WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at Glenbarr Village Hall 7th July 2014 at 7.30pm

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Present:

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Linda McCrae (L McC) (Vice Convener), Christine O'Hanlon (C OH), Zofija Sloan (ZS) (Secretary), Michele Seddon (MSe), Margaret Souden (MS), Lee Bastow (LB), Robert Campbell (RC

In Attendance:

John Semple (JS), Police – Hugh Gilbert (HG) 10 members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies,

MP welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies from Anne Horn, John McAlpine

2. Minutes:

Proposed and seconded as a true and accurate record by MS and ZS respectively

3. Declarations of interest:

None

4. Matters Arising:

See attached sheet.

Tayinloan Toilets – MP updated the CC that work had commenced. The render will need to be redone as it has been defaced. A Minute of Agreement is still to be drawn up between WKCC and the ABC.

Correspondence.

An email from SSE regarding the proposed change in size of turbines at Cour Wind Farm was read out.

WW1 commemoration events on 14th August at Holyrood and on 3rd August 2014 in Glenbar. Correspondence from Forestry Commission was received regarding Freasdail Forest – a response needs to be sent by end July. MP & LMc agreed to look over the enclosed DVD and write a response.

6. Website

The WKCC decided that the development of a website would benefit the council. It would enable the publishing of Minutes/Agendas/contact details of all councillors, so that the wider community would be able to have better access to these documents and also to be able to bring issues pertaining to widespread local communities to future meetings. JS agreed to liaise with MP regarding the best way to set up the website.

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7. Village Signage

Once the Trunking of the A83 commences, new road signs would be incorporated into the upgrading of the road from Kennacraig south. JS will update the WKCC with the type of signage to be incorporated. Signs such as "welcome to....., please drive carefully" were discussed and their effect on ensuring drivers take more care. Community members were advised to contact their WK Community Councillor directly to discuss the implementation of signs such as, "horses on the road" as this is a separate issue and not related to the Trunking of the A83.

8. Community Action Plan.

MP suggested that now might be a good time to re-visit the results of this plan which was published in 2011. Looking for ways in which the communities needs have been met or are still looking to be met. Concentrating on the sustainability of the local communities and what services may make them more sustainable – such as child care, facilities for the elderly and community shops. A few members of the WKCC seemed keen to look at this and it was decided that a working group should be set up and refresh their knowledge of what the CAP involved.

9. Parking on footpaths.

The local police representative encouraged villagers to liaise with Police Scotland and raise any concerns they have regarding this with them.

The telephone number is 101.

10. Community Liaison Group Report.

A discussion took place regarding the three turbines recently passed for planning permission at Auchadaduie.

No CLG has been agreed, as yet, to attend meetings in conjunction with the EON development at Clachaig Glen.

11. Police Report.

HG distributed statistics relating to crime in the area covered by WKCC. A discussion of these ensued.

12. Treasurers Report.

No balance available.

£600 has been received from WKWFT towards the running of Tayinloan Toilets.

13. AOCB

Clachan Filling station had reported to MP that from December 2014 the credit card company that supplies the facilities for credit card payment have stated that this will be withdrawn as the broadband facility is unavailable at the filling station. There are no broadband lines available in Clachan. This is indicative of the abysmal broadband facility available in Whitehouse and Clachan and now businesses are suffering because of this lack of service.

Date and time of next meeting:

8th September 2014 at Kilkenzie.