

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 4th March 2024 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 6 members of the community

GM opened the meeting with the sad news of the passing of Willie Nisbett. KCC noted their thanks and appreciation for Willie's contributions to the community, both as an individual and as a member of LLTNP Board.

2) Apologies

Allan Forsyth, Sally Page, PC Mikey McKay (Police Scotland)

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 15th January 2024

Proposed as accurate by DSP, seconded by AA.

5) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings since last meeting were for KMH rental and internet hosting.

b. Current account balance : **£1065.02**

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

The end of the financial year was 29th February 2024 and the completed accounts are with David Taylor for inspection.

Due to the increase in grant and decision not to upgrade the website this period we ran a slight surplus for the first time. We would still like to add functionality to the website to send agendas and minutes to subscribers and run surveys/questionnaires for community input.

During this period the Defib pads were replaced from the benevolent fund.

The annual report will be delivered at the AGM in May.

6) Planning Matters

No new applications have been lodged since the previous meeting.

7) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

Local Place Plan

The final amendments are being applied and the document will shortly be submitted to LLTNPA for validation where they confirm that the legal requirements have been fulfilled.

Vale of Leven Windfarm

Following the special meeting on 12th February, KCC submitted an objection to the Energy Consents Unit which is now posted on the ECU planning portal as well as our own web site.

LLTNPA, Historic Environments Scotland and Scotway were among the official consultees to submit an objection.

Balloch & Haldane CC held a meeting on 19th February and, we understand, will also be submitting an objection.

WDC were given an extension to the deadline so we have not seen their response as yet.

Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs have supported the application.

Relocation of War Memorial

Croftamie CC confirmed by email that they were amenable to relocation of the war memorial to a more accessible site.

KCC's research confirmed that the WM could be relocated and outlined the basic process involved. Information will be posted on the KCC website.

There was agreement that the entire war memorial should be moved rather than just the cross & plaque as was previously suggested.

AS will also notify the KCT.

KCC will facilitate a community decision and will most probably pass responsibility for delivery to a project team.

KCC will make this an agenda item at the next meeting and offer an opportunity to agree an objective.

KCC (AS) to add to next agenda.

8) Kilmaronock Community Trust

The KCT AGM is 20th March, usually a short formal part followed by a presentation and maybe tea/coffee break for a chat.

Good opportunity to propose or volunteer for any projects of interest.

The LPP will be a guide based on input gathered during its production

9) National Park Issues

Emma from RSPB was present and discussed the latest news of the recent beaver release. The beavers from this second translocation are currently still on site whereas those from the previous translocation seem to have moved on. GM asked about the water level monitoring and for information on the mitigation measures for land owners, as promised by NatureScot.

We suggested that later in the year RSPB could attend a KCC meeting and give an update on the beavers' impact.

10) West Dunbartonshire Council

Roads

A811 pavement : Resurfacing of the section from North Lodge towards Gartocharn has commenced. However, it has been reported that weeds are growing through the surface laid last year.

KCC to investigate and report to WDC

AA reported lots of potholes in Ross/Mill Loan.

Auchincarroch Road was reported as dangerous and damaging to vehicles tyres and suspension.

REMINDER : WDC road fault reporting site

- [Report it](#) (**Short form - 2-3 mins to complete**). (You don't need an account)
- Phoning on 01389 737542 (08:45 – 16:45 Monday – Thursday and until 16:00 Friday)
- [Email](#)

Photos are very helpful.

Active Travel

WDC's Active Travel Strategy is now available for public consultation. This is aimed at linking up nearby places with a focus on safer walking and cycling routes. The link to the online survey is here : [online survey](#).

11) Correspondence

Police report : One recorded crime – theft of kerosene from a fuel tank.

12) AOB

During the icy season there were slips and falls due to lack of gritting of pavements. It was suggested that if additional salt bins could be provided in key locations then the community could come together to grit the drives of neighbours.

KCC to follow up with WDC to get more bins and discuss where they would be best located.

The Gartocharn village church will soon be up for sale, the fate of the church is of concern and the community ought to be involved in deciding on future use and the possibility of a community buy out. AS will discuss with KCT also and report back in May.

KCC will follow up with Clyde Presbytery for the latest news. A local point of contact would be useful if anyone would be forthcoming.

13) Next Meeting

Monday 13th May 2024 at 19:30 in KMH – this will be the AGM followed by an ordinary meeting.