward with consideration to current plans and completion.

RSPB Wards - January to consider the RSPB application for a public foot path over part of the National Nature Reserve

THF - February a preliminary hearing meeting was held with the Tom Hunter Foundation for the pending application for a development in Ross Priory grounds.

The Flamingoland, Balloch, Planning Application to the LLNP Planning Authority was monitored by KCC since it was a large project that would affect our lives and businesses. This project was subject to the largest ever public objection and the LLNP has now closed this application. A further application is expected.

Neighbour notification – Planning Process – KCC remain unsatisfied with the process of relying on a press notice to alert the public and continue to encourage a more modern and effective process.

A811 Roadside Pavement upgrade – KCC have raised this to project level with WDC and some works and a survey have been approved. The objective is to improve the route from Balloch to Gartocharn to a “country grade” roadside foot path and thereby link the villages with properties in between.

KCC continue to assist KCT with the pursuit of improved Broad Band services to the community, especially those outside the village.

Community Empowerment Act – KCC participate in certain events held by WDC in pursuit of improving the dialogue between the Community and the government tiers above Community Councils under the objectives of the Act. However, KCC is more affected by LLNP and we now have a tentative action plan with the LLNP for executive and operational level dialogue which will be one of our key objectives for the coming year.

The KCC is a voluntary organisation and we operate in accordance with procedures established by WDC. We are all busy people but find the time to represent Kilmaronock as best we can. This takes considerable time and diligence and I wish to thank all CC colleagues who have contributed to the operation and maintaining our high standards of compliance. I also thank all the participants in our meetings without which our feedback to WDC and LLNP would be less informed.

Lastly, I also wish to record that we have completed our affairs in accordance with the West Dunbartonshire Council procedures for Community Councils and Minutes for all our meetings are available on our website. A new CC will be formed during the coming year in accordance with WDC rules currently being prepared. Notifications will be made accordingly.

5) Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported on the 2 accounts held by KCC. Fiscal Year (FY) ran from 1st March 2019 to 29th February 2020.

The main account having a closing balance of £816.44

The Benevolent Fund having a closing balance of £620.81

The accounts were examined and approved by David S. Taylor and are presented tonight. Copies of the audited and signed accounts are appended to these minutes.

During the Fiscal Year, the office of Treasurer was borne by Andrew Sinnott. The account signatories are Andrew Sinnott & Ivan Mavor.

The annual WDC Grant application is in progress.

Explanation of Expenditure

Rental of Meeting rooms in KMH : £131.50

Comment : in addition to regular meetings, 3 special meetings were convened to deal with specific planning matters.

Website : Maintenance of £312.50 (including pre-paid from last FY) plus hosting of £112.80

Comment : 3rd party costs for maintaining website content plus £100 for fixing bugs. Hosting costs increased due to introductory offer lapsing.

Expenses : £76.27

Comment : For production of printed material for meetings. For cost and environmental benefit, less printed material is produced per meeting compared to previous years.

The account ran a deficit of -£35.26 primarily due to additional website maintenance costs above those budgeted.

6) Secretary's report

N/A

7) Election of Office Bearers

WDC are responsible for the election process and this is in delay. Until the new elections are completed the office bearers will remain as:

Chair : Gavin MacLellan

Vice chair : Jim Morrison

Acting Secretary : Bob Balmer

Treasurer : Andrew Sinnott

Prior to elections, new potential CC candidates will be sought. We encourage anyone over the age of 18 to come forward.

8) Appointment of representatives

Andrew Sinnott agreed to continue as the KCC representative towards Kilmaronock Community Trust

9) Appointment of independent examiner

David S. Taylor is re-nominated for this position pending his acceptance.

10) AOCB

The present situation with social distancing measures and congregations, meetings either have to be cancelled or held via video-conferencing methods. The July CC meeting will be a virtual meeting and this may provide the template for future community conferencing.

The present Community Action Plan is in its final year. AS will liaise with the other community groups to see where we plan to go from here.

The Tom Hunter Foundation planning application 2020/0055 special meeting will proceed via video-conferencing. Comments have been sought in advance for the sake of efficiency on the night. Following the meeting, a poll will be held and further community opinion sought.

11) Date of next AGM - Monday 17th May 2021 @ 7:30 pm

12) Programme for forthcoming general meetings (preliminary)

6th July 2020

7th September 2020

2nd November 2020

11th January 2021

1st March 2021

17th May 2021

Appendix 1

Meetings and Events attended :

Community Council Forum	
27/06/19	General meeting
28/11/19	General meeting
23/01/20	General meeting
WDC Community Transport	
Monthly	12 x General Community Transport Action Group Meetings
Ad Hoc	4 x Special purpose Community Transport Action Group meetings
Consultation Events	
18/06/19	Community Council Focus Group
24/06/19	Save Loch Lomond public meeting on Flamingoland
26/08/19	Community Empowerment - Making Things Happen
27/11/19	RSPB Information Session for a new path
11/03/20	LLTNPA - Litter and Waste Reduction Summit
Training Events	
26/09/19	Place Standard Tool
Other Community meetings	
05/07/19	LLTNPA Planning Dept (Arisaig Farm Update)
16/07/19	WDC Roads dept regarding A811 pavement
06/08/19	LLTNPA Conservation and Tourism Dept (NNR Update)
14/08/19	KCT Board Meeting
04/09/19	Balloch & Haldane CC meeting
10/09/19	Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust presentation
23/10/19	KCT Board Meeting
31/01/20	WDC Roads dept regarding A811 pavement
03/02/20	Cllr. Sally Page : Balloch Park Nature Hub
19/02/20	KCT AGM
22/02/20	WDC Community Alliance 1 st Annual Conference
27/02/20	KCT Board Meeting
02/03/20	LLTNPA : Community Engagement
31/03/20	Kilmaronock Old Kirk Trust AGM
Other	
04/09/19	Site visit to Dumbain Road ref planning application
26/10/19	Site visit to Arisaig Farm ref special meeting
15/11/19	Site visit to Ardoch ref Arisaig Farm special meeting