

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm

in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

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

WDC Communities Team : Geraldine MacDonald

Police Scotland : PC Glen Roberts

Plus 4 other members of the public

2) Apologies

Sally Page, David Mackie (LLTNPA) & WDC Cllr. Hazel Sorrell.

3) Formation of new CC / Appointment of Office Bearers

At the recent election, four candidates stood for 8 places on the community council.

The previous chair, Jim Morrison stood down. KCC expressed thanks to Jim for his service to the community council over the last term as vice chair then chair.

Gavin MacLellan was appointed interim chair for the next 2 meetings while we look for more community councillors. Andrew Sinnott was reappointed as Secretary, Anita Anderson as Treasurer and David Scott-Park as vice-chair.

Following discussion with all present, KCC will try to recruit more to join. Of particular interest are younger people. The role of a CC is not too onerous. Hopefully the upcoming community engagement with the Local Place Plan will give people a chance to see how their voice can be heard. WDC Communities Team will assist.

Geraldine MacDonald of the WDC Communities Team introduced herself and described her role as project worker assigned to Kilmaronock. Geraldine also outlined the next round of Participatory Budgeting and will assist GM in obtaining a copy of the electoral roll.

4) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

5) Minutes of meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Proposed as accurate by GM, seconded by AA.

6) Matters Arising and Associated issues

None.

## 7) Police Report

PC Glen Roberts attended and took us through the Crime Report and how it is generated. See appendix 1.

Glen has been in discussions with WDC regarding speeding issues raised by KCC. They are reluctant to install fixed cameras. Mobile resources have been provided periodically with the use of hand held Unipar speed detectors. Intermittent and unscheduled speed monitoring often has more effect than a fixed camera that drivers slow down for until passed.

GM asked if there was a log of hours that we could report to reassure the community of the work being done.

Other measures such as Community Speedwatch (community trained to use the speed detectors), spoof camera signs & pop-up policemen were discussed. Glen could not find any info on private speed camera providers.

GM talked about fly tipping and suspicious damage to locked gates.

Glen then advised that as the dark nights are coming, he anticipates a rise in acquisitive crime so be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour of people or vehicles to 101 or email

[ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityEngagementTeam@scotland.police.uk](mailto:ArgyllDunbartonshireCommunityEngagementTeam@scotland.police.uk)

As Glen is about to move regions and no longer represent Gartocharn, KCC thanked him for the good cooperation over recent years.

## 8) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Kilmaronock Hall hire.

b. Current account balance : **£874.41**

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

AA is investigating why the monthly web hosting fee (direct debit) has not been paid since August.

## 9) Planning Matters

No new applications submitted since July meeting.

### Previous

Provision of 2 No holiday chalets and 4 No parking spaces, with new access track and bellmouth off Old School Road and new bio-disc

Gartenwall Old School Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8SD

Ref. No: 2022/0170/DET | Received: Thu 26 May 2022 | Validated: Tue 19 Jul 2022 | Status: Decided

**Withdrawn**

Lomond Banks

There was an excellent summary of the depositions made in favour and against. This will be added as an appendix (#2) for interest.

The main issue for KCC community is access to parking at the railway station. Most residents have to drive to catch the train as the bus service is inadequate and more active travel routes e.g. footway along A811 are hazardous.

KCC will submit a formal objection until parking provision is resolved satisfactorily.

### **AS to compose and sent a letter to the planning department**

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

##### LPP

Following best practice, a steering committee consisting of representatives from all the main village interest groups was set up to oversee the development of a LPP.

A rough timeline is to begin public consultations in February 2023. Prior to that a basic information gathering round will be conducted by mail and online and in person. Depending on interest and feedback there will be at least two rounds of consultation, the second one being around summertime.

The first steering committee planning meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> November and an update will be provided in January's KCC meeting and on social media prior to that.

