

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30pm

Zoom Video Conference

1) Sederunt

KCC : Gavin MacLellan (GM/Chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Trs), Jim Morrison (JM/VC), David Scott-Park (DSP), Bob Balmer, Anita Anderson (AA)

WDC : Cllr Sally Page (SP)

LLTNPA : Willie Nisbet (WN)

MSP : Maurice Corry (MC)

Balloch & Haldane CC : David Keown

Plus 14 other members of the public

2) Apologies

Bob Shand, KCT

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

JM is neighbour of one planning applicant (PSC/2021/0002), AS is neighbour of another (2021/0055/HAE).

4) Minutes of meeting on 11th January 2021

Proposed as accurate by GM, seconded by AS.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

AS has been in contact with Kenny Lang, Waste Manager at WDC. Kenny is keen to engage with local communities and will attend a future meeting. He is also following up with a contact at Barr Environmental to get them to come along too. Our preference is to hold a physical meeting post-COVID restrictions. Next meeting 17th May is probably too early so we will keep in touch to follow up.

6) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Monthly subscriptions to Zoom and monthly web hosting. This month we also purchased a Data Storage HDD for record keeping and handover after elections.

b. Current account balance : **£740.74**

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

AA has agreed to be a new signatory and the long, complicated process with the bank is underway.

The end of financial year is Feb 28th, the service contract on the website is due for renewal. The new quote, for the same service, is for the same cost of £120. Unanimously approved.

GDPR – We are in the process of registering with the ICO – this will cost £40 per year. Unanimously approved.

7) Planning Matters

Three new applications since the last meeting :

Erection of replacement shed, greenhouse and drystone wall

Boturich Cottages, Boturich

Ref. No: 2021/0055/HAE

KCC – No comment

Creation of wetland scrapes, 4 no. pools and field drainage system

RSPB High Wards Farm Gartocharn

Ref. No: PSC/2021/0002

Note : Application for a EIA Screening Opinion with reasons not to require full EIA given. Not the application itself.

After discussion around EIA requirements and the nature of the project it was decided to make no comment on the screening.

KCC – No comment

Proposed partial demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension

Dunag House Church Road

Ref. No: 2021/0029/HAE

KCC – No comment

Land at Dumbain Rd, Haldane

2019/0175/DET / Review Reference number 2021/0002/REVREF

Review of Refusal

A second housing scheme for Dumbain Rd was refused by the Planning Authority in 2020. The applicant is appealing so it will go to the Local Review Body. WN clarified the difference between appeals going to the LRB and the reporter.

Planning Application - Lea Rig 2020/0205

A neighbour to Lea Rig, with concerns, gave an update on the septic tank issues and has now managed to contact and inform SEPA of the works. Cllr Page has requested that WDC

building control inspect what has been put in place and that they liaise with SEPA as the outflow is clearly not satisfactory.

Planning Approval – Ross Priory -2020/0055

The appeal by Councillor Page and the KCC for an EIA to be requested for the THF development at Ross Priory was rejected.

Letter from Kevin Stewart, Minister of Planning attached. SP was not satisfied with the response so has corresponded further with the minister and a new case number has been opened.

8) Community Matters

Food Growing Initiative

Following the introduction of the Community Garden proposal last meeting, CC members agreed to arrange a Post-COVID consultation/presentation whenever deemed safe to meet in the Millennium Hall. AS was in communication with Andy Devine from WDC who is keen to assist with the consultation/presentation and can bring along existing community garden groups to share their experience and advice. Only one other response was received from the local community, Mary Sweetland shared her experience with Lomond Community Gardens & Allotments Association. They have a small well organised and popular garden/allotment at Lomond Parish Church. Mary has offered her expertise and has provided an example of a constitution and operational rules as used by her group. Anyone else with interest or expertise is welcome to contact us any time : secretary@kilmarnockcc.org

It is recognised that most villagers have their own garden so the demand may well lie outside the village. It was also noted that there are villagers with their own garden who may just need assistance and perhaps that is another way we can develop community growing. Hopefully, we can meet safely this year to start making plans for next year's growing season.

Smartocharn – The Annual Village Litter Pick – Postponed!

This year, as for 2020, COVID restrictions prevent us having a communal event at the usual 'harvest' time which is chosen to get the job done before vegetation growth and increased traffic of the Spring and Summer months. We will keep an eye out for an opportunity later in the year but will certainly prepare for the 2022 event to be bigger and better. Thanks, as always, to Peter Page for taking a lead on this.

