

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Kintyre Community Council meeting held in Glenbarr Hall on Monday 9th September 2013

SEDERUNT Lorraine Aitken, Lee Bastow, Margaret Souden, Robert Campbell,
Cllr Robin Currie, Cllr Rory Colville, Riccardo de Freitas (police),
APOLOGIES Rhona Galbraith

Members of the public present - Anne Littleson, Michele Seddan, Christine O'Hanlon

Lee opened the meeting with the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting these were proposed by Lorraine Aitken and seconded by Robert Campbell.

MATTERS ARISING

Michele Seddan complained about the lack of posters/notification for the previous meeting which was accepted by those present as being the case however it was stressed that future meetings, times and dates were always given at the end of meetings and that the matter of posters had now been addressed.

With regard to the community plan it was confirmed that this was in hand and that the emergency kits supplied by Argyll & Bute (3 off) were delivered by Cllr Currie - unfortunately it was accepted that this was less than we would have liked and that one would be kept meanwhile in Kilkenzie (Robert Campbell), Clachan (Lee Bastow) and Tayinloan (Lorraine Aitken) subject to completion of the plan.

Lorraine Aitken confirmed that she had attended the Windfarm Trust meeting in Tarbert in August and certain matters arising from that would be discussed after the public meeting.

REPORTS

The police report was only concerning three incidents none of which were discussed in detail. This however led to further discussion regarding the speed of cars on the Tayinloan straight which apparently had been surveyed which led to the conclusion that everything was okay. This was disputed by Christine O'Hanlon and Lorraine Aitken and discussed further with the councillors present who advised those present that the next area meeting for speed reviews was due in October. It was also confirmed that the recent survey in Muasdale was regarding the trunk road for the A83.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was little correspondence received by Lee -

Police and information on the proposed Beinn an Turk ph3 extension, this led to some discussion however it was agreed that the site of this seemed to be outwith our area.

Information and posters regarding the upcoming elections for community councillors and the posters were taken by members for display.

There was also an invitation from SSE to attend their Oban depot to see what the company does to help keep the local network safe and reliable.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The moving of the bus shelter at Kilkenzie was discussed and it was reported that Mr Blake for Argyll and Bute had said it would have to be moved. The delay seemed to be the necessity for more paperwork regarding the movement which had been requested by ACHA and who was to bear the costs of this.

No more information was available regarding the lodge in Clachan.

There was discussion regarding the school lights not working and Rory Colville reported that the lights were to be repaired or replaced and this was apparently included in a tender received by Argyll & Bute on 4th July.

The toilets at the Tayinloan Pier were discussed and Lee Bastow informed the councillors present that the community council would like Argyll & Bute to purchase them back as costs were rising due to the village toilets being closed and electricity costs were also an issue.

Ann Littleson was present representing A'chlet church and their use of the car park outside the village hall. This car park was held on a 21 year lease by the community council on their behalf but now needed to be renewed, discussions with Jean MacAlister seemed to indicate that the lease would be renewed for a further 21 years at an annual cost of £20 however there was concern regarding the cost of a new lease, Ann would drop the original into Lee or Lorraine for them to have a look and investigate costs etc. It was also decided to contact Theresa Mclatchie to see if the council legal department could have a look at it for us.

Lorraine Aitken voiced her concern about the wording of a letter in the Campbeltown Courier regarding the Beachmore wind turbine, it said that the objectors were supported by West Kintyre Community Council which was felt not to be the case. Christine O'Hanlon insisted that Elizabeth Ball (then chairperson) had said that if the group got 50 signatures the WKCC would support them, Rory Colville said that his recollection was that although WKCC forwarded the petition on their behalf it had not actually given it's full support in writing - Rory will forward the letter submitted to Lorraine which the members will look at and Lorraine will speak to Elizabeth Ball. If indeed WKCC did not actively support the objectors the Courier will have to be contacted to print a correction.

It was also announced the Argyll & Bute community partnership would be hosting open meetings in Tarbert on 12th/13th October both in the afternoon and evening to discuss how we regenerate/ stop population decline in the area. Present will be a panel of eight and there will be a question and answer session. There is also an online survey.

The ferry sign for Gigha which sits in the village of Tayinloan was discussed as it seems to encourage people to go into the housing estate rather than down Ferry Road, this was felt to be due to the positioning of the sign. Robin Currie said that he would have a look at this and also the potholes on the Ferry Road. Michele commented that Barglen was also damaged and we were informed that work is to be done on the Glenbarr 'by-pass' and Barglen should also be addressed at that time.

This concluded all business. The date of the next meeting was announced as 11th November in Whitehouse village hall at 7.30.