

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm

Kilmarnock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

Committee : Gavin MacLellan (GM/Chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Trs), Ivan Mavor (IM), Jim Morrison (JM) and David Scott-Park (DSP)

WDC : Cllr Sally Page (SP),

LLTNPA : Willie Nisbet (WN),

KCT : Janet Beveridge (JB)

RSPB : Paula Baker (PB) and David Hunt (DH)

Police Scotland : PC Glen Roberts + 1 other

Plus 19 other members of the public

GM opened the meeting with encouragement to heed health advice around Coronavirus.

2) Apologies

Sarah Guy (SG)

3) Declaration of interest

None declared.

4) Minutes of regular meeting on 13th January 2020

Minutes are no longer widely distributed on paper. They can be viewed and/or downloaded from our web site. On request it was agreed to print one copy for future meetings,

Proposed as accurate by IM, seconded by DSP.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

None other than already on the agenda.

6) Treasurers Report

Outgoings since the last meeting : Annual web maintenance, Monthly web hosting, hire of hall for meeting in Jan

Current account balance : £848.94

Benevolent fund balance : £620.81

End of financial year is 29th Feb 2020. One invoice for the hall not yet received. Finalised accounts will be presented to the chairman mid to late March and passed on for auditing in April. Final report to be presented at the AGM in May. The draft report indicates that we spent ~£13 more than the grant received but overall ~£50 less than planned.

Budget for next FY started and will be circulated to CC's for comment. This will be the basis for the grant application to WDC.

The review of the use of the KCC website was done and a report circulated with recommendations. These included costings as follows :

- a) Restructure the site to enable more accessible content : Single fee of £250
- b) Content management and update maintenance : Annual fee of £120
- c) Training of CC users : Single fee of £35
- d) Platform migration to another host* : Single fee of £90

* Hosting fees will reduce from ~£120 per annum to ~£70 per annum

7) Police Report

PC Glen Roberts introduced himself and his colleague and explained the reporting system (STORM). In the last period, there were 19 calls placed of which 3 led to crime reports

- 1. Theft of fuel from the local petrol station
- 2. Road Traffic offence – reckless driving on A811 (by driver from out-with our area)
- 3. Suspicious behaviour by person seen on premises without good reason

KCC suggested extra prudence to prevent fly tipping, PC Glen advised they would consider this in their routine rounds and have had success in prosecutions where evidence had been found. The Community can help by reporting or photographing number plates of unusual vehicle movements.

The full report which contains all contact details is appended to these minutes.

8) Planning Matters

Representation

Willie Nisbet clarified that although he is elected by the community he does not represent the community on the NP board and cannot comment on specific cases. Also he cannot be involved with appeals relating to applications in the area in which he resides.

Updates on historic applications

The Wards

JM informed us that there has been no response from the reporter.

The McKenzie farm applications

The local review body upheld the decision to refuse. A statement on behalf of the applicant was made about the technical reason for refusal and the review body's positive comments despite the refusal. The case officer having left the planning authority was not able to attend the review. A new application will be made under the free 'second go' principle. There was concern about the KCC statement to the planning authority regarding clearing up redundant farm equipment which was felt to be unusual and specific. The Applicant's representative

proposed that KCC apologise for any upset caused by this suggestion, seconded by JM. As a 'second go' application will be submitted, JM suggested KCC support the next application. GM confirmed that the KCC had never objected to the first application, had made this clear to LLNP and agreed the KCC will consider the new application in the normal way.

Recent notifications

2019/0358/DET - High Wards Farm - Construction of footpath/boardwalk with planting, seating, interpretation focal points (including a shelter), pedestrian gates and associated works.

The RSPB's site manager gave a thorough presentation to outline the work done to design the path. Copies of a non-technical summary were issued to the room.

A Q&A session followed.

RSPB advised the current car parking facility is sufficient to enable the projected numbers and no extension is required.

Concerns by a member of the community over the use of man made materials and their removal.

Additional access could be by other footpaths, an increase in vehicular traffic is not envisaged.

Other points raised and discussed by the meeting :

The Application is to be determined on a Delegated basis and it was discussed whether we could or should request that it gets elevated to Committee level without a statutory consultee objecting. That would appear to be at the discretion of the director of planning (if no other significant objections were received).

Regarding the process of qualifying suitable Habitat Assessments, could the Planning Authority make that openly available for the public knowledge?

There was a discussion concerning the Planning Approval process. The Councillors agreed that it would be appropriate to have vote by the attendees to indicate support for the Application.

