

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 4th July 2022 at 7.30pm

in Kilmarnock 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).

Plus 9 other members of the public

GM opened the meeting as JM was delayed en route.

2) Apologies

None.

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 16th May 2022

Proposed as accurate by DSP, seconded by AA.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Since the last meeting, we completed our registration with the Information Commissioner and now propose to collect the email addresses of anyone interested in receiving a copy of the agenda and minutes directly. A registration form was circulated and everyone signed up. Anyone interested can send their mail to secretary@kilmarnockcc.org

AS to follow up and compile a distribution list.

6) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : ICO annual fee, Monthly web hosting, Kilmarnock Hall hire.

b. WDC grant of £662.88 received as per formula rather than as per our application.

b. Current account balance : **£1343.17**

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

No invoice received for Jubilee/KMH Party as the donations on the day covered costs.

7) Planning Matters

Lawfulness of erection of rear extension

Claddoch Cottage Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NQ

Ref. No: 2022/0198/LAW | Received: Mon 27 Jun 2022 | Validated: Mon 27 Jun 2022 | Status: Current

We discussed Permitted Development regulations and decided that the planning team are best placed to check stated compliance figures. One concern was raised that there is no mention of sewage handling as the number of bedrooms is increased significantly and thus the expected Population Equivalent. Again, we expect the planning officer to do the due diligence in this respect as the existing facility may well be sufficient.

KCC has no comment

Change in the use and extension of existing outbuildings

Chimes Cottage School Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8RT

Ref. No: 2022/0195/LBC | Received: Fri 24 Jun 2022 | Validated: Fri 24 Jun 2022 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

Erection of dwellinghouse

Land At East Cambusmoon Gartocharn G83 8RZ

Ref. No: 2022/0180/DET | Received: Wed 08 Jun 2022 | Validated: Fri 10 Jun 2022 | Status: Current

Applicants were present and KCC recognised that this was discussed a couple of years ago as the final step in the process of establishing a new working farm for a local young couple. The planning team are working with the applicant to site the house appropriately.

KCC has no comment

There followed a discussion on drainage handling and boundary fences not being respected. Also, the council not allowing an official address as the house has not yet been built. This materially affects the business. WDC are also claiming the naming rights of the farm rather than the owner.

KCC can only recommend dialogue with elected representatives, Jackie Baillie MSP is soon holding a surgery at KMH.

It was also suggested that they approach the Post Office to get the address registered as that worked in a similar situation where a named postal address was needed prior to the house being built.

Erection of shed and formation of new vehicular access and hardstanding

Ross Priory Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NL

Ref. No: 2022/0122/DET | Received: Thu 14 Apr 2022 | Validated: Fri 22 Apr 2022 | Status: **Withdrawn**

8) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

LPP

Following our last meeting, AS wrote to the LLTNP regarding the public consultation process. Hannah Robinson was invited to this meeting to advise on a few topics to get us going. However, instead we got a long list of references to research. All of which we had done.

It was suggested that we bypass the process but after discussion we decided there were a few ideas we could contribute towards the next Local Development Plan otherwise we have no say for next 10 years.

We could put together a few bullet points for consideration at a future meeting based on inputs from previous meetings.

AS to follow up with WDC to see if we can utilise their experience compared to NP.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee/KMH 21st anniversary

A village celebration for the dual event at KMH was held on June 3rd. The weather was fantastic and the day was enjoyed by 2-300 people. Mostly it was for the children but every age was catered for. Games, races, bouncy castles and some music plus teas and cakes, BBQ and a hog roast for all. DSP piped at the opening ceremony with a rousing speech from KMH Chairman James Macrae. The whole day was a success due mainly to the preparations and organisation on the day by many locals. The Newall family opened their garden for the children's races and bouncy castles. Fiona Wyllie marshalled all the volunteer organisers (too many to mention). So big thank you to all of them for their work.

The event was free but donation buckets were filled and ended up paying for the day hence the Benevolent Fund was untapped.

9) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Since the Aber Bridge project was cancelled there are no active projects. Hopefully, some ideas will come from any LPP consultations. See WDC section below.

As mentioned last time, the board would like more trustees to join up so perhaps those with good ideas will be the ones to help get them implemented. Contact KCT@gartocharn.org if interested.

FOLLAT were in contact with KCC & KCT trying to resurrect the Aber Bridge project using the NP funds to pay the landowner direct. However, the funds were never transferred to KCT as the deadline to spend them passed due to lack of final agreement from the NP and the refusal to allow the work to take place by the landowner. KCT therefore had nothing material to offer FOLLAT so maybe they will deal with the NP and landowner directly.

10) National Park Issues

KCC attended a meeting to discuss the review of the By-laws. This was a pre-consultation consultation so we will see how it feeds through to the next stage and follow up.

The 'temporary' navigation buoys, discussed last meeting, have been assessed as no longer necessary and are in the process of being removed.

AS to check if there is a date for completion of removal process

JM highlighted the upcoming NP board elections and that he was a candidate. After discussion on a board role in relation to the 'electorate' it was agreed that we invite the successful candidate to our next meeting.

KCC (AS) to invite new board member once known.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

There has been no response, still, from Gail Macfarlane to our request for a scope of works for the various sections of A811 footway. However, AS did not rewrite as planned in last meeting. AS asked if GM could help draft a letter and will follow up this time. GM suggested we need to see the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) including financials.

KCC (GM & AS) to send updated request to Gail Macfarlane.

Overgrowth at the corner of School Rd and the A811 has affected sightlines significantly. Discussion on landowners responsibility versus local authority. Needs attention in any case.

KCC to discuss with Roads dept

Questions were raised about safe crossing of the A811 at Duncryne Rd. Particularly of children going to the play park and parents with children in buggies. Drop kerbs would be beneficial.

Pavement parking was brought up again. Worst times for A811 and Duncryne Rd are during football matches as there is no official parking for away teams, in particular. It was suggested that we alert the football team organiser and discuss solutions with him e.g. using KMH car park. The neighbouring car park development at the duck ponds will kindly be made available for this use once complete.

This is something that is ideal for inclusion in a LPP if consulted on properly. A layby could be created on WDC land eating a small portion of the field next to the play park. There is adequate street lighting within the 30 mph zone to allow for a proper pedestrian crossing. A sheltered bus stop could also be added.

KCC to discuss proposed solutions with WDC roads dept. as it ought to align with their Active Travel strategy.

KCC to write to Gartocharn FC regarding on road parking.

Presumably due to proximity to elections, new councillors did not have email addresses on the WDC site. They have started to appear now, so AS can follow up on action held over from last meeting.

KCC (AS) to invite all 3 new councillors for Lomond ward to attend future meetings.

12) Correspondence

No police crime report received. Normally we don't need to ask. If one comes before the minutes are published it will be added as an appendix.

Also this time, I had requested a police visit to this meeting, with a specific request to talk to us about road traffic speed control and enforcement. As we discussed in the last meeting, I asked them about private companies that provide cameras, the Community Speedwatch initiative and even “pop-up” policemen. No response so I resent it a week or so ago as a reminder. Still no response. I will keep trying.

JM will forward info on private speed camera operations to AS after the meeting

AS will resend request for crime report and new invite to next meeting.

Coriolis Energy agreed to attend the September meeting to showcase their proposal for a wind farm in the Vale of Leven. Plenty of info on their website which is :

<https://valeoflevenwindfarm.com/>

AS to send them a reminder, get confirmation and advertise accordingly.

13) Next Meeting

Special Meeting regarding Translocation of Beavers to Loch Lomond NNR on Monday 5th September 2022 at 19:30 in KMH

Ordinary KCC meeting on Monday 12th September 2022 at 19:30 in KMH

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

JM thanked everyone and closed the meeting 21:10h