

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at Clachan Village Hall

13th January 2014 at 7.30pm

Draft Minutes

Present:

Lee Bastow (LB) (Convenor), Margaret Pratt (MP) (Vice Convenor), Margaret Souden (MS)(Treasurer), Linda McCrae (L McC), Christine O'Hanlon (C OH), Zofija Sloan (ZS) (Secretary), Michele Seddon (MSe), Lorraine Aitken (LA).

In Attendance:

Anne Horn (AH), John McAlpine (J McA), Robin Currie (RC)
Nine members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies,

At 7.30pm Lee Bastow welcomed all to the meeting.
No apologies

2. Minutes:

Proposed and seconded as a true and accurate record by Michele Seddon and Lorraine Aitken respectively.

3. Matters Arising:

Hannah Jones (Bellochantuy) requested to know the contents of the document provided by John McAlpine (J McA) outlining the condition of the building.

4. Correspondence:

A. Berguis has written to the WKCC regarding access over his land for the proposed Burcote Windfarm development. After discussion it was agreed that, as statutory consultees, the WKCC would include this concern in the written correspondence to the Scottish Government regarding the development.

Councillor D. McMillan's letter to community councils regarding commemoration of WW1 in this area.

5. Police Report.

No representative from Strathclyde Police Force was present.

6. Burcote Wind Farm Development – Creggans

LB gave a brief overview of the application and the request by the Scottish Government for comment by WKCC. Results of the survey carried out in Glenbarr by Lorraine MacPhail were reported. Correspondence is to be forwarded from WKCC to SG stating the results of the survey.

7. Met Mast Applications – 3 – land north east of Muasdale.

The request for comments regarding the application was discussed. No comments from WKCC were submitted to ABC regarding this planning application. The closing date for comments was 24th December 2013.

8. Treasurers Report.

MS reported a balance of £485.90 held.

9. Glenbarr Car Park

After discussion it was noted that the church in Glenbarr is taking on the lease previously paid for by the WKCC. The involvement of the WKCC in this matter is now closed.

10. Tayinloan Toilets.

It was agreed that maintenance work up to the value of £300 could be put in place at any one time without the need for WKCC to convene to discuss.

ABC to be contacted with regard to making a contribution towards the upkeep of the toilets. Caledonian MacBrayne are to be contacted with regard to making a contribution towards costs as they too use the facilities. AH to obtain lease from ABC. It was noted that William MacSporran (Isle of Gigha) contacted the WKCC with regard to the placing of a handrail on the steps.

11. Adoption of Constitution

The WKCC adopted the Constitution with Windfarm. This was signed to be sent to ABC.

12. Data Protection and Declaration of Interest Protocol.

After discussion it was agreed that any member of the WKCC with a financial interest in any item discussed would declare an interest and not take part in the discussion regarding the item. This would also include anyone with a relative who may have an interest in the item to be discussed. Any declaration of interest will be noted at the beginning of each meeting. The data protection information was circulated – from the ABC website.

13. West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust.

MP was elected as Secretary. Stationary costs incurred will be refunded – this is equally so for the Secretary of the WKCC. The next meeting is to be held on 19/05/14 in Tayinloan hall. Kintyre Turbine Watch has repaid the grant that they received from the WKWFT in error.

14. Engaging with the Under 18's

It was decided to send letters to local youth clubs and schools asking for the participation of any child at any future WKCC meetings.

15. AOCB:

The village hall sign has fallen down in CLACHAN a new sign has been requested from the ABC representatives present at the meeting.

WKCC to clarify with ABC regarding the accessibility of the council's website in accessing Community Council information.

Concerns were raised with regard to the condition of The Lodge in CLACHAN, it was decided to write to ABC voicing the concerns of the local community and the WKCC.

Drainage at the bus stop in CLACHAN is unacceptable. J McA to research further what can be done to alleviate the problem which occurs regularly.

The bus shelter in GLENBARR is only on one side of the road. WHITEHOUSE bus shelter has no light. TAYINLOAN has no shelter. It was agreed to write to ABC voicing the concerns of the communities affected.

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TAYINLOAN – write to POLICE and ABC with regard to implementing a 40 mph speed limit here. There is increased occupation in the village and on the outskirts. Write to CITYLINK requesting bus drivers are aware of passengers at bus stops in the dark mornings and nights as they do not always stop.

GLENBARR – it is noted that when there is no power – power cut – no water is available in parts of the village as electricity is required to pump the water to the various properties. A letter is to be written to SCOTTISH WATER requesting a generator to be made available.

EMERGENCY BAGS – a meeting is to be held to discuss the emergency plan (10/02/14 TAYINLOAN) a notice will be displayed in each village informing villagers of where emergency bags are kept and contact details of those in case of emergency. Some bags may require to be split up in order to cover the whole WK area.

Date and time of next meeting:

17th March 2014 at Tayinloan Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21.30

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