

Ordinary Meeting of KCC

Monday 13th May 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 10 other members of the community

2) Apologies

None

3) Declaration of interest for tonight's agenda

GM declared an interest in a planning application from the Woodlands Trust ref 2024/0169 which is to be discussed.

4) Notices

AS advised that a long time community councillor in Clydebank and former treasurer of the CC Forum, Gilbert Howatson, sadly passed away last week.

KCC record our condolences to his family.

WDC Provost Douglas McAllister was elected to Westminster as our MP.

KCC (AS) to write a letter to congratulate him and issue a standing invitation to our meetings.

4) Minutes of meeting on 13th May 2024

Proposed as accurate by AA, seconded by DSP.

Matters arising : AS reported back on his liaison with Balloch & Haldane CC regarding the proposed Flamingo Land / Riverside development. They have submitted very detailed letters objecting to the proposal and complaining to both WDC and LLTNPA about the process. With support from *Save Loch Lomond*, B&HCC are setting up a Community Development Trust to pursue an asset transfer of the former Visitor Information Centre and purchase the land referred to as West Riverside under the Community Right to Buy scheme.

GM advised that he has been in discussion with Martin Rooney to ascertain the projected impact of the project on WDC. However, WDC have not completed any detailed study despite offering support for the project. This leaves the project impact on WDC with significant uncertainty.

GM has been contacted by the Developer's representative in their Glasgow office, Fiona Robertson. Fiona has offered to meet with KCC members. The meeting agreed a meeting at a CC meeting was not required, however DSP is happy to meet with her on an individual basis and report to the CC.

5) Treasurers Report

The annual admin grant of £757.44 from WDC was received

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

b. Current account balance : **£1693.76**

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

6) Planning Matters

New since last meeting

[Discharge of Planning Obligation](#)

The Aber Mill Ross And Aber Road Gartocharn West Dunbartonshire G83 8NQ

Ref. No: 2024/0171/75A | Received: Fri 21 Jun 2024 | Validated: Fri 21 Jun 2024 | Status: Current

This is a technicality as the condition has been superceded by the previous granting of planning permission.

KCC have no comment

[Upgrade of 250 metres of existing forestry track](#)

Whinny Hill Wood Boturich Balloch G83 8LX

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The notification is for laying of a hard track for a timber extraction project and it is noted that there is no plan for reinstatement of the ground back to original condition post completion of the extraction project.

The previous landowner had conditions on the lease when it transferred to full ownership and wishes them to be retained.

KCC (GM) to issue a letter to the planning authority requesting a restoration plan as a condition of approval.

[Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of garage building as a dwelling-house](#)

Oakhurst School Road Gartocharn G83 8RT

Ref. No: 2024/0143/LAW | Received: Mon 27 May 2024 | Validated: Mon 27 May 2024 | Status: Current

The garage building has been in use as accommodation for the past 20 years or so.

KCC has no comment.

Consultation on RSPB future plans

The plans include a new build Visitor Centre – CCs were aware of the project from previous meetings with the project partners, RSPB, NatureScot and LLTNPA.

During early 2024 the RSPB gave presentations to the general public as an opportunity to comment on the proposal for a visitor reception hub, café, toilets, staff space and a car park. The full planning application is expected to be submitted in August.

Discussion topics included the appropriateness of any development on green field sites, commercialisation of the natural environment, the RSPB as a ‘big business’ not a ‘charity’, the planning status of the existing temporary buildings and car park, the reduction in scale of the original visitor centre plans, the new planning directives of NPF4, lack of focus on local supply chains or any benefit to the local community.

Given the special circumstances for a commercial development in the National Park, It was decided that it would be appropriate to hold a special community council meeting when the planning application is submitted and can be examined.

A member of the community advised that work has already started so this will be looked into with LLTNP.

KCC (GM) to contact Bob Cook to clarify whether ongoing works relate to the impending application.

KCC to call a special meeting for the community when the application goes live.

7) Community Matters/Local Place Plan

Local Place Plan

Rob Vincent, chair of the LPP Steering Group, gave an update on the validation of the LPP and what validation meant.

The steering group met 1st July to discuss how to follow up on the LPP and progress the issues raised via the various community groups willing to take the projects on. Some projects will need to be community volunteer led and these will be communicated more widely to seek those volunteers.

