

Kilmaronock Community Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall on 1st March 2010

Item	Action
1. Present Willie Roxburgh (WR), Steve Macken (SM), Jock Scott-Park (JSP), James Macrae (JM) Fiona Wyllie, John Kelly (JK), Irene Forrester (IF). The Community Council (CC) also welcomed our National Park Board representative Willie Nisbet and 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 11th January 2010 were proposed by FW and seconded by JM.	
4. Matters Arising <u>Roads & Paths</u> SM reported that he had produced a map of Kilmaronock identifying road problems such as potholes and verge erosion. This would be updated on an ongoing basis and sent to West Dunbartonshire Council after each KCC meeting. SM requested that all road problems should be notified to both the Council and Community Council directly by individuals in order that the Council's road department is kept fully up to date with road problems to be addressed. SM to distribute map to members.	SM
5. Treasurers Report JM reported to the meeting that the Current Account balance stood at £770.08, and the Benevolent Fund balance at £1,275.11. A set of accounts would be produced for the next meeting.	JM
6. Planning Matters <u>National Park – Finalised Draft Local Plan</u> WR reported that the National Park's finalised draft local plan was published on the 19 th February, accompanied by a number of background documents which were commissioned to direct certain aspects of policy. The consultation period is open until 6 th April 2010. Given that a relatively short period had elapsed since this document was published, WR advised that the Community Council had not had sufficient opportunity to fully consider its content but would review how the document had responded to KCC's representation to the first draft local plan last year, and further respond if necessary. As the date for response was before the next KCC meeting it was suggested that if any members of the community felt strongly enough about any issue, contact could be made with either the secretary or chairman and if necessary a special meeting of KCC could be arranged - otherwise it was agreed that the secretary and chairman could respond as appropriate to the NP. <u>Wind farm update</u> SM reported that Lomond Energy (developer) was in the process of early consultations with other communities in West Dunbartonshire in connection with the proposed Merkins Wind Farm and expected a planning application to be made to the Council later in the year. <u>Auchencarroch Landfill – 'In-Vessel' waste handling facility</u> WR reported that this had been approved by West Dunbartonshire Council subject to conditions. <u>High Duncryne Farm - change of use and renovation of old house from agricultural storage to residential use</u>	SM/WR/ JK

WR advised that it appeared a decision on this proposal had yet to be made by the National Park as no feedback had been received.

Ardoch – future use of conference facility

WR reported that he had written to Norman Drummond at Columba 1400 requesting him to clarify the position as to the intended use of Ardoch, in particular in connection with the newly built residential conference block.

Mr Drummond responded saying that the building was commencing well and will be available for use after Easter, initially for 'road testing' and then full use from the Summer. The Princess Royal is scheduled to open the facility during June 2010.

7. Kilmaronock Community Trust

JK reported that Janet Beveridge had recently stepped down as Chair of the Community Trust and has been replaced by Sheila Cronin, with Hammy Stewart now appointed vice chair. JB has now taken over as Chair of the Woodlands Group.

Celia Burn reported on the work of the Community Renewable Energy Group (CREG), and progress with the Community Futures Goes Green Project, advising that a specialist contractor was soon to be appointed to start the implementation of the Climate Challenge Fund supported local energy efficiency project. With respect to other initiatives JK advised that the Community Trust were keen to see a wide range of renewable energy technologies considered in terms of a commercial income generation project for the community which has been one of the CREG's key objectives.

With respect to the Dumpling project, JK reported that a study commissioned by the Community Trust last year to investigate the feasibility and economics of the community buying and managing the Dumpling has been completed. Following this the community will be balloted to establish whether it wishes to register an interest in acquiring the Dumpling should it become available in the future.

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

Celia Burn advised that a Community Partnership event was scheduled for 3rd March 2010 from 7-9pm in the National Park HQ in Balloch.

9. Correspondence

- Nursery charges – SM reported that he had written to WDC on behalf of KCC and local parents to express concerns a the proposed increase in nursery charges.
- Water services on Loch Lomond – John Ross made members aware of a 'Survey of Potential Users of Loch Lomond 2009' which KCC had not been consulted on. He further advised that comments on this Scottish Enterprise consultation could be made to MVA consultancy 0141 225 4400
- East Loch Lomond side camping – WR reported on a National Park consultation on proposed bylaws to control wild camping on the east side of Loch Lomond.
- WR advised that there is a link to a number of consultations and other items of interest on www.gartocharn.org

10. AOCB

Members suggested that our local ward councillors be invited to attend future meetings of KCC. SM

11. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings (2010)

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