

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at Clachan village hall 17th July 2017

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. Present:

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Linda McCrae (LMcC) (Vice Convenor), Margaret Soudan (MS) (Treasurer), Morag Branson (MB) (Acting Secretary), Michele Seddon (MSe), Duncan Macalister (DM)

2. Apologies:

Anne Horn, Christine O'Hanlon, Zofija Sloan, Robin Currie, Rory

3. In Attendance:

Members of the public - 8. Councillors - 0

4. Police Report:

15 incidents involving vehicles for e.g. speeding, 6 various crime reports and a large seizure of drugs heading out of Campbeltown.

5. Minutes of meeting in Whitehouse hall 15th May 2017. Proposed by LMcC and seconded by MS. Treasurer's annual balance sheet and accounts attached.

6. Presentation by Alasdair Calder, Housing Officer for Energy Efficiency at Argyll & Bute council.

Alasdair spoke about the definition of fuel poverty and that the temperature of rooms should be 18-21 degrees. Fuel poverty comes about due to following factors- Low energy efficiency, high energy prices and low incidence of switching to find cheaper rates.

He described the difficulty of increasing energy efficiency in many of A&B's housing due to age of buildings, with solid walls and how by putting insulation on outside in many cases is the only option.

A scheme to help energy efficiency in houses of Band A B and C with those in receipt of benefits in Band D. is currently in operation.

Posters in noticeboards with all contact details.

7. Presentation by Force 9 Energy and Airigh (EDF)

The first speaker spoke of the wind farm proposed situation and how little will

be seen by vast majority though some will be in direct view. the environmental statement is currently being prepared. A Met mast will be going up shortly and the proposal will be going to Scottish Ministers as and when it is completed.

The second speaker spoke of the proposed community benefit and community ownership proposal using a Memorandum of Understanding, which elicited some questions from all sides of the room with some disagreement about why benefit and buy in were tied together as this is not usual standard.

The CB would be split between all CC's affected in the following distribution:-

- a) South Knapdale 55%
- b) West Kintyre 17.5%
- c) Tarbert & Skipness 17.5%
- d) Ardrishaig 5%

Proposed amount to be up to £5,000 per megawatt of installed capacity per annum.

They will look at objections to combined MoU and consider separating community benefit and community buy out.

Locality Planning Group (LPG):

No news re Muasdale surgery.

8. Matters Arising:

- 1) Tayinloan toilets -no problems noted since article in local paper.
- 2) 5 Defibrillator cabinets in use. 1 cabinet fitted awaiting defib inserted. Letters of thanks to be sent to all involved.
- 3) Noticeboards all erected.
- 4) To contact Transport/Bear Scotland re issues of no hard standing at Glenbarr, and mess left after barrier work.

9. Correspondence:

10. Community Liaison Group (CLG):

Tangy3 - planning app to council, if rejected goes to Scottish Ministers

Blary Hill - approved

Creggan - rejected by Ministers

Clachaig Glen - in planning, being worked on by council

Kilean -

Willow - bird studies currently and possibly in planning by Autumn

Escart - at appeal with Ministers

11. Community Action Plan (CAP):

Now in circulation. Also available on website (see at end page)

12. Development Trust (DVT):

Currently in pipeline. Proposal is to have group sitting once a year to disburse funds. Freasdail Fund - discounts for electricity now distributed.

13. AOCB:

A proposed new 600 hectare forest in Clachan. Concerns voiced over this proposal, such as access, insufficient information, construction damage and increased flooding risk leading to financial costs. Much remedial work has been ongoing to prevent said flooding and community members wish to have an ongoing dialogue with Council, Scottish Water, SEPA, Forestry Commission and RDS forestry.

Many more issues were discussed and MP will communicate with all involved.

14. Action Log:

Action Point	Minute	Person Responsible	Action	Outcome
5.14	8	AH	Glenbarr bus shelter repair	repair completed
			Standing water at Whitehouse	ongoing
1.6	6	MSe	Glenbarr & cottage signs	ongoing
3.16	7	All	Freasdail Trust	handover completed
7.16	10	All	CAP	available on website
9.16	6	AH	Emptying of recycle bin at Whitehouse	resolved meantime
1.17	6.1	MP	Defibrillators	all connected. Need registered
	6.2	ZS/DM	Replacing noticeboards	all now in place