

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.30pm

in Kilmarnock Millennium Hall

1) Sederunt

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

Plus 4 members of the public

2) Apologies

Police Scotland, Sally Page, Mary Gray, David Mackie (LLTNPA).

3) Congratulations

KCC were delighted to learn that our MSP, Jackie Baillie, was given a Damehood in the King's birthday honours list. We sent a note of congratulations to Dame Jackie and received a thank you dedicated to the community in reply.

4) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

5) Minutes of meeting on 15th May 2023

Proposed as accurate by DSP, seconded by AA.

6) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Following up on overgrown trees/hedges creating a blind bend in Church St, it would seem to be a matter for the council roads team. It was added to the agenda for a future meeting. In the meantime the hedge has been trimmed.

7) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Kilmarnock Hall hire, web hosting, ICO annual fee.

b. Current account balance : **£521.69**

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

8) Planning Matters

KCC noted that the planned landscaping at the corner of Church Rd has been implemented. A fantastic job has been made of moving the wall back from the road and realigning of the

path from Duncryne Terrace. Our appreciation goes to the residents of Lomond Cottage (former public toilets) in making the corner safer.

- [Erection of machienry store for agricultural and domestic use](#)

Knockour Boturich Road Balloch Alexandria G83 8LX

Ref. No: 2023/0231/DET | Received: Thu 29 Jun 2023 | Validated: Wed 05 Jul 2023 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

- [Formation of new access, creation of bellmouth and construction of rebuilt stone dyke \(retrospective\)](#)

Land West Of Gartenwall Old School Road Gartocharn West Dunbartonshire G83 8SD

Ref. No: 2023/0119/DET | Received: Fri 31 Mar 2023 | Validated: Fri 16 Jun 2023 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

- [Further application \(under section 42\) for planning permission for use of the dwellinghouse previously approved under 2022/0215/DET without restriction to agricultural occupancy \(condition 1\)](#)

Glencairn Farm Old Military Road Gartocharn G83 8RZ

Ref. No: 2023/0205/DET | Received: Tue 06 Jun 2023 | Validated: Thu 22 Jun 2023 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

There was a general discussion on pros & cons on the use of Conditions.

- [Erection of single storey extension](#)

Rosebank School Road Gartocharn West Dunbartonshire G83 8RT

Ref. No: 2023/0178/HAE | Received: Fri 19 May 2023 | Validated: Mon 19 Jun 2023 | Status: Current

KCC has no comment

9) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

LPP

The findings from the survey and consultations were worked up into a very basic draft document. The next step is to engage an editor with a track record of working on LPP's for the NP. We are awaiting a third tender for the work and aim to select one of them by the end of

this week. The NP have agreed to fund this stage via KCT and once the agreements have been signed we will start the next phase. There are some gaps in consultation participation e.g. younger age groups which we will try to catch.

The draft will then be made available for a third round of consultation via a special meeting called by KCC. At this point, we are aiming for end of September for that.

The NP LDP process is delayed until at least March 2024 but we plan to complete our input via the LPP by December 2023.

10) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Current focus remains on the LPP project and the administration of the NP grant to fund it.

The Trust chairman has yet to meet with the National Park access officer to further discuss the Aber bridge repair.

11) National Park Issues

The National Park Partnership Plan

In reply to correspondence with GM, Gordon Watson wrote :

“The Draft National Park Partnership Plan 2024-29 is currently being consulted on with a closing date for comments of 19th July 2023. Thereafter the Plan will be finalised following consideration of consultation responses with the intention of presenting a finalised Plan to our Board in December and submit to Scottish Ministers for approval thereafter. It is a strategic document for the whole Park but also includes draft objectives, actions and priorities for delivery partners and the Park Authority. You can read more on the Draft Plan and how it relates to other documents (including our Local Development Plan, which will contain more detail on planning policies and development strategy), here : “

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/get-involved/consultations/draft-national-park-partnership-plan-2024-29/>

National Park Place Programme

“The National Park Place Programme is a new, multi-year programme for prioritised capital investment in visitor management infrastructure. The Place Programme is about how we make investment in our infrastructure happen as well as where we make it happen using a place-led approach.”

