

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.30pm

in Kilmarnock Millennium Hall

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

KCT : Bob Shand

Guests : David Charles & Amy Ritchie of Strathclyde University

Online : Douglas Westwater of Community Enterprise.

Plus 9 members of the public

2) Apologies

Police Scotland

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

None.

4) Minutes of meeting on 10th July 2023

Proposed as accurate by AA, seconded by DSP.

5) Matters Arising and Associated issues

Recycling – AS has been unsuccessful in contacting Barr Environmental at Auchincarroch but will continue trying via both Barr and WDC.

VoL Windfarm – we had an update from the developers :

“We are aiming to get an application submitted in October 2023. We had initially hoped to submit the application in the Summer as indicated on the project website, but that has obviously now passed us by!

As regards information events, we will announce details of these shortly after submission of the application, but I currently anticipate that this will be in November.”

6) Treasurers Report

a. Outgoings : Kilmarnock Hall hire, web hosting.

b. Current account balance : **£1201.36** - WDC grant of £757.44 received.

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

GM proposed engaging our web manager to make our website more visible.

Some other suggestions made from the floor including using FB more than we currently do, and creating newsletters or flyers for distribution at Friday morning coffee club.

Currently, anyone providing their email address to the secretary gets emailed with meeting notices, agendas and minutes. Anyone subscribing to the KCC website gets notifications whenever News items are posted.

7) Planning Matters

New since last meeting

Siting of solar array

Ross Priory Gartocharn West Dunbartonshire G83 8NL

Ref. No: PSC/2023/0006 | Received: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Validated: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Status: Current

Note : This is the Screening Report, the planning application will be submitted further down the line after public consultations.

David Charles & Amy Ritchie from Strathclyde University gave a short presentation on their proposal for a local Solar power array ahead of their upcoming main public information event.

The principle of renewable energy generation was supported but there were concerns raised about visual impact and whether alternative locations had been explored.

Change of Use of agricultural field to community garden; installation of access, paths, seating areas and storage sheds; installation of ground mounted solar p.v. array; and installation of services for the adjoining Kilmaronock Kirk

Kilmaronock Church Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8SB

Ref. No: 2023/0313/DET | Received: Mon 28 Aug 2023 | Validated: Tue 05 Sep 2023 | Status: Current

Internal alterations

Kilmaronock Church Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8SB

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GM proposed that we invite Willy Roxburgh, chair of the Kirk's Trust to the next meeting unless the applications are time sensitive and we could maybe hold an extra meeting to discuss the plans and promote the activities of the Trust.

Temporary permission for; formation of car park extension, retention of 2 no. portacabins for office use (previously approved under 2018/0299/DET), upgrade of visitor, staff, and volunteer offices and welfare facilities at existing car park

RSPB Loch Lomond Reserve Off A811 Old Military Road East of Gartocharn

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There was no objection to the like for like upgrade of facilities but there were concerns over car park expansion on greenspace. The listed justifications for the need for this expansion is at odds with the information given during consultations over the previous planning application for the new paths.

Erection of one and a half storey extension to rear elevation

Monasile Ross And Aber Road Gartocharn Alexandria G83 8NE

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8) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

LPP

Douglas Westwater of Community Enterprise joined us on a Zoom call to discuss the LPP process and where we are within it. The next milestone will be a community meeting at **7.30pm on 9th October in the Millennium Hall** to comment on the draft plan and provide more detailed input on the various themes that emerged from the survey and information event earlier in the year.

9) Kilmaronock Community Trust

Green Energy Summit

KCT are coordinating with local green energy businesses to run an event in the Hall dedicated to promotion of green energy solutions. The target is a meeting before end of year, if possible, while high energy bills are on people's minds.

The rough brief is as follows:

KCT to host a public event in KMH around November 2023 to help the community to engage with the Climate Crisis, find out more about what their options are and steer them towards the right decisions for themselves as well as for the planet. It is intended to have presentations, displays and an opportunity to discuss options. As well as initial raising of awareness, the event should provide a basis for an Action Plan for further activity.

10) National Park Issues

No new items to discuss.

11) West Dunbartonshire Council

Roads

We are awaiting a suitable date for a meeting with Roads dept.

It was brought to our attention that surfacing works for the UCI Cycling road race resulted in covering over drains at Wards corner. These need to be cleared before winter.

Waste & Recycling

We were informed of issues with bin collections in Church Rd. Regularly missed collections, bins being taken away and not replaced. Some bins emptied, some not. Poor communications between residents, bin men and WDC waste dept.

KCC (AS) to follow up with WDC Waste management team.

Type A Private Water Supply Testing Costs

GM & DSP were in discussions with WDC regarding their charges for water tests. WDC have now halved their fees.

12) Correspondence

Police report : Three recorded crimes – vandalism, forgery/passing of forged documents and intent to commit theft.

13) AOB

Large vehicle movements through Church Rd to the field behind the hall (now called Carbeth Farm) causing some damage when turning. KCC will seek the contact details of the new owner in order to engage in general dialogue on behalf of community members.

15) Next Meeting

Monday 6th November 2023 at 19:30 in KMH

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