

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 5th July 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 David Scott-Park (DSP).

WDC : Cllr Sally Page (SP) ; KCT : Bob Shand

Plus 7 other members of the public

2) Apologies

None.

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 17th May 2021

Proposed as accurate by AA, seconded by AS.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

GM had planned a meeting with MSP Jackie Baillie which has been postponed for now.

6) Treasurers Report

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

b. Current account balance : **£401.91**

c. Benevolent fund balance : **£424.01**

AA has submitted this year's grant application to WDC.

AS read out the WDC response explaining the grant funding formula. A base of £500 is allocated to each functional CC. This is topped up by a per capita amount derived from the total WDC grant budget divided by the total population of WDC. There is a final adjustment to prevent CC's from holding over too much at the end of a year.

Despite Kilmaronock being one of the most active CC's, our funding is just over half that of the next smallest CC by population and about 4.5 times smaller than the largest. This was highlighted in the review of CC's being carried out just now and AS will continue to follow up.

7) Planning Matters

Two new applications since the last meeting :

Change of use from stable to dwellinghouse

1 Blairquhamrie Cottages Auchincarroch Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 9LX

Ref. No: 2021/0197/DET

KCC – No Comment

Change in the use of one short-term holiday letting unit (approved under planning permission ref: 2013/0323/DET) to business use (Class 4)

Gowk Inn Stirling Road Balloch Alexandria G83 8ND

Ref. No: 2021/0234/DET

KCC – No Comment

From 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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Ref. No: 2021/0125/DET

JM & SP made a site visit with the applicant's agent, to discuss issues raised at the last meeting. Disposal of both standard sewage waste & chemical toilet waste and existing lighting overspill.

SP also checked with SEPA but they don't have anything registered in their system. The site owner says that SEPA do monthly checks on the existing system. There is no alteration planned as the capacity is deemed sufficient for the proposed increase.

Once again, we note that KCC have no concerns over the planned capacity expansions in themselves. More capacity is welcomed but we do need to be assured that the existing waste handling systems are robust and that capacity for the expansion is available.

As long as the SEPA checks are all in order and the site is operating correctly the neighbouring residents will be reassured that the waterways are protected from runoff.

Regarding the lighting, the agent is looking into what can be done.

KCC will write to the planning dept accordingly.

Little America 2021/0012/REVREF – The Local Review Body met on 1st July and unanimously upheld the original planning decision.

8) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

LPP

We received the following :

“In order to broaden knowledge a group of Community Councillors met up at a learning exchange workshop to look at current guidance for Local Place Plans and all agreed that the guidance needed strengthening in order to ensure that the community perspective was sufficiently acknowledged and taken notice of by planning authorities.

The concern is that LPPs will be controlled by Scottish Government, because they have to comply with existing national and local authority plans and timescales. This leaves very little room for a community’s own plan and ideas to have any influence and they are unlikely to be adopted, so the process of drawing up an LPP becomes meaningless.

The outcomes from this workshop formulated a Scottish Community Position statement and the Councillors involved agreed to circulate the statement within their own areas and ask other Community Councils to support it by signing up to a data base which will be used to influence Government policy in this area.”

AS proposed that we sign up to the Position Statement, all were in favour so AS will follow up accordingly. The relevant documents will be posted on our website with these minutes.

Community Garden

There are still too many restrictions on public meetings for a meaningful event to take place. As soon as practical this will be organised and advertised.

Broadband Delay

Works are ongoing, for those properties not being upgraded by end of 2021, a £400 voucher is available to pay for an interim solution. See Digital Scotland website for more info.

9) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Bob Shand (BS), chair gave an update.

- KCT was successful in obtaining a grant of £12,334 from NatureScot for the repairs to the Dumpling Path, under their Better Places Green Recovery Fund 2. Work started last week and the path has been closed to the public for a few days.
- Regarding Aber Dam Bridge, this is still closed, awaiting agreement on design and funding for a replacement structure. KCT have a quote for a replacement bridge and the cost is just within the maximum £25k for a grant under the current National Park funding scheme. We'd need to submit a bid this week for that funding. There have been suggestions about a smaller scale bridge or stepping stones, but KCT do not

believe either of these is a viable option given the terrain and probability of high water levels.

Bob asked to hear what Aber Path users in the community think should be done.

After discussion on the cost of a new bridge and various suggestions for cheaper alternatives, some local fabricators were nominated for obtaining quotes. Concerns were expressed over future maintenance of a new bridge. While the NP take full responsibility for the maintenance they clearly have failed to do any in the past. GM suggested that designing future maintenance out would be desirable. BS said he would share the design spec. The company who quoted supply similar structures along the West Highland Way.

- The first games have been played on the new football pitch for which KCT obtained the funding. Unfortunately, the better pitch has not yet resulted in Gartocharn FC winning any home games yet.

AS added that fixtures are advertised on the village FB page so look out for them and take a break from the Euros!

10) National Park Issues

Along with some correspondence on the NP Grant Scheme/Green Recovery Fund as mentioned above, we got some info about "Community Place Plans". These sound similar to the Local Place Plans also mentioned above so AS will follow up with the contact name given, to find out more. No point spending time, money and effort on this only to redo it later for the official version.

