

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.30pm

Zoom Video Conference

1) Sederunt

KCC : Jim Morrison (JM/Chair), Gavin MacLellan (GM/Vice-Chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Sec), Anita Anderson (AA/Treasurer), Sarah Guy, Rory MacLeod (RM) and Bob Balmer.

WDC : Cllr Sally Page (SP)

Plus 13 other members of the public

2) Apologies

David Scott-Park, Bob Shand

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

Planning Matters - AS is applicant for listed building consent (2021/0091/LBC).

4) Minutes of meeting on 1st March 2021

Proposed as accurate by GM, seconded by AS.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Since November 2020, AS has been chasing information about the reorganisation of community policing and trying to find a liaison contact for crime reports and other community advice. No response.

JM said he has had some contact and will pass it on to AS.

6) Treasurers Report

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

b. Current account balance : **£466.79**

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

AS will hand over as Treasurer to AA once completion of bank access arrangements. This year's grant application is awaiting procedural clarifications from WDC.

7) Planning Matters

Three new applications since the last meeting :

Alterations to approved layout of existing camping and caravan park to site a maximum of 40 static caravans, 22 touring caravans and 10 chalets

Lagganbeg Caravan Park Ross Loan Gartocharn West Dunbartonshire G83 8NQ

Ref. No: 2021/0127/DET

Erection of extension to workshop/storage building

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AA shared concerns over existing issues with sewage and waste water soakaway and excessive flood lighting all night.

RM agreed as the area is a flood plain – soakaway issues are common in winter periods particularly and that existing lighting is excessive.

GM asked if there was already separate provision for disposal of chemical toilet waste from mobile homes.

SP supported the points raised by RM & AA. Recently spoke with owner who promised to do something about the lighting. SP also raised question over another temporary structure which seems permanent. SP would like to arrange a site visit to follow up with owner.

Note - There were no concerns over the planned expansions in themselves.

KCC (JM) will join Sally for a site visit to talk to the owner.

Demolition of part of garden wall and erection of single storey ground floor front extension

South Stables Cottage Boturich Road Balloch Alexandria G83 8LX

Ref. No: 2021/0091/LBC

KCC : No comment.

Little America 2021/0012/REVREF – Applicant appealing the refusal decision for development of a Little Americas plot. No documents available for viewing but the applicant was present and re-iterated his view that he ought to have a new access point. He says he was sold another plot of land and it seems was not aware of what he had bought at an auction. At the moment, because he had to remove the gate, he is choosing to park on the roadway as a protest. He does not want to park around the corner and walk a bit further, nor cross a muddy field.

JM asked what the applicant wanted KCC to do but there was no clear request and the applicant accused community councillors of bias against outsiders, spreading of misinformation to the press and collision with the NP to use planning laws against him.

GM suggested Mr Hall should seek reparation from his lawyers and surveyors who completed his contract, he also objected to the accusations against the community councillors. The Chair requested muting the applicant's call since this matter is outside KCCs remit.

8) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

LPP

As part of the new planning process to align with Community Empowerment, Local Place Plans will replace Community Action Plans. ScotGov have yet to provide details to local authorities and in our case LLTNPA. When they do, community engagement will take place and KCC along with KCT and other local bodies will have the assistance of WDC and LLTNPA to organise consultations and develop the plans.

JM – As it is linked to planning process KCC ought to take the lead.

Community Garden

The next steps are to be able to hold a presentation and discussion open to the community. With lockdown seemingly about to end in the summer, preparations to hold an event in the Millennium Hall can restart.

Public Toilet Facility

This has been raised again but without definite plans it is not possible to apply for grants. Viable solutions need to be discussed such as locations and responsibilities for upkeep.

SP – NatureScot have funding available for Temporary Portaloos – possibly KMHA will look into this.

GM suggested engaging with owners of House of Darroch as they have space and may be repurposing some of their business on site.

9) Kilmarnock Community Trust

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

Aber Dam Bridge Project

The project to renew the decking on the footbridge at Aber Dam has been held up due to the discovery of serious rot in the wooden supporting beams. KCT are now awaiting an inspection by a structural engineer, arranged by the National Park Authority who funded the work and are ultimately responsible for the maintenance costs. It is not expected that remediation will happen in the immediate future but the decking timber has been delivered and WDET are ready to install this when it is deemed safe to do so. Unfortunately, the path remains closed with signposted diversion via the Aber "horseshoe" road. We are also discussing alternatives such as stepping stones as a temporary measure for fitter path users.

Dumpling Path Repairs

KCT have submitted a new Funding Application, on behalf of the community and the landowner, to complete the repairs, drainage works and resurfacing of the Dumpling Path. This application is under the Nature Scot "Better Places Green Recovery Fund."

Community Action Plan / Local Place Plan

Like KCC, the Community Trust have now had communication from the NPA inviting us to participate in, and apply for grant funding to support preparation of such a plan. As with the predecessor CAPs we will seek to work collaboratively with KCC and other local groups to maximise the benefit to our community.

10) National Park Issues

GM sent the Survey report to James Stuart at LLTNP

Participation by membership of the Countryside Trust will not replace the desired Community Engagement we seek with the NP at more strategic level.

RM asked about the vote of no confidence proposal. JM explained that this was replaced by cooperation with Forum of CC to run a parkwide survey and work together in the interest of CCs. Some CCs as well as KCC have completed surveys. The principals of the Community Empowerment Act and of collective groups engaging together is worth pursuing and KCC will play a part in this.

SP pointed out that next year is the 20th anniversary of the formation of the NP and is lobbying to have a review of the NP and what it has achieved and how things may be able to be done better.

GM commented that the new LPP provides an opportunity to tighten up on some weak aspects of the Local Development Plan that are somewhat subjective which developers and Planning Authorities have exploited in the past.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

Cllr Page expressed thanks to JM for standing in the election and to the WDC team of returning officers for the outstanding job of organising the polling and counting especially considering the extra challenge of social distancing due to COVID.

Regarding the issues at Lea Rig, WDC Environmental Health are satisfied but are yet to visit the site. SEPA are still to look at the run-off situation.

Roads update – a full copy will be sent to the CC :

- New signage for A811 – delayed due to fire at storage depot – some need reordering.
- Old redundant street furniture will be removed
- WDC contacting landowners regarding water run off to the road. Help is being offered to resolve issues.
- No more progress on the Trunking of the A811 or the crossing at Reid & Robertson
- This summer, work on back roads on ditching and clearing WDC owned passing places.

12) Community Council Forums

NP Forum - See NP section above.

WDC Forum - AGM being prepared but no date set as yet.

13) Correspondence

Alasdair Dalton, Environment Protection Officer Greater Glasgow and Clyde Estuary Team **SEPA** got in touch :

“In our role as the regulator of the landfill site it has been suggested by several members of the community who I have spoken to that there is a desire from the local community to engage with Barr about the activities on the site. When this suggestion has been raised with Barr, they indicated that they would also like to have greater engagement with the local community. If SEPA can facilitate this, we think it would probably benefit all parties involved. “

KCC (AS) will respond and follow up to see how best to accomplish this.

14) Next Meeting

Monday 5th July 2021 at 19:30

If we can be back in the Hall, we will invite Kenny Lang and Barr Environmental

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

15) AOB

A resident brought up the state of the field behind the Millennium Hall. Weeds are overgrown and there are tyres and other junk lying about. The place is an eyesore. Leylandii are growing and negatively impacting the view. The question of the road construction materials was raised again. GM suggested we have a word with the NP to enforce the Planning consent if there are concerns.

KCC (JM) to discuss matters with NP.

Meeting closed at 21:06