

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm

in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

KCC : Jim Morrison (JM/Chair), Gavin MacLellan (GM/Vice-Chair), Andrew Sinnott (AS/Sec), Anita Anderson (AA/Treasurer) and David Scott-Park (DSP).

WDC : Cllr Sally Page (SP)

Plus 6 other members of the public

JM opened the meeting with the sad news of the passing of Alan Dewar. The CC and attendees paid their respects.

2) Apologies

Bob Shand, Peter Page, Rory MacLeod.

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 1st November 2021

AS corrected the date of the meeting in the draft.

Proposed as accurate by DSP, seconded by AA.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

None.

6) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Monthly web hosting.

b. Current account balance : **£984.45**

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

The end of year is coming soon and the accounts will need to be audited.

GM will introduce AA to David Taylor and check to see he will be available and willing to provide his services once again.

7) Planning Matters

New

[Conversion of existing buildings into 1 business use unit \(Class 4\)](#)

Gowk Inn Stirling Road Balloch Alexandria G83 8ND

Ref. No: 2021/0455/DET | Received: Mon 13 Dec 2021 | Validated: Wed 22 Dec 2021 | Status: Current

This is a reapplication under a new reference number. The previous application was discussed under the old reference number.

KCC has no comment

[Formation of vehicular access, public car parking, footpaths and installation of bird hides](#)

Glencairn Farm Old Military Road Gartocharn G83 8NG

Ref. No: 2021/0392/DET | Received: Wed 03 Nov 2021 | Validated: Fri 05 Nov 2021 | Status: Current

A pre-application statement was discussed in September and no issues raised.

KCC notes that although still listed as current, it appears that ground work has commenced.

Older

[Sub-division of garden ground and erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage and waste water treatment plant](#)

The Aber Mill Ross And Aber Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NQ

Ref. No: 2021/0280/DET | Received: Thu 05 Aug 2021 | Validated: Thu 05 Aug 2021 | Status: Current

The applicants were present to discuss the Planning Authority objections to their proposals. There is a presumption against new housing based on the existing Local Development Plan, all proposed material considerations have so far been rejected.

AS noted that the current LDP is overdue for replacement and has been extended until 2024 to allow for Community Engagement via Local Place Plans to be factored in. Since the local community are generally supportive of more homes for locals and less for visitors the next LDP may well allow such an application. There may be some leeway gained in demonstrating community support for this application during the LDP transition phase.

GM suggested that the applicants make a presentation to the community at the next KCC meeting inviting planners, councillors, MSP's etc. A special meeting could be arranged if needed before then.

[Erection of training centre \(use Class 8\) comprising leadership centre and 4 no. visitor accommodation buildings with associated parking and landscaping](#)

Land Adjacent To Ross Priory Gartocharn West Dunbartonshire G83 8NL

Ref. No: 2020/0055/DET | Received: Mon 02 Mar 2020 | Validated: Mon 02 Mar 2020 | Status: Current

This application remains open but no new documentation has appeared to explain why.

Concerns were raised about the pumping of sewage from the new development, including that of Ross Priory, neighbouring households and waterworks, to the Gartocharn Treatment Works. KCC would like clarity on the capacity of GTW to take this volume and what, if any, capacity would remain for future developments in the village.

Cllr Page is corresponding with Scottish Water to ascertain capacity before and after development and suggests that if the development was to use all the capacity then THF should consider providing their own treatment works.

KCC (GM) will write to CEO of The Hunter Foundation and ask for an update on progress with the application and the timeline of development works.

Other

There was a general discussion on planning priorities as there is more and more bias from local housing to holiday residences as a result of planning policies and LDP. As there is now ongoing dialogue with NP and CC's due to Community Empowerment, more community voices should contribute.

It was suggested that the next meeting should be widened out to public, local councillors and MSP's.

KCC (GM) to write to Stuart Mearns to formalise the next meeting along the above lines.

8) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

Community Garden

WDC postponed presentation – partly COVID advice not to attend meetings partly as other work is being done which may affect WDC approach – namely other sites on WDC land being looked at in Bonhill – WDC may not want to go for a lease arrangement but may partner a community group that could take on the lease instead.

Landfill Site

In the short to medium term, Barr will continue as operators at Auchincarroch. They are appealing the fine from HMRC. They have reduced operations at other sites to concentrate on this one as it is a good revenue generator.

9) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Aber Dam Bridge Project

KCT chairman's summary of current position -

- In July 2021 we applied for a Grant to replace the structure of Aber Dam bridge, which is unsound, having previously been granted funding to replace only the decking. We

were offered funding in September but subject to a number of conditions we could not accept, although we were able to negotiate agreement on most of these issues.

- However, KCT were put in the position just before Christmas when the Grant offer was effectively dependent on us taking on the cost of third party liability insurance for the bridge which would have most likely have amounted to at least £500 a year for the lifetime of the bridge (about 25 years). As we have no means of raising this sum as guaranteed income we would have been in breach of our responsibilities as trustees to enter into the contract, therefore we had to decline the grant offer.
- We also made it clear that without agreeing a contract with our Project Manager and our supplier / installer by Christmas, we could guarantee neither the price nor the ability to complete the work by the National Park deadline.
- The Park Authority have now said they wish to discuss further, this week, which we are happy to do.

