

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at Whitehouse village hall 12th September 2016

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. Present: Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Linda McCrae (LMcC) Vice-Convenor), Margaret Soudan (MS) (Treasurer), Morag Branson (MB) (Acting Secretary), Christine O'Hanlon (COH).

2. Apologies: Michele Seddon, Zofija Sloan, Jennifer Taylor, Duncan McAlister.

3. Police Report: Julie McLeish discussed the low levels of crime in the area, and emphasised the local police are keen to engage with communities to understand their issues. MP brought up a common complaint of speeding through and past villages, particularly Tayinloan residents' fear of accidents as they exit the village into fast moving traffic. Slow-moving vehicles and cyclists also causing concern to some residents. Complaints noted. The ongoing police consultation was discussed and all communities encouraged to take part online.

4. In Attendance: Members of public- 2 present. Councillors- Anne Horn

5. Welcome: MP welcomed all to meeting, and apologised that we had to change venue without prior notice.

6. Minutes of meeting in Whitehouse 11th July 2016
Proposed by MB and seconded by MP.

7. Kintyre Way Shelters: Route Manager, Aidan Keogh discussed a proposal to erect shelters and picnic benches along the route of the Kintyre Way. This has been made possible with a coastal community fund. There will be two shelters in WKCC area and all need planning permission, which if obtained via the CC will attract a 50% reduction in fees. Council

Planning dept. are encouraging this direction, and after discussion the CC members agreed. No indebtedness will be placed on the CC.

8. Matters Arising: Refer to action log

9. Declarations of Interest: None

10. Correspondence:

1) Invitation to Health & Care in Kintyre event: Poster of this event posted on noticeboards.

2) A83 road closures: Concerns were raised that little to no information has been received by residents in areas affected by night closures. A notice of intention to close section of road at Glenbarr 21st and 22nd September was handed into local business. AH will look into this.

3) CC by-elections: Posters setting out timetable placed on noticeboards. Close of nominations is by 4pm 6th October 2016. there are currently 3 positions to be filled.

4) CC training programme dates 2016-17:

Engaging with young people---21/9/2016

Health Locality groups---25/10/2016

How to manage conflict in communities---8/2/2017

5) Scoping report for Carse Wind farm application: Response from CC; Concerns about height of turbines, encroaching into scenic areas, corridor effect. It was noted there was a lack of mentions and position on maps of other wind farms for context.

6) Payment of Minute Secretary: Amount of £25 per session was agreed to cover costs of printing, paper etc.

11. Community Liaison Group (CLG):

Willow going to planning in May.

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Killean: Gatecheck report submitted to Scottish Government.

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Creggan and Blary Hill: Awaiting outcome from Ministers.

12. Community Action Plan (CAP):

Focus group collected questions which were formulated into a questionnaire currently being finalised. Questionnaire will be distributed to each village with returns sent to a FREEPOST address. Collectively agreed that there should be a review yearly. It was decided that MP should apply for funds from Wind Farm Trust to buy an laser printer, paper, inks etc. plus a Freepost licence for return of questionnaires, which will be delivered to majority of households. Volunteers to deliver questionnaires to Whitehouse, Clachan, Tayinloan, Muasdale and Glenbarr. Still seeking volunteers for Bellochantuy and Kilkenzie. The printer, paper etc. will be used by WFT and Development Trust and will become a community asset.

13. Development Trust (DVT):

First meeting on 8/9/2016 to explore what is required to set up DVT, how it gathers funds and how these can be used for benefit of community.

There was discussion of the 4 principles of Development Trusts;

engagement

Independent

community based

partnerships

14. AOCB:

1) George Thomson kindly agreed to look at a computer gifted to community containing comprehensive information of Kintyre currently in possession of former member of CC, with the view to downloading/copying info. onto memory sticks.

2) Residents have complained of lack of information regarding new dustbin collection due to start early October. Councillor Horn will enquire.

3) Complaints about reflector posts outside Muasdale surgery impeding drivers' view. MSe has contacted Bear Scotland about this. May be an issue with greenery at same spot.

4) LPG- update- Contracts not yet signed with Campbeltown practice. Guarantee that Muasdale surgery and pharmacy will remain open. A Doctor and Nurse being recruited.