

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm

Zoom Video Conference

1) Sederunt

KCC : Gavin MacLellan (GM/Chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Trs), David Scott-Park (DSP), Bob Balmer (Honorary), Anita Anderson and Rory MacLeod (RM)

WDC : Cllr Sally Page (SP)

KCT : Bob Shand

Plus 20 other members of the public

GM welcomed Anita Anderson and Rory MacLeod to the meeting and they were unanimously co-opted to the CC. Later on they introduced themselves.

2) Apologies

Jim Morrison and Sarah Guy.

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Proposed as accurate by GM, seconded by DSP.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

None other than already on the agenda

6) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Monthly subscriptions to Zoom and monthly web hosting.

b. Current account balance : **£847.89**

c. Benevolent fund balance : **£424.01** pending issue of a cheque (multiple signatories being needed).

Need new signatories (at least one)

7) Planning Matters

No further news on Core Path ADD26 Appeal - Reporter's advice to Minister was dated 10 Dec 2020.

2020/0055 – Ross Priory – Review of LLNP Planning Committee Meeting and update of Planning Authority Committee Meeting, appeal to Minister.

Discussion on the committee meeting and the inbuilt presumption of approval as recommended by the Planning Officer. Concerns from the floor over inattention of committee members, imbalance of speaking time weighted against public submissions and the planning officer's casual unchallenged dismissals of any points raised. The process only allows the public speakers to be questioned with no counter questions allowed. There is no community representation on the committee. General agreement that the Planning Process was not best practice and the Committee were not fully aware of the complex issues.

After letters from Councillor Page, the Minister for Planning called in the decision by LLNP on EIA screening for review. Should an EIA be deemed necessary then the planning application would have to be resubmitted.

KCC will write to the Minister highlighting the shortfalls of the screening and confirming KCC as an "interested party".

RM asked for a vote of no confidence in the planning committee. As there was no notice given on the agenda for this it was agreed that it was not competent for tonight's business so would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting in March. That allows time for the NP CC Forum to consult more widely (see section 12 below).

**GM to write a follow up letter regarding our experience at the committee meeting and in support of Sally's letter to the minister.**

2020/0293 – Tulloch Farm, Arisaig – **No Comment**

2020/0205/DET - Erection of ancillary residential unit incorporating existing double garage  
The Lea Rig Duncryne Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8SA

Near neighbours expressed disagreement with applicant's reasoning on the necessity of the new build.

Evidence that the existing private sewage handling provision (septic tank) is either defective or insufficient was presented and discussed. Effluent overflow is flooding the road and reportedly entering surface water courses. The owner has not responded to concerns raised by neighbours or authorities. None of the official bodies have been able to resolve the issue – Scottish Water, SEPA, NP and WDC all have been notified by neighbours. Concerns over the limitation of the "tied" cottage since Section 50 agreements are not enforced and the accuracy of the drawings.

WDC Reference Number: DC20/253

Address of Proposal: Landfill Site Auchincarroch Road Jamestown Alexandria G83 9EY

Proposal: Amendment to Condition 1 of planning permission DC07/233/FUL to extend the time of the approved landfilling operation and restoration by 15 years.

Discussions resulted in decision to invite operators of the landfill site to give a short presentation on their operations and proposed extension to the time line.

**AS to follow up on an invitation to a future meeting**

**Amendments to planning permission (2018/0349/DET) for the change of use and erection of second floor extension to garage/workshop (Class 5) to form a dwellinghouse (Class 9)**

The Garage Duncryne Road Gartocharn G83 8RY

Ref. No: 2021/0003/DET

**No comment**

**Erection of replacement canopy**

Loch Lomond Homes And Garden Centre Stirling Road Balloch Alexandria G83 8NB

Ref. No: 2020/0282/DET

**No comment**

**Change in use of the land, formation of bellmouth access onto A811, creation of hardstanding and erection of fence and gate (retrospective)**

Plot B4 Little America Site Land At Mid Gartocharn Farm Gartocharn G83 8NG

Ref. No: 2020/0265/DET

Owner of the site present to discuss further to previous meetings.

KCC concerns are of setting a precedent for every plot of the sub-divided field having access to the A811 and the remaining hedgerow being intermittently removed.

RMc expressed safety concerns being close to a bend on the A811

**GM to follow up with Planning Authority on response from Roads dept and Police regarding safety.**

8) Community Matters

**Food Growing Initiative**

AS gave a short powerpoint presentation to introduce the opportunity for a village community garden. The presentation will be placed on the website with these minutes.

