

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 18 March 2024

TIME OF MEETING: 7PM

VENUE: A'Chleit Church Hall

1. Present

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Alan Coote (AC) (Secretary), Joseph Loganbill (JL) (Treasurer), Morag Branson (MB)

2. Apologies

Zofija Sloan (Vice Convenor)
Councillor Jennifer Kelly
Councillor Dougie McFadzean

3. In Attendance

Mr Allan Probin (Local Resident), who received a warm welcome from Members.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary presented the Minute of the previous meeting, held on 15 January 2024. No amendments were proposed. The Minute was proposed as a true record by JL and seconded by MB.

6. Matters Arising/ Actions

The Secretary advised that two of the actions (Items 18 and 19) from the previous meeting were items for discussion on the Agenda. The Secretary advised that he had attended the Democracy Matters Session (item 20 of the Action Log). Campbeltown Community Council had arranged the session to gather the views of a variety of stakeholders from local Communities on the Democracy Matters Consultation circulated by the Scottish Government. Responses to issue discussed would form the response back to Scottish Government. The general view was that local democracy was being eroded.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minute

7. MAKI Police Report

The MAKI Police report for January / February 2024 had been received and circulated. There was however no more up to date report. Police Scotland are preparing the report to cover a two-month period rather than the previous monthly period.

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8. Community Liaison Group (CLG) Update

MP provided the meeting with an update on the current stage of developments on several of the windfarm projects.

9. SSEN Consultation on CB for Infrastructure

MP advised that there was no further update at this time.

10. Tayinloan Toilet Project

MP advised that correspondence had been received from Argyll and Bute Council regarding the Community Council's application to take over ownership of the toilets at Tayinloan. Additional information was being gathered by the Council Officer now handling the application and a further update would be provided in due course.

It was noted that since a decision was taken to lock to toilets following the departure of the last ferry to Gigha, the instances of vandalism, which had become a major concern and incurring significant costs, had stopped.

It was also noted by members that many favourable comments had been received on the cleanliness of the toilets.

11. Defibrillator Checks

The Secretary advised that he had received the updates relating to the defibrillators. It was noted that several of the units were approaching their end of life and arrangements would be made to replace these units as soon as possible.

12. Correspondence

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

AC advised that information and consultation sessions were taking place across the area in relation to long term solutions for the issues at the Rest and be Thankful. Dates and venues had been circulated.

Applications were also being invited for membership to Community Councils, with a closing date of 21 March 2024.

13. AOCB

MP advised that she had had the honour of being asked to open an exhibition at Campbeltown Museum, which had been done in collaboration with Kilmartin Museum and local schools. The exhibition showcased the extra curricular work undertaken by our primary school pupils, which had been funded by the Windfarm Trust.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the West Kintyre Community Council will be Monday 20 May 2024 at 7pm within Glenbarr Church Hall.

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Appendix A

ACTION LOG

Open Actions

Action No	Action	Owner	Due Date	Action Update	Action Status
17	Update on application for ownership of the Tayinloan Toilets to be provided	Secretary	15.01.2024	Correspondence had been received from A&B Council and additional information was being obtained by the A&B Council Officer. Action will remain open meantime	Open

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Appendix B

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 Convenor)	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
13	WKCC to establish Project Team to look at the feasibility of assuming responsibility for the Tayinloan Toilets	Alan Coote (Secretary)	Sept 2023	Completed	Closed

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14	WKCC to submit an Expression of Interest to A&B Council in taking over responsibility for the Tayinloan Toilets	Alan Coote (Secretary)	Sept 2023	Completed	Closed
15	MAKI Police report to be circulated on receipt	Alan Coote (Secretary)	20.11.2023	Report distributed	Closed
16	MP to provide a further update to the meeting on the outcome of the meeting with project managers regarding the Killean Windfarm Project proposal	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	20.11.2023	Completed	Closed
18	AC to circulate to WKCC members details of the membership of the Scottish Forum of Community Councils for consideration	Secretary	15.01.2024	Completed	Closed
19	AC to contact Police Scotland re outstanding MAKI Police Report	Secretary	18.03.2024	Jan/ Feb 2024 Police Report received and circulated but not a more recent one. They are now being circulated every two months	Closed
20	AC to feedback on Campbeltown Community Council meeting on Democracy matters	Secretary	18.03.2024	Update provided by the Secretary to the meeting	Closed