



# WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**Present:** M. Pratt, L. McCrae, G. Thompson, A. Littleson. Cllrs: Armour, Colville, Horn and Redman.

**Apologies:** Z. Sloan, M. Branson, C. O'Hanlon. Sgt. J. Watson-Russell

**Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021:** agreed as a correct record.

**Declarations of interest:** None

**Matters arising:** Clachan back road had now been repaired.

**Police report:** Report forwarded from police:- several speeding tickets have been issued over recent weeks including other offences identified during these stops including possession of drugs. It is expected that more road patrols will be set up now that lock-down is easing. The police daily briefing will request that visible police patrols will drop in at Tayinloan Playpark and offer appropriate enforcement with regards to dog fouling incidences that may be picked up. It is hoped that when people see regular drop-ins by the police they will think twice and deal with their dog's waste appropriately. There have been several incidences locally with regards to people losing sums of money from what turn out to be fake ebay accounts, the police advise against making such purchases where large sums of money are being sent off.

**Tayinloan car park:** vehicles, boats etc are still being left in the car park despite the no overnight parking signs. Waste bins are regularly overflowing with rubbish.

**Westport beach signage:** The rip-tide advice signage is now in situ plus at Machrihannish. This is an excellent example of communities and agencies working together. It is to be hoped that people take note and act with care accordingly.

**SSEN:** SSEN has set up a local community liaison group to discuss the works for the new overhead power lines being installed between Inveraray and Crossaig. Cllr. Horn and M. Pratt are members of this group and will report regularly. The main access for all vehicles, plant and equipment is to be via the Freasdail Windfarm route, with some minimal access also being taken along the first section of the B8001. The pylons will come past Tarbert, along the B8001 in front of the Freasdail turbines and cross country to Crossaig. Next meeting to be held end of May.

**Windfarm CLG:** Latest update on windfarms:

- Tangy !V repowering of Tangy to commence 2026/27( following having been given a 6-year extension to the current Tangy ! and “) – community benefit fund for the current wind farm will also continue until 2026/27.
- Blary Hill: Commencing well turbine/blades/nancel deliveries to commence mid-June with several abnormal loads traveling along the A83 from Campbeltown up the Barrglen road onto site. A specialist team of workers will be on site building the turbines and will be housed separate from the community at Machrihannish. A letter to be sent to all Glenbarr villagers explaining the timescale etc.
- Beinn an Turic 111 commencing at a pace with turbines almost complete
- Sheirdrim Hill awaiting a date from the Energy Consents unit with regards to the pre-examination meeting and the hearing dates (since the CC meeting the pre-examination meeting has been set for 18 June by Webex and the hearing dates provisionally set for between November 6-18<sup>th</sup>. Margaret will present the case for the Community as usual)
- Narachan, Arnicle and Kilberry: EnergieKontor ( the applicants) have already indicated that they do not intend to pay Community Benefit ( as we know it) nor offer Community Shared ownership deals for any of these developments if approved. This has brought all 6 CC's of Kintyre and that of South Knaspdale together to write to the Scottish Government, Government Ministers, local MSOP's and MP's and local Councillors asking that this be looked at seriously given that the Scottish Government's Good Practice Guide states that both CB and CSO should be offered as art of the developers' commitment to the community ( although it does state this is a voluntary arrangement)
- Earraghail: no further updates received.
- Clachaig Glen: No further updates received.

**West Kintyre Community Fund:** Is now open for new applications for bursaries and new small business start-up grants of those people residing in West Kintyre CC area. Both Tarbert High School and Campbeltown Grammar School have put the relevant notices up for students. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with interviews mid-July. We are currently supporting 8 young people with bursaries for courses ranging from university degree, higher education college courses and apprenticeships, with 5 others having recently completed their studies successfully. We have also supported 2 new small businesses to start up since the fund was launched. This fund ahs now been registered as a SCIO and will be used as the vehicle for investment in future windfarms.

**Clachan Flood Pod:** The container for the equipment has now been ordered and delivered, the equipment will now be ordered plus we will undertake to train the volunteers on the deployment of the equipment should it be needed. The river track system is now installed with 4 monitors and alarms in suitable properties throughout the village. It is to be hoped that the Council now choose the flood prevention scheme designed by AECON to be one of the schemes they put forward to the Scottish Government for consideration for funding help during their next round of funding due to take place 2022-6.

**CC Website:** The new website is almost complete and draws together all the areas we manage such as CC, WFT and CF. It now has the last 8 years of minutes uploaded onto it plus a contact us. Final email address etc now being arranged plus the relevant privacy notices. To access go to [www.westkintyrecommunitycouncil.org](http://www.westkintyrecommunitycouncil.org)

**AOCB:** Village Halls may now re-open with the relevant covid-19 measures in place: face coverings, hand sanitizer, 2 mtr distancing, only one person in toilets at a time, fresh air. Do not use electric hand driers but paper towels instead.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm –WHITEHOUSE VILLAGE HALL.

**please note unless regulations change, we will now resume holding meetings in village halls please encourage residents to attend.**