

Kilmaronock Community Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall on 4th May 2009

Item	Action
1. Present Willie Roxburgh (WR), Steve Macken (SM), Jock Scott-Park (JSP), James Macrae (JM). The Community Council (CC) also welcomed Janet Beveridge (JB - LLTNPk Board Member) and members of the public to the meeting.	
2. Apologies John Kelly	
3. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd March 2009 were proposed by JSP and seconded by WR.	
4. Matters Arising a) <u>Recycling Bins</u> Further to the removal of the recycling bins as reported at the last CC meeting, it was suggested that whilst it was not considered acceptable to site a recycling facility in the Millennium Hall car park due largely to limited space, it may be feasible to locate recycling bins within an extended car park provided that the amenity of local residents was appropriately protected. JM explained that the land to the south and adjacent to the existing car park was owned by the Kilmaronock Millennium Association and that a car park extension has always been envisaged subject to demand for parking spaces and funding being put in place. JM offered to raise the idea with KMA. b) <u>Roads & Paths</u> The following road problems were reported to the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potholes and slippery surface close to Wards.• Potholes on Duncryne Road• Surface water near Ross Priory entrance• Pothole/loose manhole cover on Main Street near to The Manse Badly potholed road near Gallangad, although SM reported that WDC have resurfaced the road close to Gallangad and completed major resurfacing works on Duncryne Road.	
5. Treasurers Report JM reported prior to the meeting that the Current Account balance stood at £118.22, and the Benevolent Fund balance at £1,274.03. The meeting approved the acceptance of the WDC grant for 2008/2009 of a net £664.32, and the Conditions of Grant relating thereto. It was agreed that Mr William Roxburgh (Chairman) and Mr Steven Macken (Secretary) be nominated to sign the Undertaking re: the Grant on behalf of the Community Council.	
6. Planning Matters a) <u>Online Planning Service</u>	

WR reported that the National Park had initiated an online planning service to enable planning applications to be submitted electronically. Details on the National Park's website.

b) Local Plan Update

WR reported that the National Park had indicated that work on the NP Plan was on programme and a draft was expected in Autumn 2009.

c) Local Development Plan

In addition to the Local Plan WR reported that a new Local Development Plan is to be produced for the National Park to replace the regional structure plans which currently include parts of the National Park within their jurisdiction. This process is expected to start during mid-2010 with a view to a draft Local Development Plan being issue around April 2011.

d) Planning Applications

WR reported on the following planning applications:

- Ardgate – land infill – approved
- Cambusmoon Cottage – extension – approved
- Blairnyle – relocation of approved site for dwelling house – pending
- Radio mast near Lorn – alterations – approved
- Kilmaronock House – alterations - pending
- Balronan - change of use of double garage - pending
- Knockour - extension - pending
- Slatehouse - pending
- Wards - garage/workshop/estate office - pending

7. **SEPA Issues**

a) Septic Tank Registration

WR noted that the introduction of recent legislation in connection with waste management meant that domestic septic tanks now need to be registered with SEPA. WR explained that whilst registration was not mandatory, it will be a requirement in connection with transfer of property. Until the end of May this registration is free of charge, after which a fee of up to £100 is payable. Registration can be made by phone to SEPA on 01355 574200, or online at SEPA's website where a charge of £1 is levied.

b) River Basin Planning Consultation Event

SM reported that SEPA are to hold this event at the National Park Headquarters on 12th May 2009 at 6:30pm to hear views on the future management of rivers and lochs in the National Park area. This would be fed into SEPA's evolving River Basin Management Plan, the consultation period for which closes on 22nd June 2009.

8. **Gartocharn Primary School Consultation**

WR advised that WDC Education Department are to hold a consultation event at the school on the evening of 7th May. This is primarily to look at how the future needs of the school are to be developed and managed.

9. **Kilmaronock Community Trust**

Forthcoming events:

- 19th May 2009 - Joint meeting on collaborative working with Kilmaronock Community Council
- 13th June 2009 – Gartocharn Community Energy Fair

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

WR noted the following National Park current initiatives:

- Respect the Park – Operation Ironworks - policing and security
- Biodiversity Action Plan – under way

11. Correspondence

- Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland – forthcoming AGM to be held in Musselburgh

12. AOCB

Item noted:

- **Drymen – proposed pharmacy** – WR noted local concern in connection with a potential threat to the viability of Drymen Surgery by virtue of the potential purchase and conversion of the now closed outdoor shop to a pharmacy.

13. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings (2009)

6th July, 7th September, 2nd November.