

Kilmaronock Community Council

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Dear Kieren

Beaver Release – Loch Lomond

The Community Council had a routine meeting recently and the matter of Beavers was discussed.

The experiences from Tayside are now better understood and our community don't wish to allow the same damage to happen here.

Residents who have septic tank outfalls have been contacted by RSPB but there is not a real and meaningful mitigation plan in place and no clarity of responsible persons. There is no understanding of normal water levels and alarm levels. No action for excess water levels have been agreed and most of all no responsible people are named.

Members of the community are wanting to know how to mitigate to prevent tree damage. Where do they source tree guards and who pays for them. Will Nature Scot provide guards for all trees on river banks and Lochside since this is needed?

In the longer term who is responsible for mitigating or removing beavers when damage to property is foreseeable? Who can be contacted and how long is the response time?

These are all risks and solutions that were set out in the so called consultation and since the release has gone ahead solutions are now needed.

Would you be kind enough to provide some answers to these concerns, we will then post on our website and communicate to others.

Thank you and regards

Yours sincerely

Gavin MacLellan

Interim Chairman, KCC