

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm

in Kilmarnock Millennium Hall

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KCC : Gavin MacLellan (GM), Andrew Sinnott (AS), Anita Anderson (AA) and David Scott-Park (DSP).

2 x Police Scotland

Plus 7 other members of the public

2) Apologies

Willy Roxburgh (Kilmarnock Old Kirk Trust)

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Proposed as accurate by AA, seconded by DSP.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

None

6) Police Scotland

PC Duncan Steele presented the police report (see Appendix) and discussed the contents. The process of reporting incidents was discussed and the use of 101 was promoted, as this helps drive the allocation of resources e.g. patrols being sent to where most activity is reported.

Use 999 if crimes are in progress and 101 if it is not an emergency. You can also contact Crimestoppers to report a crime anonymously. They will pass the information about the crime to the police.

Rural and wildlife crime was discussed as was the use of CCTV on private land.

Notes were taken and PC Steele will look into them further.

7) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Kilmarnock Hall hire, web hosting.

b. Current account balance : **£776.07**

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

The financial year closed on 28<sup>th</sup> February and accounts have been prepared for inspection. Outgoings of £837.98 versus incoming grant of £662.88 produced a deficit this year.

Main annual expenditure is the rental of the hall and the web site fees. A one off expense was incurred by the purchase of a projector.

Expenditure for next year's IT support (£150) was approved unanimously.

Despite overall cuts in WDC grants, a change in the formula will increase what receive.

8) Planning Matters

Badshalloch – requesting removal of occupancy condition (tied to agriculture)

[Further application \(under section 42\) for planning permission for demolition of two chalets and erection of dwellinghouse approved under 2015/0210/DET without occupancy restriction \(condition 1\)](#)

Paircview Gartocharn Alexandria West Dunbartonshire G83 8SB

Ref. No: 2023/0044/DET | Received: Wed 08 Feb 2023 | Validated: Thu 02 Mar 2023 | Status: Current

**KCC has no comment.**

[Installation of sculpture](#)

RSPB Scotland Loch Lomond High Wards Farm Gartocharn G83 8SB

Ref. No: 2023/0022/DET | Received: Thu 26 Jan 2023 | Validated: Tue 07 Feb 2023 | Status: Current

**KCC has no comment.**

9) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

LPP

Thanks to several dedicated members of the community, a survey was created and sent to as many addresses as we could find. Approx 75 responses have been received. The data is being worked on and formatted so that it can be presented for consultation at a drop in day at the hall on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The hall will be open in the afternoon and early evening where more information and conversations can be had on how we best promote local advice on possible solutions.

Feedback from those conversations and suggestions will be pulled together much like the previous CAP's and then a draft LPP created. There will be a second consultation on the draft LPP before it is finalised. Once finalised, it will be presented to LLTNPA for validation and registration.

AS showed the project plan and described the process and the timeline being followed. Currently this matches with the LLTNPA timeline for the next Local Development Plan.

Drymen has now prepared a draft Local Place Plan. It has just been published online for public consultation at <https://www.drymen.org/plan> until 31st March 2023.

Luss & Arden have now prepared a draft Local Place Plan. It has just been published online for public consultation at [www.bit.ly/luss-arden-LPP](http://www.bit.ly/luss-arden-LPP) until 28th February.

### Vale of Leven Wind Farm

Should the scheme go ahead, community compensation will be made. The method of distribution has not been decided. Various models have been proposed and they can be viewed on our website. See Appendix 3.

GM suggested local residents get compensation via way of reduced energy costs on their bills compared to lumps sums handed out to community bodies. There was some consensus from the floor but no vote taken at this stage.

Visibility of the turbines was discussed, visualisations can be seen in Appendix 2.

Regarding the time line, the only info we have is from the consultation feedback report :

*“We will take into account feedback from the exhibitions as we progress the development of our proposals. We plan to hold another event by Spring 2023 and expect the application to be submitted in Spring/Summer 2023.”*

**AS to check with WDC planning dept whether the application will still be submitted to them or direct to the Scottish Ministers.**

### 10) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Current focus is on the LPP consultation.

The AGM was held in the Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> February, current trustees are Bob Shand, Mary Sweetland, Sam Morrison, Andrew Curry and Andrew Sinnott on behalf of KCC.

The board are seeking more trustees to join up. Contact [kct@gartocharn.org](mailto:kct@gartocharn.org) if interested.

### 11) National Park Issues

#### General

It was confirmed, following our enquiry, that the board members are not issued with official LLTNPA email addresses, so contact is via their personal email addresses or a central email address as listed on their website.

#### Byelaws

The draft of the new byelaws was produced and one of our main concerns is their desire to remove the right of navigation on the loch from the public. Another is their intent to force all loch users to register with proof of ID – currently only the boats themselves are registered.

The floor discussed the NP focus on tourism at the expense of a sustainable community. Increasing visitor numbers without providing the infrastructure puts pressure and costs on local communities often with no benefit. However, there are a number of local businesses that cater for the tourist industry.

### National Park Partnership Plan

We took up an invite to attend an information session on the development of the next NPPP. Main thing of note was a plan to hold a consultation on the draft version in Spring/Summer 2023.

### Beavers

We were in dialogue with NatureScot regarding Beaver related mitigations in particular water level monitoring and tree protection. Their response was shown to those present – see Appendix 4.