A vote was then held to indicate support of the published application.

(NB Willie Nisbet was **not** asked to participate in the vote due to his position on the NP board. Note also that Paula & David from RSPB did not participate as they reside outside the community. PolScot had left by this time too.)

In favour of "support" were 12 out of 21, "against" were 9 out of 21.

In anticipation of a vote this evening, correspondence was received before the meeting showing support for the project from 2 others from the community.

No member of the CC objected to the Application.

KCC agreed to notify the planning authority of this and to summarise the KCC views to the Authority.

9) Kilmaronock Community Trust

AS presented a note from the chair of KCT and JB of KCT discussed points raised.

- At the AGM the members agreed unanimously to change KCT to an SCIO, which is a different type of charitable company. This is in line with most similar Scottish charities and is more straightforward for reporting.
- There is still no update on the FTTP project. It appears that the awarding of the R100 contract for this area could be causing the delay. KCT's contact in Openreach is trying to get an official response for us and Jackie Baillie MSP is trying to get more information from the Scottish Government about how the R100 contract will affect us. Those who are involved have been informed.
- KCT supports the RSPB path planning application as it contributes to fulfilling aspirations for improved access in our Community Action Plan.
- Football Pitch and Playground - All project work is now complete and paid for. The Football club are making plans for an event to mark the first game there, once goalposts and line markings are in place. Alan McMullen was thanked for his influential part in the project.

10) National Park and Community Partnership Issues

Community Empowerment Act

Members of the KCC met today with LLTNP Communities Manager and Legal advisor. The objective being to follow the steer from the Scottish Government and form closer links with our central and local government funded service providers.

A list of Operations Managers for the various services was given to us. It was suggested that we invite Ops Mgrs of relevant services e.g. litter prevention management, development and implementation, visitor experience etc to attend KCC meetings to describe their remit and engage with the community in general.

At a more strategic level we suggested regular e.g. annual or bi-annual meetings with relevant exec level staff would be beneficial and improve the alignment of the Community with the LLNP. LLNP will respond with a suggestion.

In discussion tonight, the first person to invite will be head of Development and implementation which is Mr Bob Cook who is also head of Planning. We can ask about planning processes but not specific cases. Also litter prevention management which is Ms Nik Turner. These are to be constructive informational meetings with a clear brief or agenda in advance.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

A811 pavement

KCC & WDC Roads dept head (plus the WDC Access Manager) met on 31st Jan to follow up on the meeting held last November. We brought up the additional matters raised at the Jan KCC meeting. They informed us that the surface of the pavement between Milton Grove and Ashfield Farm will be scraped back and levelled this year. The whole route to be surveyed by their inhouse team. We aim to get a useable path suitable for sturdy footwear as a starting point. It is unlikely to be made into an entirely tarmacked or paved surface due to lack of funds. Any works on the A811 which require traffic control will be deferred due to the Lomond Rd bridge works which will take place through most of the year.

Work on the C roads will continue with Old School Road and Duncryne Road next to be done. This work started recently.

Blocked gullies leading to flooding on the A811 at Ashfield Farm and Tullochan bend were described as they cannot cope with heavy rainfall. They thought that was just a capacity issue rather than a blockage or other failure.

They were informed of the poor state of Church Road and the sewer/drainage there and would send someone out to take a look.

“Quiet Roads” were raised again and will be kept on the agenda for future meetings with WDC roads and access.

The last mile of the top of Auchencarroch Rd beyond Merkins Farm is in terrible state. Everyone reminded of the online road fault reporting system noted in the last minutes.

General / Cllr Sally Page

SP did not get a chance to complete her report so it is attached as appendix 2. In summary, there is some unused funding of £116k for roads which she will ask for use on the above repairs. There is a meeting on 12th March at and regarding Ross Priory Woods path for anyone interested. Councillor Page updated the meeting of the joint party project for a Nature Hub in Balloch Castle Country Park together with low carbon emission public transport access.

12) Correspondence

75th anniversary of VE day. There was no response to our call out at the last meeting. Currently nothing is planned so we will advertise any neighbouring events so people can mark the occasion their own way.

