

# WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGM held at Tayinloan Hall

16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm

**Present:**

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)

**In Attendance:**

R. Currie, R. Colville, J. MacAlpine.  
3 members of the public.

**Declarations of Interest:**

None

**1. Welcome and apologies,**

At 7.30pm Margaret Pratt welcomed all to the AGM.

**2. Minutes:**

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

NONE.

**4. Conveners Annual Report.**

During the past year we have held 6 Community Council meetings and two Windfarm trust meetings. In order to encourage as many people as possible to be able to attend meetings these have been held different venues throughout the year as is our usual practice. We also tried moving the day of meetings around to assist those who may not be able to attend on a Monday, however, this has not been the case with no more than usual attendance at meetings plus difficulties with having to often needing to move the meeting at short notice due to venues either being double booked or not available for other reasons.

Police reports have been sparse this year but we understand this will be rectified in the near future.

During business meetings we have hosted presentations from a variety of people such as windfarm developers, proposals for a motocross circuit, zero waste hero's and the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Throughout the year we have dealt with a wide variety of issues relevant to our community ranging from the flooding in Clachan, road signage, telephone boxes, Clachan PO opening hours and many issues in between.

The first full year of managing the Tayinloan toilets through the partnership agreement with the Council has gone very well with the exception of a couple of apparent vandalism episodes during the long July holidays last year. At this time the men's urinals were stuffed with plastic bags resulting in flooding, we will monitor this this July and act accordingly if necessary.

We attended the two week Creggan and Blary Hill Windfarm enquiry held in Tayinloan January 25<sup>th</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup> to present the community's point of view on these two applications. It is not expected that a decision will be made by the Ministers much before end of June.

As is usual we have also attended any Community Liaison Group meetings throughout the year and attended any windfarm exhibition days. We have signed an agreement with Freasdail Windfarm for the setting up of a Community Benefit Trust but still need to look at the constitution of this Group and the criteria for applications.

We have held an initial meeting with some interested parties regarding the setting up of a West Kintyre Development Trust aimed at seeking funds etc to develop and grow the area with regards to transport, housing, jobs etc.

The windfarm trust has as is usual helped a variety of groups throughout the area with things such as exterior painting of village halls, new tables, chairs and crockery for halls, the annual Clydesdale ploughing matches and Campbeltown Brass Band to name but a few. Notably the windfarm trust has assisted 4 village halls to install solar panels to help them become more energy efficient and sustainable in the future. The one hall we were not able to assist in this way due to it being a listed building is that of A'Chliet Hall we have instead assisted with the installation of energy efficiency measures such as new windows and the installation of an energy efficient modern boiler.

Following the annual by election in November 2105 we welcomed Duncan McAlister onto the Community Council, however, soon after due him moving out of the area Michael Kelly had to resign. Sadly, this week after 10 years' service as a loyal and hardworking member of the Community Council Lee Bastow has tendered her resignation. We thank her for all her hard work and hope that once rested she may decide to stand again. This leaves us with two vacancies on the Community Council which we hope to fill via co-option until the next round of by elections due to be held in November of this year.

All that remains is for me to thank my fellow Community Councillors and our local Councillors for their continued support and work in our area.

**5. Secretary's Annual Report.**

WKCC has seen good attendance from the local councillors.  
The website has been used to share information with the community, including Agendas and Minutes.

**6. Treasurers balance sheet and annual accounts.**

Awaited

**7. Election of new office bearers.**

<b>Position:</b>		<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Convener</b>	<b>Margaret Pratt</b>	ZS	COH
<b>Vice Convener</b>	<b>Linda McCrae</b>	DMCA	MSe
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Zofija Sloan</b>	MP	LMcC
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	<b>Morag Branson</b>	MP	LMcC
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Margaret Souden</b>	MP	LMcC

Co-Opted Members: Morag Branson and Jennifer Taylor.

Windfarm Liaison Group – Margaret Pratt – other members to be agreed for each Community Liaison Group.

**8. Dates Set For Next Meetings:**

11 <sup>th</sup> July	Whitehouse Village Hall	7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Clachan	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Tayinloan	7.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	A'Chleit Hall	7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Glenbarr Hall	7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Whitehouse Village Hall	7.30pm AGM

**Date and time of next meeting:**

AGM - Whitehouse, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 19.30.

Meeting closed at 20.00