In summary, KCC will facilitate a consultation to look at the options for a community food growing garden in the village. This will include local demand, type of use – food, flowers, wildlife, sensory or combination. Funding and assistance in starting up is available but enthusiastic volunteers will be needed to drive success.

Comments during the meeting

Concerns:

- Everyone in village has a garden so not needed
- Outsiders from village won't be appreciated
- Sometimes these gardens start out beautiful but deteriorate over time

Support

- + Not everyone in village has a vegetable patch or fruit trees
- + Opportunities for communal sharing has wider benefits such as expertise and experience

- + Not everyone has the expertise to grow successfully, this would enable training
- + Produce could be sold or donated to the community
- + People may be more proactive as part of a community approach

### **WDC - Participatory Budgeting – phase 5**

Closing date for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> January. Voting will be exclusively online due to COVID-19. Guidance on applications and how to vote are on the WDC website and will be on KCC site shortly. If any village projects are submitted, we will advertise and highlight the voting instructions more widely.

#### 9) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Bob Shand chair of KCT presented the following :

**KCT AGM:** we will hold our Annual General Meeting on 17 February 2021 at 7.30 pm using Zoom. This is our first AGM in our new status as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Members will be notified of the agenda and joining instructions nearer the time. If anyone is interested in joining us as a member, please contact Elaine Ellen or myself and we will send you an application form.

**Paths:** Although we were not successful in obtaining a National Park Grant for the Dumpling Path repair work, you may have noticed that some surfacing and drainage works have been completed. We thank Alan McMullen and the West Dunbartonshire Environment Trust for managing and doing this work, free, in downtime before Christmas. Further work to resurface the further muddy section is a much more expensive project and we are still pursuing funding options.

The National Park have now amended their conditions for the Grant for the Aber Dam bridge works and we are closer to accepting this offer. It would include using volunteer effort for the decking repairs and some routine inspection & maintenance work such as clearing leaf debris. We hope that WDET will be able to project manage the repair work and I'd be happy to hear from anyone who is available to assist with the ongoing maintenance.

**Superfast Broadband:** Jackie Baillie MSP has obtained a statement regarding Gartocharn from the relevant Scottish Minister.

*Mr Wheelhouse advises me that the remaining premises in the Gartocharn area, which do not currently have access to superfast broadband, are included in the intervention area for the R100 programme. This means you will be reached either via the contract they have with BT for delivery across Central Scotland or will be eligible for the main voucher within the Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme (SBVS).*

*Access to superfast broadband will be provided for your property through the R100 Central lot contract.*

It does appear that further detailed survey work is continuing in the area, conducted by Morrison Utilities.

#### 10) National Park Issues

A lot of discussion during the planning section. Suggestions that it is time for a review of the purpose, effectiveness and governance – 15yrs plus should be sufficient time for

performance to be evaluated dispassionately. Something for the next government term to consider – see section 12 below.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

KCC still waiting for a response from WDC roads, Derek Barr regarding our overdue meeting with them.

Cllr Page gave us an update that she will have a meeting with Gail MacFarlane to discuss the A811 issues – still no signs of the signs which were part of the previous resurfacing upgrade. Lomond Rd bridge works are due for completion mid-May.

WDC have handed out almost 9000 devices for children's home learning.

John MacDonald, headmaster of Gartocharn Primary has devised the home learning – Campus Online for WDC

Citizens Advice Bureau – 16500 issues handled – still open for face to face sessions if needed

Homelessness Seminar – 1021 cases handled – Zero instances of rough sleeping

12) NP Community Council Forum

A Forum of 9 Community Councils have been formed to address cross park issues. The Forum is seeking consensus on matters of common concern.

13) Correspondence

**Police Report**

The Community Police Team has been restructured hence we have not been receiving crime reports since October. As soon as new contact information is received it will be posted in the News section of our website.

**Scottish Water Annual Consultative Meeting 2020** – closing date for online questions is 20<sup>th</sup> January – more info on our website and following the link here : [Annual Consultative Meeting - Scottish Water](#)

14) Next Meeting

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 19:30

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

15) AOB

WDC have a new head of waste services, Kenneth Lang, could be an opportunity to invite him to make a presentation – could tie in with a landfill presentation from Barr's if it can be arranged.

Meeting closed at 22:05