

Kilmaronock Community Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall on 11th January 2010

Item	Action
1. Present Willie Roxburgh (WR), Steve Macken (SM), Jock Scott-Park (JSP), James Macrae (JM) Fiona Wylie. The Community Council (CC) also welcomed members of the public to the meeting.	
2. Apologies No apologies were received.	
3. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 nd November 2009 were proposed by JM and seconded by JSP.	
4. Matters Arising <u>Roads & Paths</u> WR and SM reported that KCC were developing a system to report road issues on a more frequent basis to the Council's road department by means of a map of the community showing problem areas along with a tabulated list of issues requiring attention. Current road problems are summarised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ross Priory entrance - water crossing road• Duncryne Road – verge erosion and inadequate drainage• Auchencarroch Road - potholes.• Pothole near scrapyard – awaiting repair.• Potholes on A811 near Wards• Potholes on Duncryne Road Members noted that the Council had done a good job of keeping local roads clear and well gritted during the recent spell of snow and ice.	SM
<u>Recycling</u> SM reported that he had confirmed the Community Council's support to the Kilmaronock Millennium Association in respect of any future plans for an extension to the hall car park which might include recycling facilities.	SM
5. Treasurers Report JM reported to the meeting that the Current Account balance stood at £1,030.01, and the Benevolent Fund balance at £1,274.90. The annual grant from WDC has been received, which this year totalled £684.67.	
6. Planning Matters <u>Auchencarroch Landfill – Mechanical and Biological Waste Treatment Facility</u> Gavin Ramsey from Barr Environmental presented plans on their proposed waste treatment facility at Auchencarroch landfill site, currently the subject of a planning application under consideration by West Dunbartonshire Council. The proposed facility would comprise a large low rise building sited adjacent to the existing landfill site, in which most mixed household waste would be processed rather than going straight to landfill. Incoming waste would be packed in sealed 'tunnels' and allowed to part self digest through the controlled introduction of air, and after a number of days would be considerably dryer. This would	WR WR

then be sorted by mechanical means, then by hand into recyclates and the remainder for landfill. WR

Following his presentation Mr Ramsey invited questions from members of the public, with key issues raised concerning the potential for increased odours from the site, visual impact as a result of artificial lighting and scale of building proposed.

With respect to odours, Mr Ramsey explained that the process would be fully enclosed and that odours would be managed within, and also that the proposed facility has the potential to reduce odour from landfill gas by reducing the amount of material going to landfill. He further noted that existing engines on site convert landfill gas from the landfill into electricity.

On the subject of visual impact, Mr Ramsey explained that the building, whilst large in plan, would be around 15m in height whilst some lighting would be necessary for security and public liability reasons.

WR thanked Mr Ramsey for his presentation.

After the presentation and subsequent discussion, JSP suggested that KCC should give qualified approval to the proposal subject to controls being implemented by way of planning condition in respect of lighting, traffic and controls on odours/noxious emissions. Furthermore an appropriate colour scheme should be proposed to conceal the building within landscape.

WR to respond to WDC on behalf of KCC.

Hungry Monk – proposal to extend

WR reported on a proposal to extend the Hungry Monk and reconfigure the internal space into a more flexible dining facility and shop to retail 'up-market' goods and produce.

No objections have been raised by local residents with the Community Council.

High Duncryne Farm - change of use and renovation of old house from agricultural storage to residential use

WR explained the planning history to the site, noting that the business was now more focussed on contracting than agriculture.

Members further commented that the proposal makes use of an existing building for a young family in village. It was also noted that the proposal was a renovation of an existing building and within the cartilage of an established site. WR to respond to the NP.

Ardoch – future use of conference facility

WR noted that concerns had been raised over the future use of the conference and accommodation facility currently under construction at Ardoch. WR to ask for confirmation from Norman Drummond of Columba 1400.

The Manse, Main Street – proposal to install solar roof slates

WR noted that a planning application had been submitted to replace a roof slates on the Manse which had recently been refused by the National Park Authority.

7. Kilmaronock Community Trust

Celia Burn reported that the community, as part of a National Park co-ordinate group of 8 villages known as the Communities Partnership, had secured a share of a significant grant award from the Climate Challenge Fund.

Kilmaronock's share of the funding amounts to around £41k to be put toward energy efficiency initiatives to include:

- Support funding for acquiring insulation measures
- Community buildings to benefit from energy saving systems
- Library of energy monitors to be made available to loan to individuals

8. National Park Issues and Association of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Community Councils

WR reported that the new National Park Plan would be published in final draft form in 2 months.

9. Correspondence

SM reported on the following correspondence received by the Community Council since the last meeting as follows:

- WDC - Budget Public Forum
- WDC - Review of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils
- WDC - Communication with Community Councils
- WDC - Waste and Recycling Collections

10. AOCB

SM reported that parents of children attending the nursery in the village were concerned about considerable increases in childcare charges to be soon to be levied by the Council. Members resolved to write to our local Councillors and the Council Leader to express its concerns on behalf of local parents with a view to reviewing the charges.

SM

11. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings (2010)

1st March, 17th May, 5th July, 6th September, 1st November.