

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 (Vice-chair/GM), Andrew Sinnott (Secretary/AS), Anita Anderson (Treasurer/AA), David Scott Park (DSP)

Rob Vincent (Chair of LPP Steering Group), David Mackie (LLTNP board member), Clifford Clark (Croftamie CC)

Plus 1 member of the public

2) Apologies

Jackie Baillie MSP, Police Scotland.

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Proposed as accurate by AA, seconded by DSP.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Wind Farm application will go to Government planning portal not WDC or NP.

“The scale of this proposal means it will be an application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. Such applications are made to the Scottish Ministers and will be administered by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit and not the Council. Such applications are therefore not submitted to the Council. Any application will be viewable on the ECU website via their Portal. The link is below:

[Scottish Government - Energy Consents Unit](#)

The Council's role will be one of consultee and not determining authority.”

Gartocharn Church – Response from Clyde Presbytery

“The proposals for the church can be found in the **draft mission plan** to be found on the Presbytery of Clyde website:

[https://clydepresbytery.org/images/230301\\_Clyde\\_Presbytery\\_Complete\\_Final\\_Draft\\_Plan.pdf](https://clydepresbytery.org/images/230301_Clyde_Presbytery_Complete_Final_Draft_Plan.pdf)

However, these are still **not approved** by the Church of Scotland General Trustees, the Church's property owning arm, or the Presbytery Mission Plan Implementation Group (PMPiG), though major changes are not expected,

In the draft plan, **Gartocharn Church is earmarked for disposal within one year of the union with Lomond**, with the continuing place of worship the Lomond sanctuary, although occasional services may happen in Gartocharn in that first year.

The unknown is how long it will take from approval of the plan to implementing the union, although the Presbytery clerk estimates that will be a **minimum of three months**.

That would give the building a theoretical lifespan from the date of the plan being approved of around 15 - 18 months, but it would not be surprising if that drifted to **two years**.

Other factors may affect the timescale. For example, if the building lingers before sale then the congregation will find it advantageous to keep the building technically open for a skeleton set of events rather than to close it completely as the insurance premiums for closed buildings are prohibitively high. So it may be 'open' for a bit longer than the plan actually determines- even if that is only for a once a week afternoon tea meeting.

As to future use thereafter, the Presbytery Clerk says that depends upon who it is ultimately sold too - which is not known at this stage."

## 6) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Kilmaronock Hall hire, web hosting.

b. Current account balance : **£592.79**

c. Benevolent fund balance : **£354.41**

A new set of defib pads were purchased from the Benevolent Fund. They are good till 2025 unless used in action before then.

The KMH committee have arranged some AED training with Trossachs SAR – this will consist of a lifesaving and use of defibrillator training session on Wednesday 31st May. Trossachs SAR provide this training for free and it is open to anyone interested at 7 - 9pm in the main hall starting with video and demonstration then practical session.

## 7) Planning Matters

### [Erection of single storey rear extension](#)

Dunera Church Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NG

Ref. No: 2023/0147/HAE | Received: Thu 27 Apr 2023 | Validated: Wed 10 May 2023 | Status: Current

**KCC has no comment**

### [Erection of agricultural building](#)

Knockour Boturich Road Balloch Alexandria G83 8LX

Ref. No: 2023/0139/NOT | Received: Mon 17 Apr 2023 | Validated: Mon 17 Apr 2023 | Status: Decided

As it was not an application but a Notice of development, it was “disposed of” as opposed to “refused”

**KCC has no comment**

[Further application \(under section 42\) for planning permission for the change of use of agricultural land to residential garden and erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage previously approved under 2018/0338/DET without occupancy restriction \(condition 1\)](#)

Little Duncryne Farm Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NG

Ref. No: 2023/0126/DET | Received: Mon 03 Apr 2023 | Validated: Wed 05 Apr 2023 | Status: Current

**KCC has no comment**

#### 8) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

##### LPP

Rob Vincent, chair of the Steering Committee for the LPP project gave a detailed update covering the make up of the steering committee, the postal survey and the public consultation event. The responses have been analysed and are being worked up into a set of priority themes setting out their context, the issues and the further actions needed. Some engagement with harder to reach groups is ongoing. Rob set out the timeline for the next steps and what remaining work is to be done before presentation of the report to the National Park for validation. Broadly, the themes will be split into those that fall under the remit for the NP, those for WDC and those that can be progressed by the community directly.

GM thanked Rob and those that have put a lot of effort into this so far. AS highlighted the work done by Kirsty Sweeney in assisting with the project from giving advice, to digging out statistics, providing maps and even helping us get poster boards for the public event. Kirsty is about to leave her post but before she does has agreed to shoehorn in some mapping tool training in her final days.

#### 9) Kilmarnock Community Trust

Current focus is on the LPP consultation. The feedback so far, reflects traditional needs and desires of the community which will inform the projects KCT will look at assisting with.

The Trust chairman will be meeting with the National Park access officer to further discuss the Aber bridge repair.

#### 10) National Park Issues

David Mackie, the locally elected board member was present to discuss a range of matters of interest. There was a good dialogue on community representation within the NP. David raises community matters with the appropriate officer in the park and a method for addressing local members' feedback is being implemented.

The National Park Partnership Plan consultation period is due to close soon.

The Byelaws Review is now with Scottish ministers for approval.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

Roads

KCC and Roads dept dialogue has been delayed due to internal restructure of Roads team.

Residents of Church Rd have received notification of road repairs to fix drainage and resurface Church Rd.

Bottle banks

AS wrote to the Waste Manager, Kenny Lang for a comment on the removal of the bottle bank at the COOP. The one from Caulders was removed a while ago. Waiting on a response.

12) Correspondence

The Police report is appended to these minutes.

SEPA Opinion Survey - completed.

SCDC Participation Request experience survey - completed

13) AOB

An increase in dog fouling was reported. We can review the signage and bin provision in our Local Place Plan to keep it in focus for dialogue with the local authorities.

Leylandii growth on Church Rd corner reducing sight line reported. Not sure if there is any guideline on this, police or council. AS will try to find out.

**KCC (AS) to follow up**

14) Next Meeting

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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 21:50h

Appendix – Police Scotland Report



**COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Name of Community Council: - Kilmarnock Community Council**

**Date of Report: - 15/05/2023 (covering period from 05/03/23 to 15/05/23)**

**Submitting officer: - Sgt Alan Heron**

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>There have been four recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the date of their last meeting in March 2023.</p> <p>Two of these recorded crimes relate to a single domestic incident involving a couple from out-with the local area who were on holiday there. Due to the nature of this incident, it is not appropriate to provide any further details.</p> <p>The other two recorded crimes were in connection with the internal matters of two separate families. Due to the nature of these incidents, it is once more not appropriate to provide any further details.</p> <p>In relation to these four recorded crimes there was no wider community impact for anyone to be concerned about.</p> <p>Police have dealt with a number of incidents in the area since the time of the last meeting but these have overwhelmingly been for non-criminal matters such as general requests for assistance and road traffic matters.</p>
<p>Updates on previous actions</p>	<p>Police have received reports of persons lamping in the area and extra attention is being given, where possible, in an attempt to trace persons involved. PC David Armstrong, our divisional wildlife crime officer, is aware of the problem.</p>