

# Kilmaronock Community Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting held in Kilmaronock Millennium Hall on 7th November 2011

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<p><b>1. Present</b></p> <p>Willie Roxburgh (WR), James Macrae (JM), Steve Macken (SM), Irene Forrester (IF), John Kelly (JK) and Celia Burns (CB), plus 9 members of the community.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>Jock Scott-Park.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>These were proposed by JM and seconded by IF.</p>	
<p><b>4. NP Awards</b></p> <p>It was announced by CB that KCT had received notification from the NP Community Partnership that James Macrae had been declared 'Volunteer of the Year' and Alan Watson 'Young Volunteer of the Year' for 2011. This was met with warm congratulations to both.</p>	
<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Noted that this was the first KCC meeting since the recent election process. There were still 7 community councillors, Fiona Wyllie having retired, and Celia Burns welcomed as a new member.</p> <p><u>Roads &amp; 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>WR indicated that a note of appreciation had been sent to Raymond Walsh at WDC Roads in respect of the recent surfacing works to the A811, and for the start made on clearing the overgrowth to the footpath over a section of the road leading west from the village. This note had also again highlighted the particularly bad sections of the side roads at the corner just north of Auchenlarich, and the Auchencarroch Road in general. Raymond Walsh had responded that the back roads and remainder of the footpath would be dealt with under 'planned maintenance'.</p>	WR
<p><b>6. Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>JM reported to the meeting that the Current Account balance stood at £451.45 and the Benevolent Fund balance at £1,276.87. JM also noted that he had submitted forms for the next annual grant from WDC.</p>	
<p><b>7. Planning Matters</b></p> <p><u>General</u></p> <p>WR reported on the following planning decisions by the NP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Lochaber</i> - change of use of agricultural land to domestic and erection of stable building including formation of access - approved.</li></ul> <p>Other Planning issues raised were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>NP Local Plan</i> - this is now likely to be approved by the NP board on the 12th</li></ul>	WR

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December and become effective as of the 13th December.

- *Ballagan Garden Centre* – members commented that there appeared to be 'development by stealth' ongoing at this location. WR to pursue with the NP enforcement officer.

#### 8. Kilmaronock Community Trust

JK reported as follows :-

- Football pitch - consideration still ongoing re taking this into community 'partnership' with the Council, together with the football pavilion.
- 'Wind Fall' - a meeting was held on the 6th September with the Fintry community to find out more about their 'financial model' and how this was working. Their model had involved the purchase of one turbine and they now had one full and one part-time employees. Considerations were ongoing and a joint meeting had been held with Balloch and Haldane Trust on the 24th October to discuss possibilities only - no decisions taken.

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

It was reported that an affordable housing survey, organised by the NP, had been circulated. An information session had also been held in the KM Hall.

#### 9. Correspondence

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

- Boundary Comm. Consultations re Parliamentary constituencies. Possible that West Dunbartonshire may have a Bearsden ward added to its boundaries.
- Letter from Hugh Leitch to Jackie Baillie re Mr Warren's proposed new planning application for development in field N of KM Hall.
- Commission on Rural Education – CB to organise a response. Any one who wishes may send in their views direct.
- Emergency Planning – Resilience. Being reviewed, in particular another possible hard winter.
- Dunbritton Housing – newsletter & annual review.
- SM reported a letter from Miss Anderson, Head of Gartocharn School. The school has been awarded a "Green Flag" for environmental initiatives. They need a flagpole for this (possibly use collapsible one belonging to KMH). Checking re need for Planning Permission. KCC unlikely to have any funds available for this however as the benevolent fund cannot be used for such purposes. KCC noted congratulations to Miss Anderson.

#### 10. AOCB

The following points were raised :-

- Speeding - concern was expressed at the continued speeding through the village. WR still to pursue.
- WDC CC forum. CB had attended. Next meeting is Thursday 8 Dec, at which new Chief Exec of WDC will attend.
- 2012 Diamond Jubilee. SP asked if any events were planned in the Community to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's accession. It appears that a bonfire is planned on the Dumpling, the KM Hall intends some form of event, and the B Flats annual two-night concert in March has a totally Royal theme.

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#### 11. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings (2012)

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Monday Jan 9, Mar 5, May 14 (also AGM), Jul 2, Sep 3 and Nov 5. JM to organise booking.