## 12) West Dunbartonshire Council

### Budget

The budget cut associated with the Communities Team involves them being restructured and amalgamated with the Working4U Youth Learning and Community Planning support role.

The admin grant to all CC's was cut from £25k to £14k but restructured to give a higher basic rate and smaller per capita top up. This gives a fairer spread between different sized CC's.

### CC Forum

The Forum met on 1<sup>st</sup> Mar and initial projects will concentrate on recruitment of CC members, standardisation of practice across CC's, IT support and general promotion of the good works of CC's.

### Roads

We received a partial response from Derek Barr to our last letter (sent via cllr. Rooney). Work has started on improving the A811 footway to a useable condition. Due to the balance of scope of work and budget available, the section from Balloch to the garden centre was deemed as feasible. So far, the section from Ashfield to Milton Grove has been scraped back, levelled and topped. WDC had agreed to survey the narrow sections beside and beyond Ashfield farm with a view to continuing the path.

A thank you letter will be sent to acknowledge the work and find out more on their intentions overall – no response to that one as yet.

### **AS to follow up**

Church Street potholes and flooding – no response to requests for the poor state of the road to be addressed

Auchincarroch Road – surface extremely bad in places

### **AS to follow up**

### Private Water Supplies

GM & DSP were in dialogue with WDC over excessive bills for annual tests of private water supplies. With the assistance of Cllr. Rooney a 50% reduction has been agreed, with an ongoing discussion about how a risk based approach could reduce sampling intervals.

### 13) Correspondence

SEPA asked us to fill out an Opinion Survey which we will do in collaboration next week.

Community Map Scotland – we took up an invite to a Webinar to introduce a mapping tool specifically designed for community councils. We can use this for the LPP project.

Planning – Notice received from Bill MacPherson regarding the granting of the planning application for a new home.

### 14) AOB

There was a discussion on the potential loss of sites of historic topographic value from landfill or other landscaping activities. As there is not much knowledge of these sites even by the landowners it was suggested that some local sites of particular interest be identified before any further discussion on the matter. This could be brought up in our next meeting and/or the ongoing LPP consultation. The sites discussed ranged from Geomorphology, standing stones and ruined chapels.

**KCC to add this to next or future agenda.**

Questions were raised about the future of Gartocharn Church. A request was made for a special meeting to be held. KCC will investigate further and discuss at the next ordinary meeting.

**KCC (AS) to follow up with Church authorities.**

### 15) Next Meeting

The AGM followed by an ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 19:30 in KMH

Please send in any agenda items in good time to [secretary@kilmarnockcc.org](mailto:secretary@kilmarnockcc.org)

GM thanked everyone and closed the meeting 21:45h

Appendix – Police Scotland Report



**COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Name of Community Council:- Kilmaronock Community Council**

**Date of Report:- 05/03/2023**

**Submitting officer:- Sgt Heron**

**Attending officer:- PC Sutherland**

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| <p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p> | <p>Police Report covering the period:<br/>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023</p> <p>There were two recorded offences during this period.</p> <p>On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023, police attended a two vehicle road traffic collision on the A811 near to Gartocharn. A 20 year old male from Greenock, the driver of one of the involved vehicles, was subsequently arrested for driving whilst under the influence of drugs. In addition to this offence he was also reported to the Procurator Fiscal for the offence of dangerous driving.</p> <p>On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023, police attended a report of a dog attacking livestock at an estate near to Gartocharn. The 38 year old female owner of the dog was subsequently charged with an offence contrary to Section 1 of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953. The matter has since been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>The above does not include a number of fixed penalty tickets which were issued for minor road traffic offences.</p> <p>Although the above figures relate to recorded crime it should be noted that these figures don't necessarily give a reflection of all police activity in the area during this period (07/11/2022 to 05/03/2023).</p> <p>To give a more accurate picture of police activity in the area it should be noted that 62 police incidents were raised during this period. The majority of these incident didn't necessarily involve any criminality.</p> <p>Whilst not a comprehensive breakdown these figures included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 x Public Nuisance Complaint;</li> <li>• 1 x Neighbour Dispute;</li> </ul> |
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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x General Public Assistance Calls;</li> <li>• 1 x Abandoned Vehicle Call;</li> <li>• 3 x Assist Other Agency Calls;</li> <li>• 4 x Animal Related Incidents</li> <li>• 3 x Waterborne Incidents (persons on vessels on Loch Lomond requiring assistance);</li> <li>• 9 x Silent/Dropped 999 Calls Requiring Investigation;</li> <li>• 2 x Concern for Person Incidents;</li> <li>• 14 x Road Traffic Related Incidents (varying from road traffic collisions to reports of debris on the carriageway).</li> </ul> |
| Updates on previous actions               | No allocated actions to update.  |
| Incidents of note or crime trends         | Local officers are carrying out partnership working with Water Bailiffs from the Loch Lomond Angling Improvement Association to deal with suspected cases of poaching taking place in the area.  |
| Forthcoming events / Initiatives          | N/A.   |
| This month – Issues raised at the meeting |  |

Appendix 2 – Wind Farm Visualisations

Appendix 3 – Wind Farm Community Benefits Report

Appendix 4 – Correspondence with NatureScot