##### Wind Farm

The promoter, Coriolis, held events in Gartocharn and Balloch. Should the project be approved, compensation is given to the local communities based on power generated. While not all beneficiaries are defined, Gartocharn is considered to be eligible. GM has been in discussions on how the compensation could come in the form of reduced energy costs direct to households rather than a lump sum of cash to be handed out for 'projects'. Coriolis will provide their cost models once available.

GM noted that no written objections have been received by KCC although one or two meeting attendees have expressed objections in meetings.

Once again there were discussions on the viability of hydro power on the Leven but this has been looked into and not enough power would be generated versus the cost.

#### 11) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Since the Aber Bridge project was cancelled there are no active projects. Hopefully, some ideas will come from the LPP consultations. KCT will be an active participant in the LPP process.

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](mailto:KCT@gartocharn.org) if interested.

#### 12) National Park Issues

KCC replied to the consultation regarding the review of the bye-laws. A copy will be placed on our website. In summary, we tend to favour education over regulation/prohibition but realise that not everyone can be educated. We prefer not to have a proliferation of markers that need to be lit at night.

**AS to upload consultation response to KCC website**

(<https://kilmaronockcc.org/consultations>)

13) 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. We did receive the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) courtesy of Cllr Rooney. However, we do not have a timetable for works or report of what if anything has been undertaken.

**KCC (AS) to follow up with a new letter to Gail Macfarlane.**

Seasonal rainfall has once again flooded our streets including A811 in places, this will also be discussed with the roads dept. We will see if they survey the pipe network for blockages as sucking leaves out of gullies doesn't seem to have much effect.

**KCC to include this in letter to Gail**

Church Road still a mess.

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After a year or more of consultations on the effectiveness and promotion of Community Councils, elections were held. Kilmaronock returned 4 community councillors which is the minimum to form a CC. Several others did not receive the required number of nominations so effectively folded. Locally, Balloch & Haldane CC folded but Alexandria was brought into existence. Overall in WD area, there are fewer CC's than there were before.

KCC will now actively seek new additional members, we can co-opt one more but if we want and can get more than one, then we will arrange for a mini-election with WDC assistance.

14) Correspondence

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration

*Support our Riverwoods Pioneers Proposal*

*Don't Let Balloch Castle Country Park Sink.*

*Vote NOW for our Riverwoods Pioneer Proposal to help Balloch Park win funding for nature restoration. Voting closes on November 30th 2022.*

*For voting information, go to our:*

Website: <https://ballochparkregen.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ballochcastlecountrypark>

### BALLOCH CASTLE COUNTRY PARK – MOUNTAIN BIKING PROJECT LAUNCH

A new mountain bike trail network and skills area is being proposed for Balloch Park. The ambition is to develop a free mountain bike skills area and small mountain bike trail network in Balloch Park for residents to enjoy and benefit from both physically and mentally.

Your opinion matters and we'd encourage you to take a look at the detailed proposal which can be found here: [Balloch Castle CP MTB Project Presentation](#).

### 8 for 800

To celebrate Dumbarton's Octocentenary there will be some short free talks focusing on objects from West Dunbartonshire Council's Museum and Archives Collections relating to the history of the town. See village FB page for more info.

### NatureScot SEA consultation

The Nature.Scot consultation is live until 18th November.

The NatureScot Strategic Environmental Assessment of the effects of beavers on the River Leven and Forth catchments is available here :

<https://www.nature.scot/beaver-sea-consultation-have-your-say>

### 15) AOB

Geraldine handed out some posters and application forms for the next round of community budgeting.