A pair of White Tailed Eagles were seen on NNR possibly nesting on Torrich & Aber Isle - Support for farmers and land managers :

"There have been no reported livestock predation issues related to the Sea Eagles at Loch Lomond. However, in some locations, Sea Eagles can impact farming and crofting by predating lambs. The main support mechanism to help farmers and crofters experiencing Sea Eagle predation is through NatureScot's Sea Eagle Management Scheme. "

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

Community Council Forum

A preliminary discussion was held on 23rd June about the future of the Forum. It was decided that there was value in it but it had to be better defined as to purpose and the roles and responsibilities of members in order to be of value. An event will be held in October when some more will be known about the Review of Scheme of Establishment of CC's and decisions can be made on the Forum's future.

Councillor Page

The village has some new signage, entrance signs, school signs and equestrian signs. Another £200k worth of A811 road signs still be added and the old ones taken away.

Drainage clearing on the back roads has been in progress

There is a comprehensive series of activities for School children called the Summer Extravaganza

SP had a motion supported to assess the upcoming “Flamingoland” reapplication against their Climate Change aspirations. A consultation event is to be held in Alexandria Community Centre on 27th & 28th August.

WDC passed a motion to tackle Racism & Sectarianism

GM asked about the Nature Hub proposals – this is work in progress bringing partners onboard.

RM informed us that the Save Loch Lomond Campaign social media outlets have more info on the “Flamingoland” proposals.

12) Correspondence

Community Policing Changes

Since the last meeting, we started to receive the answers we were seeking since last November. However, while intended for CC's, they are all coming via elected councillors rather than direct to the CC's. Which is OK when your councillor is Sally who kindly passes them all on.

We received a crime report in June which is appended. Nothing received for this meeting so AS will follow up to give them the correct dates for future meetings.

In the meantime, there is a feedback survey on how well the Police are doing to be found here :

[Your Police 2021-2022 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space](#)

Waste Handling/Landfill Presentation

Correspondence with Kenny Lang (WDC) & Alastair Dalton (SEPA) for them to join us at our meeting in September.

To help them prepare for an efficient meeting, we will send them some questions or topics of interest in advance.

Suggestions welcome at secretary@kilmarnockcc.org

WDC Communities Team

A community consultation on future developments in Alexandria is now live. This is a consultation relating to both a Masterplan for the town centre and a developing Neighbourhood Action Plan for Alexandria.

The consultation website can be accessed at www.alexandria.town

The consultation is for anyone who lives or works in Alexandria or has an interest the future of Alexandria

ScotGov Consultation

Fireworks Consultation Launch

On Sunday 20 June a public consultation seeking views from the public on the introduction of four specific requirements in relation to the sale and use of fireworks in Scotland, as well

as a new offence in relation to carrying a pyrotechnic device in a public place without reasonable excuse or lawful authority. The consultation can be found on the following link: <https://consult.gov.scot/justice/use-and-sale-of-fireworks-in-scotland>.

Closes 15th August

Resident's email

Some concerns about boulders placed on the roadside on Old School Road. They may hamper grass cutting by the council and could be a hazard for two cars trying to pass on an already narrow road. A wall is also being heightened and part of it has already fallen onto the road. Take care.

13) Next Meeting

Monday 13th September 2021 at 19:30 **updated after the meeting closed*

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

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

15) AOB

None.

Meeting closed at 21:06



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Name of Community Council:- KILMARONOCK

Date of Report:- 07th June 2021

Submitting / Attending officer:- PC Karen Pettigrew

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	<p>Police Report covering the period 01/04/21 – 31/05/21</p> <p>The Crimes can be summarised as follows;</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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 (Unclassified)</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</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 (S170 Road Traffic Act 1988 – Did fail to stop after an accident and report same – not detected)</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> </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 (Unclassified)	0	Possess Drugs	0	Possess With Intent to Supply	0	Breach of the Peace/Disorder	0	Vandalism	0	Vehicle/traffic Crime	1 (S170 Road Traffic Act 1988 – Did fail to stop after an accident and report same – not detected)	Fraud	0	Firearms Act	0
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	Breach of Bail	0
	Reset	0
	Rape	0
	Other	0.
	The above excludes fixed penalty notices issued in respect of anti-social behaviour, non-endorsable and endorsable offences (Road Traffic).	
Updates on previous actions		
Incidents of note or crime trends		
Forthcoming events / Initiatives		
This month – Issues raised at the meeting		

Contact Us

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.

It should be noted that due to a recent restructure within Argyll & West Dunbartonshire Division we no longer have a dedicated Community Policing Officer for your area. Information contained on this form has been gathered by an officer from the Community Engagement Team. Any issues raised at the meeting will be disseminated to either Local Policing or Problem Solving Team officers.

If you wish to contact us direct with any specific complaints or concerns, please contact the following based at Dumbarton Police Office;

Community Engagement Team Sergeant – Brian Simpson

Tel: 101