

Kilmaronock Community Council

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Minutes

Ordinary meeting of Kilmaronock Community Council will be held on Monday 12th Sept 2022 at 7.30pm in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall

Her Majesty the Late Queen Elizabeth – a minutes silence was held in respect for the death of Queen Elizabeth.

1. Sederunt

Jim Morrison, Chair, (JM)

Gavin MacLellan, Vice Chair (GM)

David Scott-Park (DSP)

Anita Anderson, Treasurer (AA)

In attendance: Martin Rooney, WDC; David Mackie, LLNP

2. Apologies

Andy Sinnott, Secretary

PC Glen Roberts, Police Scotland

(GM took the minutes)

3. Declaration of interest

None.

4. Minutes of ordinary meeting 4th July

Approved by DSP

Seconded by GM

5. Matters Arising and Associated issues

WDC Roads have made available a document “Asset Management Plan Roads Infrastructure 2018-23” Rev 2 just before the meeting. This was requested to verify the agreement with WDC to make progress on the repair and upgrade of the roadside path from Gartocharn to Balloch and other road repairs such as School Road and Church Road. The CC has not had time to review and action this document.

RSPB meetings were held during the period since the last KCC concerning an intended application for a beaver release licence, leaving many questions unanswered. KCC held a Special Meeting on 5 September, separate minutes, which will be further discussed today.

The following deaths were recorded since the last meeting:

Sir Raymond Johnston CBE, past owner of the Wards

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Morag Bennie

Walter Colquhoun

Billy Maxwell

GM noted the contribution that Sir Raymond Johnstone had made to the KCC in previous years.

6. Police Scotland
 - Crime report - not received
 - Speed enforcement - report n/a
7. Vale of Leven Wind Farm Presentation

A presentation was made by representatives of Coriolis Energy Ltd, copy on KCC's Website, Coriolis is a planning contractor and developer (17 past projects) in partnership with ESB – Irish Energy Company and future operator.

Coriolis withdraw from the project if and when Planning is approved by Scottish Exec – community member Steve Macken advised he has an association with Coriolis.

A presentation will be made by ESB on 11 October 22

Application to Scottish gov is scheduled for Q1/23

£5k/MW will be paid to the community -index linked – installed capacity 100 MW

(No indication of a community tariff reduction was provided but Coriolis later clarified this is an option).

Turbines will be 250 Metres high, 19 sets

Contact details:

sam.mcmillan@mcmillan.scot

james.baird@coriolis-energy.com

8. Treasurer's Report

AA advised the recent bank balances:

Current account £911.91

Benefit fund £424.01

During the period the KCC agreed and purchased a projector to enhance meetings and presentations. Cost £367.98

9. Planning Matters
 - Current applications

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Ref No 2022/0194/HAE Proposal Extension to existing single storey outbuilding and change of use to ancillary residential accommodation within the curtilage of existing dwellinghouse Location Chimes Cottage School Road Gartocharn Owner/Agricultural Tenant Notification

Ref No 2022/0198/LAW Officer Proposal Lawfulness of erection of rear extension Location Claddoch Cottage Gartocharn Application Type Certificate of Lawfulness Date Decision Issued 10 August 2022 Decision Certificate Issued

Ref No 2022/0170/DET Proposal 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 Location Gartenwall Old School Road Gartocharn Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification. This application is associated with an Enforcement Notice from LLNP.

Ref No 2022/0215/DET Proposal Erection of dwellinghouse Location Glencairn Farm Old Military Road Gartocharn Applicant Application Type Detailed Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification

Ref No 2022/0196/DET Proposal Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage and waste water treatment plant Location Aber Mill Ross And Aber Road Gartocharn Applicant Mr William Macpherson Aber Mill Mill Ross And Aber Road Gartocharn G83 8NQ Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification

The Agent provided an update of this application, a flood risk assessment had been submitted, the applicant is continuing to pursue the application.

Ref No 2022/0210/DET Erection of dwellinghouse Location Land Adjacent (W/NW) To Kerrknowe Badshalloch Road Gartocharn Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification

WITHDRAWN

The above applications were discussed, an opportunity for Applicants and Neighbours to offer comment was provided. KCC have no actions arising.

Lomond Banks – Councillor Rooney provided an update, WDC are a statutory consultee, the Planning decision sits with LLNP. KCC have concerns over the negative impact on local infrastructure including parking at Balloch Station. KCC asked Councillor Rooney to reflect this in any WDC comments.

10. Community matters & Local Place Plan

- LPP (Local Place Plan)

Plans for a community consultation towards the LPP are to be advised.

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- Beavers release licence application by RSPB

The meeting held by KCC on 5 Sept was widely attended by approximately 45 people. Attendees included representatives from: LLNP, Nature Scotland, RSPB, Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust, Stirling Council, Montrose Estates, Drymen and Luss community council and other interests.

Key points

RSPB claimed there was a need for Beavers since water level of ponds could only be raised by Beaver dams, members of the public with knowledge felt this objective could be met by other means.

Representation from Angling and River Endrick, Malcolm MacCormick gave a presentation outlining the challenges being worked on to preserve salmon in the river. Conclusion was that Beavers are a new protected species that are being set to challenge the existing species at risk and this creates another risk to the outcome of work to protect and improve salmon habitation in the river.

Representative from KCC, Gavin MacLellan presented a presentation on the potential impacts to the infrastructure, "built environment", tourism and public health. He also noted that a number of regulatory agencies are not listed as consultees in the Beaver Licence application and Guidance process. SNH agreed to consider this.

SEPA – a number of members of the community expressed concern with the limited response by SEPA and the general lack of familiarity of local issues demonstrated in past applications.

Presentation by Sally Page based on correspondence with Prof. R. Wheeler OBE, FRSE

The release area is not necessarily the potential settlement area, control measures should be set out with the licence.

An informal vote was taken with a substantial majority of the room against the issue of a Licence.

Full meeting Minutes are issued.

11. Kilmaronock Community Trust

No report

12. National Park Issues

The public consultation on the review of the Loch Lomond Byelaws is open from Wednesday 27th July 2022 until 5pm on Wednesday 19th October 2022. These bylaws mostly concern the users of craft on Loch Lomond. Members of the Public are encouraged to respond directly. Members of the KCC have participated in workshops during the development stages.

Link to consultation:

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<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LL-Byelaws-Consultation-2022-V2.1.pdf>

Link to survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/byelawreview/>

13. West Dunbartonshire Council

- CC Elections – 3 week extension for nominations for the new Community Councillors, members of the community on the Electoral role are encouraged to apply. Application details and Nomination Pack forms are on KCC website.

<https://kilmarnockcc.org/community-council-elections-2022>

14. Correspondence

none

15. AOCB

none

16. Next meeting

7 November at 7.30 pm, KM Hall, Gartocharn, check KCC website