

Kilmaronock Community Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall on 5th September 2011

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<p>1. Present</p> <p>Willie Roxburgh (WR), Jock Scott-Park (JS-P), James Macrae (JM), Steve Macken (SM), Irene Forrester (IF), John Kelly (JK) and Fiona Wyllie (FW), plus 6 members of the community.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>None - all members present.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>A correction to the heading on the previous minutes of the meeting of 4th July was noted but otherwise these were agreed and were proposed by FW and seconded by JM.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Roads & Paths</u></p> <p>It was noted that no progress had been made with respect to the dry stane dyke at the old toilets, or to the flooding of the footpath at Duncryne Terrace. WR to pursue again with WDC.</p> <p>Noted that WDC had been carrying out repairs on School Road and also on Old School Road. The spring leak on Ross Loan near Ross Priory had also been marked up for future attention.</p> <p>WR reported that Raymond Walsh at WDC Roads had indicated that a section of the A811 just west of the village towards Balloch would be 'partially closed for repairs for a period of about 3 weeks from the 19th September' and that a formal announcement would be placed in local newspapers shortly. The consensus regarding this was that clarity should be forthcoming from WDC and appropriate information placed on the village website. It was also considered that this would be an opportune time for WDC to carry out some much needed maintenance on the footpath, which was now designated as a core path by the National Park. WR to follow up with WDC on this.</p> <p>Particularly bad sections of the side roads were noted as the corner just north of Auchenlarich, and the Auchencarroch Road in general. WDC to be informed via a marked up plan, their preferred presentation method.</p>	WR
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p> <p>JM reported to the meeting that the Current Account balance stood at £481.45 and the Benevolent Fund balance at £1,276.87. JM noted that he had requested forms for the next annual grant from WDC.</p>	
<p>6. Planning Matters</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <p>WR reported on the following planning decisions by the NP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ballagan Farm</i> - 8 No holiday chalets - approved. The conditions attached to this would result in the the existing vehicle repair trade ceasing at the site and the temporary accommodation being in place for 1 year.• <i>Portnellan Old Farmhouse</i> - dormer extension - approved	

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- *Maviemill Cottage* – erection of extension - approve

NP Local Plan - NP board member, W Nisbet, present at the meeting, indicated that the Local Plan would go before the board for formal approval on 12th October and would become 'legal' in November following Scottish Government procedures.

7. Kilmaronock Community Trust

JK reported that the board had met on the 15th August and although he was not present he and WN were able to comment as follows :-

- Football pitch - consideration still ongoing re taking this into community 'partnership' with the Council, together with the football pavilion. Consensus of those present was that it should remain the responsibility of WDC as significant maintenance issues were involved..
- 'Picnic in the Park' held on the 20th August had been a big success.
- 'Wind Fall' - a meeting was being held with the Fintry community on the 6th September to find out more about their 'financial model' and how this was working.
- Ross Priory Woodland - legal agreements with the Forest Enterprise were still ongoing, very slowly. A McMullen was arranging for a group to clear the footpath. The obligation to reinstate the gate post was raised, but it was acknowledged that this would be best left until more progress had been made.
- Public Toilets - lack of these remains a very sensitive issue. One resident had met with the local MSP to raise concerns re this.

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

FW and WR had attended an informal meeting with the new chair of the NP - lack of public toilets was noted (although this, like roads is not within the NP remit).

A draft NP Plan for 2012 - 2017 has been issued for consultation (somewhat slimmer than the previous Plan). Opinions on this were also being canvassed by the NP in the current issue of the NP magazine, which contained a return card for individual views.

9. Correspondence

It was noted that the following correspondence had been received :-

- Dunbritton Housing Association summer newsletter.
- WDC - Review of Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils - no action required.
- Letter received from a resident re the red light on the test mast for the proposed Merkins wind farm asking if WDC had sent any correspondence re this. No correspondence has been received has been received from WDC regarding this and in fact the mast is outwith the KCC area - response given accordingly.

10. AOCB

The following points were raised :-

- Rural Housing Enabler - WR noted that he and Sheila Cronin of .KCT had met with Gavin Kennedy who is working with the NP in respect of this. Gavin was keen to establish the need for 'affordable housing' in Gartocharn and in relation to this had produced a draft questionnaire for initial comment before general circulation. This draft had been shared with other KCC members - overall it was considered too long and detailed - WR to respond accordingly.
- WDC - Notice of Election of Community Councillors. WDC have given notification

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that the elections for the next period of office for councillors would be held in October 2011 and that completed nomination forms were to be received by WDC by the 16th September. All those seeking re-election would need to complete and return forms accordingly. Notification of these elections would be placed in the village shop and on the village website. Fiona Wyllie indicated that after 17 years of service she would not be seeking re-election. A vote of thanks for Fiona's significant efforts over this period was recorded with appreciation.

- Speeding - concern was expressed at the continued speeding through the village. It was agreed that WDC would be contacted re the malfunctioning flashing signs and that the police should be approached to perhaps effect some system such as that in Stirlingshire villages like Arnprior.

11. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings (2011)

7th November