

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on 18th November 2019 in A'Chleit hall at 7:30pm

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. Present:

Linda McCrae (LMcC) (Vice Convenor), Margaret Soudan (MS) (Treasurer), Morag Branson (MB) (Secretary), Michele Seddon (MSe), Duncan Macalister (DM), Zofija Sloan (ZS), Jennifer Taylor (JT), Christine O'Hanlon (CO'H)

2. Apologies:

Margaret Pratt, Anne Horn, Sgt Keith Evans

3. In Attendance:

Councillors – Alastair Redman. Members of the public - Three

4. Police Report

Continues to be nil of note with under 10 incidences locally. Phone scams still being reported.

<http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk/>

5. **Minutes of meeting** 16th September 2019 in Tayinloan hall by general acclaim.

6. Matters Arising:

1) Planning application Millbrae Whitehouse – A planning application for the development of a smallholding with pigs, sheep and chickens plus orchard, large shed and in future a house above the village has caused a lot of concern. The roads dept. has recommended refusal due to the narrowness of public road which is unsuitable for large vehicles which would be servicing such a development and the weak bridge crossing Whitehouse burn. Scottish Woodlands Trust have objected due to site being listed as being part of an ancient woodland in the area which should be preserved, plus its importance as habitat for wildlife.

However, the applicant has started work felling trees and shrubs, fencing the area and placing a caravan on site which is increasing the concern. Several villagers have contacted us and the planning dept. objecting to this application

and on their behalf we have lodged an objection and remain concerned with regards to the ongoing work without as yet the relevant planning permission. Such work could be doing irreversible damage or loss of the ancient woodland.

7. Declarations of Interest:

None noted

8. Correspondence:

9. Community Liaison Group (CLG):

Tangy iv – no info on start.

Blary Hill – Correspondence received states that there will not now be any electricity rebates and community benefit is being limited to £30,000 as a one-off payment for a community project. Discussions will need to be conducted with community on what this project could be.

Clachaig Glen & Killean – no decision yet from appeals.

Beinn an Turic iii – has commenced development SPR have said they intend to begin discussions with community shared ownership and community benefits around March 2020.

High Constellation – with energy consents unit for determination. We have lodged an objection on behalf of some members of local community.

Sheirdrim Hill – will commence consultation period January 10th after being delayed. Once advertised, the documents for public viewing will be available in meeting room at Whitehouse hall during hrs of 11am til 5pm daily except Sundays. Also viewing available at Manse Brae Lochgilphead. All notices will be up in public once information available.

Narachan – application due to go in for 2 met masts (due to size of proposed development will require two). There will then be another public information day which will inform us on any new layouts etc they propose.

10. AOCB:

WKWT – met on 21st October and allocated the final funding for Tayinloan playing fields project, which is now due to commence installation of equipment in early December and be completed before Christmas, this will be such an asset to the area and its young people, thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to achieve this goal. A payment to Clachan village hall for feasibility studies, Marie Semple fund for revenue costs for St Andrews day Ceilidh, and funding to East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group in the form of a grant plus a loan for our share if the costs for the work they are doing n our behalf when negotiating Community shared ownership deals for both ourselves and East Kintyre. A payment to the residents' association of Clachan for paint etc required to tidy up the look of the metal fencing in the centre of the village.

(WKWT) West Kintyre wind farm trust

Planning application for two holiday lodges – Clachan – Following evidence regarding historical severe flooding on this site proposed for these two holiday lodges SEPA have revised their recommendation to that of objecting to this application.

Clachan Flood prevention working Group – AECON have now completed their study on causes of flooding in the area and have presented their recommendations to the Council for a decision on which recommendation to take forward in the next round of PYA (Protection of Vulnerable Areas) funding requests to the Scottish Government.

Cour fund – met on 11 November and allocated funding to Carradale Village Hall, Tarbert Gaelic Choir, Tarbert Village Hall, and Shopper Aide.

Created	Minute	Assigned	Action	Outcome
3.20.2017	12.2	AH	Resiting Glenbarr recycle bins	Ongoing
5.15.2017	6.2	MB/DM	Knot weed eradication	Ongoing
11.19.2018	7.5	DM	Road issues	Ongoing
1.21.2019	13.1	ALL	Monthly defib checks	Ongoing
6.20.2019	10.2	AH	Clothing bin Glenbarr to be removed	When resources allow

Next WKCC meeting 20th January 2020 in Glenbarr hall at 7:30pm

<https://moragbranson.wixsite.com/wkcc>

All welcome