9) Kilmarnock Community Trust

Bob Shand chair of KCT sent apologies for absence and a short report :

- Kilmarnock Community Trust held their 14th AGM on 17th Feb and confirmed the election of six Charity Trustees. Janet Beveridge has stepped down and we thank her on behalf of the community for 18 years service to KCT and its predecessor organisation. AS was elected as trustee to represent KCC.
- We have agreed a contract with LLTNPA for funding the work to repair the bridge at Aber Dam and the materials should be delivered in the next few days. Alan McMullen and his team at WDET have kindly agreed to Project manage and undertake the work.

- The Trustees will meet soon to appoint a Chair and other officers, and to start to prioritise the projects and initiatives we intend to progress in the next year. We are always happy to hear from members of the community if they have any projects they would like us to get involved in and which fit with our Charitable aims.

AS added that the present Community Action Plan remains live until replaced by the new format which has yet to be defined. Community consultations for a new “Local Place Plan” will be planned when we know more.

10) National Park Issues

CC's were recently notified of the winding up of the Community Partnership whose role will be absorbed by the NP's Countryside Trust. All Community Councils within the Park will be invited to be “members” of the Trust though this is not detailed any further. This was welcomed as a start for CC representation and communications by the chair. KCC have expressed interest in membership. WN gave a little bit of background to the change and said there would be a bit more money available.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

Cllr Page gave an update on WDC business along and will tomorrow have a meeting with Gail MacFarlane, Chief officer - Roads and Neighbourhoods at WDC, to discuss the A811 issues.

KCC met with WDC roads, Raymond Walsh and Derek Barr attending. Discussed previously planned work on the footway alongside A811 between Balloch and Gartocharn, the status of replacement signage, flooding at Tulloch Bend and Arisaig Farm, Church Road continuing work on the back roads etc.

We discussed the online fault reporting system and were advised that it is best to back up any report with a phone call to the WDC “general complaints” phone line 01389 608152.

Flooding at Milton Grove is under investigation by WDC Roads dept.

The recent road accident on A811 caused the back roads to be chaos again – it has been suggested repeatedly that a one way system be introduced during such emergency diversions. Ultimately the back roads were closed and drivers diverted via Duntocher. WN suggested that KCC liaise with Croftamie CC and PolSCot to sort this out. GM said there was a plan developed and we will follow up why it was not used. SG pointed out that verges had been damaged since the extra traffic was not managed and will forward photos for us to pass on to Raymond & Derek.

KCC(AS) to follow up with Police Scotland and contact Croftamie CC for their views.

SP will be reviewing the back roads in her meeting with Gail MacFarlane following the Dashcam survey of 3 years ago looking at verges and passing places.

Residents of Church Rd reported that issues with the road surface and the drainage have still not been addressed. Roads dept are aware but it seems that Scottish Water are the root cause and need to be prompted again. SP will follow up with Gail MacFarlane. MC advised that any Health & Safety issues should be highlighted as that would improve chances of repair.

12) NP Community Council Forum

The survey mentioned last meeting has gone live. There has been mixed feedback, some welcoming the opportunity to have their say, some concerned about the pre-amble. A revision will be made to reflect some comments from attendees.

DSP asked what the contact details will be used for and GM clarified that they are only used internally to determine residency or not. They will not be passed on to anyone in compliance with our GDPR policy.

WN once again explained the role elections play in selecting board members not representatives.

GM summarised that progress is being made in CC representation within LLNP but there is more to go and the survey is one step on the way.

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. MC will assist in getting us reconnected to the local policing team. AS has been trying and will continue to try to get the new contact details.

Online Workshops

NPF4 – Several online events were held for CC's across Scotland to comment on the Scot Gov position statement on the National Planning Framework (#4). GM and AS attended separate sessions and compiled a summary response which can be seen on our website.

Zero Waste/Circular Economy – Similarly, several online events for this too. GM and AS also attended separate sessions.

Scam Share Bulletin from Trading Standards – Cyber scams & attacks advice – will be posted on our website.

Scottish Government responses to letters from Jackie Baillie on our behalf are appended to these minutes.

14) Next Meeting

Monday 17th May 2021 at 19:30 – AGM followed by ordinary meeting – most likely still a Zoom format anticipated.

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

15) AOB

Lambing Time

The farmers of our community are having issues with dog walkers added to their daily work. Dogs were recently chasing pregnant sheep at Wester Cameron. This can easily cause aborted lambs when sheep are close to lambing or worse death of sheep too. Please remember to keep dogs on leads when on roads or paths next to fields of sheep.

Meeting closed at 21:27

Appendix A

Response Regarding CC Elections

Appendix B

Response Regarding EIA at Ross Priory