**AA to ask Mary to display the poster in the local shop.**

### 16) Next Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 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 22:00h

Appendix 1 – Police Crime Report

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**COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Name of Community Council: - Gartocharn Community Council**

**Date of Report: - 07/11/2022**

**Submitting / Attending officer: - PC G Roberts L354**

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>Police Report covering the period: <i>(01/08/22-07/11/22)</i></p> <p>There were 9 recorded crimes. The Crimes can be summarised as follows;</p> <p>Wilful fire-raising 1 (Enquiries continue)</p> <p>Common Assault 1 (1 Detected)</p> <p>Theft (Unclassified) 1 (Enquiries continue)</p> <p>Vandalism 2 (2 Detected)</p> <p>Vehicle/traffic Crime 2 ( 2 Detected)</p> <p>Fraud 1(Enquiries continue)</p> <p>Breach of Bail 1 ( 1 Detected)</p> <p>The above excludes fixed penalty notices issued in respect of anti-social behaviour, non-endorsable and endorsable offences (Road Traffic).</p>
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Updates on previous actions	Ongoing static speed patrols, utilising a Unipar speed detection device.
Incidents of note or crime trends	An anticipated rise in reports of acquisitive crime, encouraging residents to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour, persons, vehicles etc.
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.

If you wish to contact us with any specific issues/concerns, please contact the officer named above on

Tel: 101

Appendix 2 : Lomond Banks Summary from an anonymised source but in the public domain on the planning portal :

An analysis of all submissions to LLTNP regarding planning application 2022/0157/PPP (Lomondbanks Development) shows the following. **From the analysis below I object to the development as after the second application it is still unacceptable to organisations and the community and not in keeping with the LDP and National Park aims.**

There are approximately 35000 objections submitted via the online petition (ie. **NOT in support of the development**) enacted on behalf of a member of the Scottish Parliament.

The objections included:-

- a) Destruction of ancient and established woodland
- b) Destruction of flora and forna
- c) Destruction of wildlife habitats
- d) Lack of transport infrastructure
- e) Lack of Parking facilities

- 1) As of the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 there have been 479 submissions to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park (LLTNP) via their online portal.

Of the 479 submissions 66 were the subject of development details, and 413 were submissions from organisations and the public.

Of the 413 submissions, approximately 10% (41) were in support of the development, and 90% (372) were **NOT** in support of the development, or, required further information.

**The organisations who did object to the development included the National Trust for Scotland and the Woodland Trust**, with other organisations requiring more detail or stipulating planning requirements.

The 41 submissions that were in support of the development had one common theme, that of increased employment for Balloch and the surrounding area.

The 372 submissions **NOT** in support of the development contained one or more of the following objections:-

- a) Contravening the “Aims of the National Park”, which are
    - Conserve and enhance – we conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area.
    - Sustainability – we promote the sustainable use of the natural resources of the area.
    - Understanding and enjoyment – we encourage people to enjoy the special qualities of the area.
    - Social and economic development – we promote sustainable development of the communities in the area.
  - b) Destruction of established woodland, and 0.48h of ancient woodland in Area 10 (Fig.2) which is NOT identified on the Local Development Plan (LDP) (Fig.1).
  - c) Destruction of flora and forna
  - d) Destruction of wildlife habitats
- b),c) and d) above are against the COP26 agreement, the UPDATE TO THE



CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN 2018 – 2032. Part 3 Chapter 6 and LLTNPA “Protecting Trees in the National Park”

- e) Lack of transport infrastructure
- f) Lack of Parking facilities
- g) No meaningful visualisations of the development
- h) Overcrowding of Grade A listed building (Woodbank House), which is against LLTNPA document “Listed Building and Conservation Areas”, Section 2.3, “New development in the grounds of listed buildings”
- j) Overdevelopment

There is an existing Local Development Plan (LDP) shown in Fig.1 below, which includes provision for housing, mixed use, visitor experience, transport and placemaking priority. To the west of the river Leven only sites VE1 and VE4 are designated in the National Park’s local plan (Fig.1) for ‘visitor experience’.



**FIGURE 1**

However, the current proposal shown in the Parameters Plan at Fig.2 goes far beyond the areas designated in the LDP. Areas 7, 10, 4b and 3c on the applicant’s plans are areas not designated for visitor development. This is a very significant deviation from the National Park’s LDP at Fig.1 and is a much larger development than implied in the LDP, and these areas should not be developed.