In reply to correspondence with GM, Gordon Watson wrote :

“Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Studies have been done for East and West Loch Lomond with studies for Strathard, the Trossachs and the Callander area nearing completion.

The Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Study covering Balloch and Gartocharn was programmed for 2023/24. At the Park Authority Board Meeting earlier this month a proposal to move to a single Park-wide consolidated study was discussed, the purpose of this change is to accelerate the completion of the strategic priorities across the Park as a whole and thereby maximise current funding opportunities. This change in approach will help us unlock potential funding for projects on sites across the whole Park through the Government's Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund. The Balloch and Gartocharn area will be included within this revised approach which is planned to start this financial year. As with the other Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Studies there will be significant community and partner engagement

to inform the emerging priorities for investment and community organisations will be notified of how to get involved in due course.”

12) West Dunbartonshire Council

Roads

We are awaiting a suitable date for a meeting with Liam Green, Head of Roads dept. Church Rd has been repaired but there was a comment from the floor that the surface was left fairly open and it required a top coat. It is certainly better than it was.

KCC to follow up on arranging a meeting

Bottle banks

Kenny Lang is no longer with WDC, he was Head of Fleet & Waste Services. At the moment, Ian Bain, Head of Greenspace, is covering that position. KCC was in correspondence with Ian to follow up on the loss of bottle collection points at the Garden Centre and CO-OP. There are smaller ‘pods’ at Balloch Library and Moss O’Balloch and Ian asked what we thought about siting one in Gartocharn. As this has been raised during the LPP project, we will be investigating the most suitable place to put one.

We were informed that the facility at Dalmoak receives approx. 6000 tons per year of which 40% is recycled. We have no information for Barr Environmental at Auchincarroch and are curious to know how the household recyclables are processed, what rates are recovered & what is done with it plus what happens to the rest. We are also interested in how the gases recovered from the landfill activities are captured and reused. Rather than have someone visit us at a meeting GM suggested we organise a site visit for anyone interested.

KCC (AS) to write to Barr and see how we can arrange an educational tour (probably for Autumn time).

13) Correspondence

The Police report is appended to these minutes. Three recorded crimes – a traffic collision, a fraud and a theft.

The UCI World Cycling Championships are being held in Glasgow with 2 road races coming through Gartocharn on 11th & 12th August around midday. Details have been posted on the village FB page and the KCC website. <https://kilmarnockcc.org/news>

14) AOB

GM had some correspondence on the setting up of a Scottish Court for Environmental Rights.

<https://www.ercs.scot/our-work/environmental-court/>

After discussion we decided it would be a good idea to arrange an evening event based around Environmental matters and ask Professor Campbell Gemmell to speak. This is aligned with issues raised in the LPP project. There are already suggestions for a Green Energy event and we have had popular events past with specialist guest speakers on geology, flora and fauna.

15) Next Meeting

Monday 11th September 2023 at 19:30 in KMH

Please send in any agenda items in good time to secretary@kilmarnockcc.org

GM thanked everyone and closed the meeting 20:50h

Appendix – Police Scotland Report



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Name of Community Council: - Kilmarnock Community Council

Date of Report: - 09/07/2023 (covering period from 15/05/23 to 09/07/23)

Submitting officer: - PC Michael McKay

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>There have been three recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the date of their last meeting in May 2023.</p> <p>One of the crimes relates to a road traffic offence whereby a collision has occurred between two vehicles passing through the area via Stirling Road.</p> <p>One of the crimes relates to a fraud. This was done electronically and the complainer has been at a large financial loss as a result.</p> <p>Lastly, the third crime relates to a theft. Letters were taken from within a cardboard post box that contained monies.</p> <p>In relation to these three 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>N/A as no officer was present.</p>