

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 17 July 2023

TIME OF MEETING: 7PM

VENUE: A'Chleit Church Hall

1. Present

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Zofija Sloan (ZS) (Vice Convenor), Alan Coote (AC) (Secretary), Joseph Loganbill (Treasurer), Christine O'Hanlon (CH)

2. Apologies

Councillor McFadzean – No other apologies received.

3. In Attendance

Anne Littleson

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minute of the previous meeting held on Monday 15 July 2023, was approved as a true record of the meeting, and was proposed by MP and seconded by JL.

6. Matters Arising/ Actions

ZS provided members with an update on the development of the website. It was discussed that it would be helpful to have some wording that describes each of the village areas within the West Kintyre community Council area. Contributions are being prepared in respect of Clachan and Glenbarr.

7. MAKI Police Report

Police Scotland had circulated the monthly report for the MAKI area. For reporting purposes, the West Kintyre Community Council area comes under Beat 37 within the report. The report covered both the months of May and June. Of note is the report of 24 abandoned 999 calls over the months of May and June, as well as 19 calls relating to road traffic incidents (encompassing collisions and offences)

8. Community Liaison Group (CLG) Update

MP provided members with an update on the progress of the various windfarm projects within the area. Please see Appendix A for the status of each project and Appendix B for the current map showing the locations of each windfarm project.

9. SSEN Consultation on CB for Infrastructure

MP advised that a meeting with SSEN had been held during the previous week. SSEN were now being forced to pay Community Benefit for infrastructure. SSEN questioned how they could do this however it was pointed out that they are already doing this elsewhere therefore it should not prove too difficult.

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10. Adoption of Annual Accounts of SCIO Community Fund 22/23

MP advised that the accounts had been submitted and received by OSCR, who have confirmed receipt of the accounts. The Auditors have been paid. The Members were happy to adopt the accounts.

11. Forthcoming AGM of Umbrella Trust with A&B Council and Power Companies - WFT

MP advised that the meeting was now scheduled for 7th September 2023/4

12. Defibrillator Checks

AC advised that there were still some defibrillator checks to be submitted for July.

13. Correspondence

AC advised that several items of correspondence had been received and circulated where appropriate.

14. AOCB

a. Tayinloan Toilets

MP advised that the ongoing difficulties with the toilets at Tayinloan persist. Recent blockages to the toilets had been found to be nappies put down the toilets, despite there being signs telling users that this must not be done. Ongoing vandalism to the toilets also continues to be a serious issue. It was discussed that the Community Council could take ownership and responsibility for the toilets and have them refurbished. It was agreed that a project would be initiated to look at the feasibility of the Community Council taking over responsibility from A&B Council. The Community Council would require submitting an Expression of Interest to A&B Council for their consideration.

Action No	Action	Action Owner
13	WKCC to establish Project Team to look at the feasibility of assuming responsibility for the Tayinloan Toilets	Secretary
14	WKCC to submit an Expression of Interest to A&B Council in taking over responsibility for the Tayinloan Toilets	Secretary

b. Car Parking at Ferry Farm Tayinloan

CH raised, on behalf of Lorraine Aitken (Ferry Farm), concerns about the current parking arrangements for people travelling to Gigha. Many of the parking spaces now appear to be occupied with vehicles owned by residents of Gigha, who leave them parked for long periods of time, which has reduced the number of parking spaces available to visitors. This results in visitor's cars parking on the Ferry Farm Café parking area and the private garden space owned by Ferry Farm. Attempts by Ferry Farm to alleviate this issue were blocked by the local authority. Members agreed that whilst recognising this as

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an ongoing issue, it was not within the remit of the Community Council to resolve but it required to be addressed by Argyll & Bute Council, as owners of the car park, in consultation with CalMac, operators of the ferry service, and the Community on Gigha.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the West Kintyre Community Council will be Monday 18th September at 7pm within Glenbarr Hall.

Dates of Future Meetings

18.09.2023

16.10.2023

Appendix A

Windfarm Project	Status
Breakerie	At Scoping
High Darioch	At Scoping
Tangy 1	Operational
Tangy 2	Operational
Tangy 4	Consented – will commence development 2024/25 (repowering of Tangy 1 and Tangy 2, larger turbines than current ones – to be removed
Beinn an Tuiric 1	Operational
Beinn an Tuiric 2	Operational
Beinn an Tuiric 3	Operational
Auchadauie	Operational
Cnoc Buidhe	At Scoping
Torrisdale West	At Scoping
Blary Hill	Operational
Arnicle (Lussa)	At Scoping
Clachaig Gle	Consented – awaiting decision on increase to size of turbines
Deucheran Hill	Operational
Narachan	At Appeal
Cour	Operational
Coalshee Peninsula	Latest proposal – will stretch from Ballachroy to Tayinloan
High Constellation	Consented – Now under construction
Eascairt	Consented
Freasdail	Operational
Earaghail	Awaiting Decision
Rowan	At Appeal
Airigh	Consented

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Appendix B

The current map of windfarm project locations



windfarm map july
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ACTION LOG

Open Actions

Action No	Action	Owner	Due Date	Action Update	Action Status
13	WKCC to establish Project Team to look at the feasibility of assuming responsibility for the Tayinloan Toilets	Alan Coote (Secretary)	Sept 2023		
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Closed Actions

Action No	Action	Owner	Due Date	Action Update	Action Status
1	Mr Hamilton to be approached to obtain a response to the proposed lease agreement	Councillor Armour	Jan 2023 Mar 2023	Completed	Closed
2	AC to engage with the Barrier to Settlement Project and provide feedback at the next meeting	Alan Coote (Secretary)	Jan 2023	Completed	Closed
3	AC to look at setting up a West Kintyre Community Council Facebook page	Alan Coote (Secretary)	Jan 2023 Mar 2023	Completed.	Closed
4	MP to raise concerns regarding the impact of the NPF 4 will have on the ability of Community Councils to object to future planning	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	Closed
5	MP to share the responses submitted to Scottish Government in relation to NPF4 with members.	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	Closed
6	Councillor Macpherson to provide MP with contact details at the Networks and Standards Office	Councillor Macpherson	March 2023	Completed	Closed
7	MP to provide a list of those who have agreed to check	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	Closed

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	defibrillators to the Secretary and reminders will be sent out				
8	AC to email /contact each nominated person responsible for checking the defibrillators and seek confirmation that the devices have been checked	Alan Coote (Secretary)	March 2023	Completed	Closed
9	MP to share the list of achievements with members	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	Closed
10	Secretary to email Councillor McPherson regarding identifying which road signs are missing from Bellochantuy and Kennacraig	Alan Coote (Secretary)	May 2023	Completed	Closed
11	Chain to be fixed to board at Glenbarr to permit access to the defibrillator	Zofija Sloan (Vice Convener)	May 2023	Completed	Closed
12	Patchen Cemetery – Safe Car Parking – Secretary to circulate Mr Robert Campbell’s concerns to Councillor Redman, Councillor McFadzean and Councillor Currie for consideration	Alan Coote (Secretary)	May 2023	Completed	Closed