WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 20 January 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 7PM

VENUE: Tayinloan Village Hall & By Zoom Meeting

1. Present

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Alan Coote (AC) (Secretary), Christine O'Hanlon (CO), Morag Branson (MB), Joseph Loganbill (Treasurer)

The following attendees attempted to join the meeting via the circulated ZOOM link however, due to technical issues, ZOOM would not open to permit these participants to join.

Zofija Sloan (ZS), (Vice Convenor)
Councillor Dougie McFadzean
Anne Littleson

2. Apologies

Fiona Coffield (FC)

3. In Attendance

Councillor Ann Horn
MP welcomed everyone to the January meeting of the West Kintyre Community Council. MP apologised for the failure of the ZOOM connection. The reason for it was not clear but efforts will be made to ensure the link works for future meetings.

4. Declarations of Interest

MP reminded those in attendance that any item on the agenda which anyone in attendance had an interest should be declared. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary presented the Minute of the previous meeting, held on 18 November 2024, No amendments were proposed. The Minute was proposed as a true record by JL and seconded by CO.

6. Matters Arising/ Actions

AC advised that there were two Actions from the previous meeting. Both Actions were subject of agenda items and were considered closed. There were no other Matters Arising from the Minute. The Minute was proposed as a true record by JL and seconded by CO.

7. MAKI Police Report

The most recent Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Police Report has been circulated. AC advised the meeting that the report was in a different format than that of previous months as it had been prepared for the Argyll and Bute Planning Committee, and not for the Community Councils as it had been previously.

Members agreed that the new format of the report was not as informative as its previous versions as it gave no information about the incidents happening within the West Kintyre Community Council area. There were also questions as to why West Kintyre Community Council was reported in the same area as both Southend Community Council and Laggan Community Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary would provide feedback from the Community Council to Police Scotland.

Action No. 28	Secretary (AC) to provide feedback to Police Scotland on the format and content of the Police Report	Secretary

8. Cour Community Benefit Fund - Update

MP provided an update on the status of the Cour Fund. MP highlighted previous issues when dealing with Octopus Energy when trying to negotiate with them regarding Community Benefit regarding the Cour Wind Farm. Following agreement and the implementation and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the three Community Council areas and Foundation Scotland, the available funds had now been disbursed to each of the three Community Councils.

9. Windfarm Trust Funding Applications

MP advised that the applications for funding would be considered at a meeting to be held on Monday 21st of April 2025. The deadline for applications will be 31 March 2025.

10. Community Liaison Group (CLG)

MP provided an update on the live windfarm applications.

Tangy 4 – build should begin any time. Work on the access road had already completed.

Cnoc Buidhe – Application will be submitted in the near future.

Clachaig Glen – Although passed by the Government there is a delay until 2026/2027 due to the lack of a connection to the National Grid

Killean – Application has been completed. Objections have been lodged. We await to see if there will be an inquiry.

West Torrisdale – Application has been submitted.

Earraghail – Reporters have submitted their report to Scottish Ministers, from who there has been no response. This has now been outstanding for some considerable time.

11. Community Action Plan

MP advised the meeting that the proposed questionnaire had been circulated, and responses sought from all members, with any suggestions for changes to the content of the questionnaire. Given the limited responses it was opened to the meeting to advise of any changes to what was proposed. No suggestions were forthcoming to it was agreed that the questionnaire, as proposed, was adopted, and would be circulated across the West Kintyre Community Council area.

Member's assistance will be required to assist in the addressing of envelopes which will then be sent to the local community.

Decision	Proposed questionnaire to inform the Community Action Plan is adopted for circulation across the Community Council area	All WKCC Members

12. Tayinloan Toilet Project

MP advised that some progress had been made in relation to the Community Asset Transfer application in respect of the Tayinloan Toilet Refurbishment Project. Documentation has now been received from the legal department of Argyll and Bute Council. Documentation appears to indicate that Argyll and Bute Council own the entire block, which comprises both the toilet block and the attached waiting room. Further investigation revealed that this may not be the case and that the owners of Ferry Farm, the Aitkens, may own the waiting room part of the building.

AC advised that he had met with the Aitkens, and they were unclear as to whether they do in fact own the waiting room. They agreed to investigate this and advise the Community Council accordingly of their understanding of the position.

In addition, within the waiting room part of the structure there is equipment that may be owned by CalMac, as it is equipment potential used in the operation of the Gigha ferry. AC agreed to make enquiries with Cal Mac to ascertain if indeed they do own the equipment, what it is used for, if still in use, and what can be done to have it removed or re-sited.

MP recognised the considerable assistance that the Community Council had received from Mr Douglas Bouttell, Estate Surveyor at Argyll and Bute Council, who had worked tirelessly to get us to our current position.

Action No. 29	Secretary (AC) to make enquiries with Cal Mac regarding the equipment within the 'Waiting Room' at Tayinloan Toilets and report back	Alan Coote Secretary

13. Defibrillator Checks

AC advised that all defibrillator checks for the current month were up to date. CO advised that there were no lights showing on the Tayinloan defibrillator. This would be checked at the end of the meeting.

14. Correspondence

AC brought two items of correspondence to the attention of the meeting.

I. Bear Scotland's advanced notice of road works north of Inverary which would take 40 working days, between 27.01.2025 and 21.03.2025.

II. The Road Safety – National Speed Management Consultation was circulated with a closing date of 5th March 2025. Details had been posted on the website and the Facebook page, and everyone is encouraged to respond.
Road Safety - National Speed Management Consultation

15. AOCB

AC advised that notification had been received of the consultation into the proposed Visitor Levy that was being considered by Argyll and Bute Council, in common with all local authorities. Members are encouraged to participate in the consultation as this will have an impact on the Community Council area. The link is below.
Visitor Levy Consultation

16. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the West Kintyre Community Council will be Monday 17 March 2025 at 7pm within A'Chleit Church Hall.

(Please note that there is no facility for a ZOOM meeting at this location

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Appendix A

ACTION LOG

Open Actions

Action No	Action	Owner	Due Date	Action Update	Action Status
28	Secretary (AC) to provide feedback to Police Scotland on the format and content of the Police Report	Secretary (AC)	17/03/2025	Feedback provided; response received from Police Scotland	Open
29	Secretary AC to make enquiries with Cal Mac regarding the equipment within the 'Waiting Room' at Tayinloan Toilets and report back	Secretary (AC)	17/03/2025	Initial enquiries have been made with Cal Mac at Kennacraig. Further information is awaited from Cal Mac	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**

	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
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	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**
21	MP to raise the question of funding of portaloos at West	Convener	15 July 2024	Project discontinued	Closed

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	Port Beach with the Windfarm Trust Fund Committee				
22	Details of unknown landowners to be circulated to members to assist in identifying ownership	Mark Ringus	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
23	Community Action Plan to be circulated	Zofia Sloan	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
24	Draft questions for circulation to residents to be circulated for consideration	Zofia Sloan	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
25	MP to contact JL for update on WKCC Accounts	Margaret Pratt	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
26	Community Council Members to agree how the questionnaire was to be circulated	All WKCC Members	20/01/2025	Completed - Questionnaire content agreed	Closed
27	Councillor MacPherson to enquire within Argyll & Bute Council's legal department if any progress has been made	Councillor MacPherson	20/01/2025	Completed Update from A& B Council Legal Services has been received	Closed