KCC agreed to review the Final LPP document, specifically those plans that KCC will deliver and those that the KCC will present to the community for community approval.

Rob offered to facilitate the transition from “plan” to “implementation” with KCC.

AS will circulate the delivery plan to the CC's and arrange a handover and progress meeting with Rob.

Relocation of War Memorial

AS advised that KCC has been in further correspondence with the War Memorial Trust regarding a site visit to show the access issues and seek support for the relocation. No response so far but will keep trying.

Once the WMT site visit has taken place and a relocation approved, both Kilmarnock & Croftamie communities will be consulted to decide the new site.

Suitable sites within the village were discussed and GM volunteered to check for interest with one of the landowners. We will also approach the Millennium Hall committee.

KCC (AS) to post updates on KCC website News page.

8) Kilmarnock Community Trust

KCT will help to coordinate LPP implementation plans and call for volunteers to help on topic specific projects e.g. Flower Show

Two thermal imaging cameras are available to borrow. They can be used to check for thermal losses around the home and radiator efficiency which may help save on heating bills. Instructions are included and assistance possible. Contact kct@gartocharn.org for more information.

9) National Park Issues

GM reported on correspondence he had received from LLTNPA regarding the slow progress of the Energy project in the HQ and the lack of contractor signage at the project site. The response from LLTNPA made no sense since the signage is placed after competitive tendering and is standard industry practice where public funds are being incurred.

GM reported feed back from LLTNPA concerning definitions and the approval process for Core Paths including the Core path (ADD26) objected to in 2019 by KCC on behalf of the agriculture community. The LLTNPA evaluation criteria intentionally failed to recognise community objection and failed to recognise safety – the basis of the objection. It was noted that this criteria was not made available to KCC at the time.

10) West Dunbartonshire Council

Nursery places at GPS

Local resident, Chloe MacNeil, asked the CC for support concerning a placement in the Gartocharn playschool for her child. Her application had been unsuccessful since priority is not being given to local children. KCC agreed to look closer and if appropriate make representation to WDC.

Further discussion on the lack of nursery places within WD and specifically in Gartocharn for local children.

KCC to write to WDC to seek a meeting to discuss this further.

Balloch Castle Country Park Regeneration Group Report

Sally Page, representing BCCPRG, reported that the group are waiting on a partnership agreement with WDC to be signed off. Until that is done, not much can be progressed. CHAS visited the proposed site for a sensory garden.

There will be an AGM at 7pm on 5th September in the Balloch House Hotel.

Local Development Plan

Today the Council's Development Planning and Place team launched two consultations to support the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP3). Details will be posted on the KCC website in the News section. KCC intend to submit responses.

11) Correspondence

Police Scotland

A crime report is appended.

12) Next Meeting

Monday 2nd September 2024 at 19:30 in KMH

Please send in any items for discussion to secretary@kilmarnockcc.org This helps us to prepare in advance to make the meetings run smoother.

Meeting closed at 21.30h



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Name of Community Council: - Kilmarnock Community Council

Date of Report: - 08/07/2024 (covering period from 01/03/2024-08/07/24)

Submitting officer: - PC Michael McKay

<p>Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting</p>	<p>There have been six recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the date of 01/03/2024.</p> <p>One of the crimes relates to a road traffic offence whereby a collision has occurred within a public carpark and the offending vehicle has left without notifying the owner of the damaged vehicle nor left a note. Not detected.</p> <p>One of the crimes relates to a sexual assault. This was investigated and the suspect was arrested and interviewed.</p> <p>Two of the crimes relate to a theft and an attempted theft. Both incidents were investigated separately with little or no evidence to establish any person or persons responsible. The outstanding theft was of signage post that has not been recovered.</p> <p>Two of the crimes relates to acts of fraud. This was done electronically via unauthorised access to computer system. Enquiries ongoing into both incidents.</p> <p>In relation to these six 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 01/03/2024 that have also resulted in no crime being established. This report also does not include road traffic matters that have been dealt with by means of endorsable and non-endorsable conditional offers being issued at the roadside.</p>
<p>Updates on previous actions</p>	<p>N/A as no officer was present.</p>