



Kilmarnock LPP

Stocktake as at December 2025

Purposes of this session

We are now two years in to the LPP's ten-year span. The steering group reviewed progress in December. These slides are based on that discussion. They provide reminders of the action strands and updates on progress

and they seek:

- suggestions, and volunteers, to help make further progress
- and any other comments

Issues for discussion between KCC and National Park

- Housing development issues
 - LPP authenticated and registered
 - LDP development process underway – next stage to focus on locations for development
 - Further engagement at that stage?
 - LPP also suggests a housing needs analysis

Issues for discussion between KCC and West Dunbartonshire Council

- Discussions with Highways officers:
 - Crossing proposals
 - Speeding controls
 - A811 footpath
 - Passing places on back roads
 - Drainage
 - Gritting
 - Pot holes
 - Hedge trimming
 - Parking issues
- Re-cycling: glass and grass cuttings

Issues for discussion between KCC and other statutory agencies

- Strathclyde Passenger transport
 - Bus service connections – Balfour and Stirling (some improvements in summer services); co-ordination with Balloch train times
 - Bus shelter near play park
 - NB planned bus stop by RSPB entrance
- Police
 - Anti-social behaviour and rural crime

Issues for discussion with neighbouring communities and the National Park

- Safe walking routes: Balloch, Gartocharn, Drymen – with connection to KOK and war memorial
 - Plans to connect RSPB Hub to end of Church Road.
 - Otherwise, landowners not keen
 - Review when RSPB path in place?
- KCT to discuss community action to clear overgrown path above Ross Priory to Black Hill

Issues for consideration by KMH Management Committee

- Improve coordination and marketing of events - a new online system being bedded-in. Room for further progress – expert local volunteer?
- Public access to toilets – considered, but not practicable
- EV Chargers in car park – review options once Solar Panels in place (see later slide)

Issues being pursued by Kilmarnock Old Kirk Trust (KOKT)

- Repair and refurbishment of the Old Kirk – completed
- Part-time events co-ordinator employed for two years
- Heritage display in place
- Collaboration with school over heritage projects progressing well

Projects focused on the school

- KCT has been having regular meetings with the HT and her colleagues. Currently energy focused on:
 - P7's social enterprise – food growing, community coffee events, selling produce using an honesty box
 - Engagement with KOKT work on Kilmarnock Heritage
- Walking route from KMH to school? - probably better to improve safety along main road.
- Parking problems at pick-up times – school managing as best it can. Police alerted to safety on main road. Shuttle from KMH?
- Community-led after school provision? Parent survey carried out – no sustainable model yet identified

Issues needing volunteers ...

- Resurrecting Village Show – 2025 show and scarecrow competition a success. Can annual rhythm be sustained – need more volunteers!
- Establish a food-growers collective – link to work with school?
- Regular litter picks

Progress on the 'Watching Brief' projects

- Aber Bridge replaced – further consultation sought over work on footpath down from KMH
- Solar Panel array in field by KMH: project at advanced stage, planning permission received, funding in place, management arrangements agreed (KCT fund-holder, MOU with other bodies prepared)
- Develop Youth Activities in village – may be best pursued with neighbouring communities given small cohorts in village
- Re-instatement of pub/cafe in village – further discussion with Cawleys?

Further details – and contacts

Fuller details of the project plans, and summaries of KCC engagements over key issues, can be found at:

<https://kilmaronockcc.org/local-place-plan-projects>

where also further comments, suggestions,
and (especially) volunteering offers,
can be left on the contacts page.