Various correspondence has been received for us to highlight :

- CC Insurance needs vs existing provision – New cover arranged by the CC Forum will commence on 1st April
- Dumbarton Festival 4th – 7th June

For more information or to discuss any ideas or any of the opportunities listed in more detail, please contact Maddie Maughan via email: dumbarton@culturecreative.co.uk

[#dumbarton2020](https://www.dumbartonfestival.co.uk) / [@dumbartonfestival](https://www.dumbartonfestival.co.uk) / www.dumbartonfestival.co.uk

- Community Partnership

Growing Enterprising Communities Event in Balloch on 12 March (1 day programme)

- Reducing Loneliness and Isolation Event

Various locations including St. Kessog's, Balloch on 29th April

- Litter Summit on 11 March at LLTNPA in Carrochan Rd

13) AOB

Smartocharn #2020 – Peter Page is once again coordinating this year's litter pick. Contact him via smartocharn@btinternet.com for further information, offers to help or locations to target or just turn up to the hall on the day. Event planned for 08:30-11:00 Sunday 22nd March 2020.

14) Next Meeting

AGM followed by Ordinary meeting Mon 18th May 2020 at 19:30 in KMH

Please send in any agenda items in good time to secretary@kilmaronockcc.org

Meeting closed at 22:00

Appendix 1



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Name of Community Council: Kilmarnock

Date of Report:- 03/01/20- 02/03/2020

Submitting- PC Roberts L0354

STORM inc raised: 19 (0 P1)

Crime Reports raised: 3

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	<p style="text-align: center;">Gartocharn Beat 13</p> <p>Please note this report covers crimes and offences occurring in the Gartocharn between the specified dates. It does not include offences which were disposed of via the issue of a conditional offer of fixed penalty (FPN).</p> <p>The Crimes can be summarised as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Murder/Attempt</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Serious Assault</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Robbery</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Assault with Intent to Rob</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Wilful fire-raising</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Common Assault</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Possess Knife/Offensive weapon</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Theft/Att Housebreaking – Domestic</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Theft by Housebreaking – Commercial</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Theft by Shoplifting</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Theft of a motor vehicle</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Theft (Unclassified)</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td></tr> <tr><td>Possess Drugs</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Possess With Intent to Supply</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Breach of the Peace/Disorder</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Vandalism</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Vehicle/traffic Crime</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td></tr> <tr><td>Fraud</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Firearms Act</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Breach of Bail</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td></tr> </table>	Murder/Attempt	0	Serious Assault	0	Robbery	0	Assault with Intent to Rob	0	Wilful fire-raising	0	Common Assault	0	Possess Knife/Offensive weapon	0	Theft/Att Housebreaking – Domestic	0	Theft by Housebreaking – Commercial	0	Theft by Shoplifting	0	Theft of a motor vehicle	0	Theft (Unclassified)	1	Possess Drugs	0	Possess With Intent to Supply	0	Breach of the Peace/Disorder	0	Vandalism	0	Vehicle/traffic Crime	1	Fraud	0	Firearms Act	0	Breach of Bail	0	Other	1
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	<p>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 – Colin Macdonald</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>
Incidents of note or crime trends	
Forthcoming events / Initiatives	
This month – Issues raised at the meeting	

Appendix 2

Highlights of note from Cllr Sally Page

NNR

Concern over project creep at expense of the environment
Good out door access is available in Balloch Country Park with public services and access in place.
Nature Hub Project in Balloch Country Park has stakeholder momentum with environmental experts and education organisations.

Roads

Communication with Derek Barr concerning Church and Finny Road condition, budget of £116k could be available.

Ross Priory Wood

Sue Morris from Land and Forestry Scotland (Forestry Commission) will meet anyone interested at the gates of Ross Priory Wood, Thursday, 12th March at 10am to discuss how we can tidy up the entrance, formalise the parking and perhaps walk the path to the top. We need to know how they as the landowner will look after this much used path.

WDC

Budget setting will happen tomorrow. We have creatively plugged (extending the borrowing time on large capital projects) the gap for this year without any cuts. I am not sure if Council tax will be raised, 3% is likely. However, we can raise it by as much as 4.84%.
The outlook is a shortfall of £5.751M in 2021/22 and a gap of £12.747M in 2022/23.

Housing

A proposal for housing on green belt farmland near Duntocher was recommended refusal. The main reason, there is no requirement for WDC to use green belt land to meet the strategic housing requirement. This perhaps has consequences for the application on Dumbain Road; the LLTNP are the planning authority deciding on that.

1140 nursery provision

This will be available across WDC from August 2020. The unfortunate consequence of putting this in place has been that staff have moved from social care to nursery care, leaving 50 places short in social care.

Due to taking on more staff to provide this service the Council now employ over 6,000 people. 48% of employed people in WD work in the State sector.