Community Trust AGM and membership

As a Charity we require to hold an Annual General Meeting of members, which will be on **16th February in KMH**. All members will receive invitations and we are keen for new members to join us. The purpose of the Trust is to progress and deliver local projects for Community Benefit, particularly sustainable development and related to recreation, citizenship development, education, heritage and the natural environment. If anyone would like become involved in our work or attend the AGM please contact any of the trustees (details on Gartocharn.org).

Watch the Gartocharn Community facebook page for more details.

10) National Park Issues

There was a discussion on pros and cons of reintroduction of native species and the need to manage effects going forward as populations increase. Beavers, pine martens, white tailed eagles, etc. Are they just to attract visitors with binoculars as opposed to improving biodiversity?

Similarly, control of invasive non-native species – what goes on the list? Why some species and not others and who decides? Mink, Canada geese, etc. This applies to Flora as well as Fauna – noxious weeds.

Who is responsible for the management and what enforcement is available on landowners who do not cooperate?

It was suggested that we write to LLTNPA for more info and invite them to provide a guest speaker for one of our meetings.

KCC (AS) will formulate a letter of invitation with some briefing notes of what we are interested in.

Lighted Buoys on Loch Lomond

When the White-tailed Eagles took residence additional yellow marker buoys were deployed on Loch Lomond to designate exclusion zones. These are lit buoys that significantly contribute to light pollution against LLTNPA policy (The LLTNP Strategic Environmental

Assessment (SEA) report 2014 identifies wild camping as a significant source of light pollution). As these were intended to be temporary no planning permission was applied for, thus no-one informed let alone consulted. Should the eagles return then planning permission will be sought. Note that these lighted buoys are operational long since the eagles departed.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

Roads

AS gave an update on the last meeting with WDC Roads Dept. An inspection of the footway along the A811 has been done and a scope of works for various sections has been made. Next step is to discuss with Greenspace to get indicative costs.

Councillor Page

The section of A811 at the Wards which has disintegrated has been reported. JM informed us that there has been an accident there recently.

WDC rejected the government call for sex surveys of 14 y.o. pupils as inappropriate

7 passive houses and 20 zero carbon standard houses are being built in Pappert to assess best way forward in environmentally friendly buildings

SP is lobbying for an asset transfer of Balloch Castle Country Park from Glasgow Common Good Fund to WDC ownership.

JM commented on lack of availability of electric vehicle charging points for the public in Dumbarton. SP will follow up.

12) Correspondence

Police crime report appended.

RSPB

We received a copy of a letter circulated to neighbours adjacent to the RSPB nature reserve, a copy of the programme of works and a link to their most recent blog (which will be kept updated throughout the project) [here](#).

SEPA

Communications started on finding out who to invite to a meeting to explain SEPA role in engaging with planners and talk about protection of water quality of the local watercourses and loch & maybe about private sewage treatment standards and flood plains etc.

WDC

Proposed boundary change around new Dumbain Rd scheme - when it was a field it was Kilmarnock but now it is housing branched off Dumbain Rd in Haldane it will be taken into Balloch and Haldane CC

NP

NP are consulting on a suite of planning guidance that will form interim guidance over the next 2 years relating to the current Local Development Plan 2017-2021. The Local Development Plan will not be replaced until 2024 and the guidance provides clarity about the delivery of the current policies until the plan is replaced. We are seeking comments on the guidance but we are also seeking comments to help us form the new policies in the next Local Development Plan 2024-2034.

Share your views by answering questions set out in our online consultation survey available at:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/consultation-planning-guidance>

The eight week consultation opened on this December and the deadline is the 9th February 2022.

JM suggested we post this on our website and the FB page to get a wider participation

AS to follow up

JM proposed that we submit a communal CC response, all (CC and attendees) were in favour.

AS to follow up – if online version unsuitable, try to obtain an offline version from NP.

13) Next Meeting

Monday 7th March 2022 at 19:30 in KMH

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

15) AOB

This week an ambulance attending Duncryne Terrace could not get into the layby so parked in Church Rd instead. This left little space for passing traffic and pedestrians resulting in a near collision.

Meeting closed at 21:40h



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Name of Community Council:- KILMARNOCK

Date of Report:- 07/01/2020

Submitting / officer:- PC Dale Logsdon

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>Police Report covering the period 01/11/2021 – 31/12/21 inclusive.</p> <p>1 reported crime.</p> <p>The Crimes can be summarised as follows;</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mobbing and Rioting</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilful fire-raising</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Common Assault</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft/Att Housebreaking – Domestic</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theft (Unclassified)</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Possess Drugs</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Breach of the Peace/Disorder</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vandalism</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle/traffic Crime</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fraud</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Breach of Bail</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> <p>1 x Unknown person did allow dog to chase, corner and kill a lamb at Gartlea Farm. 1 persons or dog identified.</p> <p>The above excludes fixed penalty notices issued in respect of anti-social behaviour, non-endorsable and endorsable offences (Road Traffic).</p>	Mobbing and Rioting	0	Wilful fire-raising	0	Common Assault	0	Theft/Att Housebreaking – Domestic	0	Theft (Unclassified)	0	Possess Drugs	0	Breach of the Peace/Disorder	0	Vandalism	0	Vehicle/traffic Crime	0	Fraud	0	Breach of Bail	0	Other	1
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	<p>Some useful links for crime prevention;</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers/</p>
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