

**Southend Community Council
CC Meeting 29th January 2020**

Present:

Community Councillors: John Bakes; Margaret McDowall; George Hanna; Pat Healey
Elizabeth Barbour; Jimmy Umpherston

Apologies: John McDowall

Speakers: Alasdair Bennett & Rhona Elder from
East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG)

**Members of Community
Members from Laggan** Bill & Linda Brannigan; Margaret Bateman
Johnny Beveridge; Sarah Livingstone; Vicky Middleton;
Sandra Mathieson

Councillor: Apology given

Police Representatives: None

It was agreed that because Mr Alasdair Bennet and Mrs. Rhona Elder from East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) had come to give us a small presentation that we would do this first and then have our meeting. We also had members from the Laggan Community Council visit to hear the presentation

Mr. Bennett then gave us an update of the community shared ownership of wind farms. The benefit at present to communities from

The output from Tangy II is approximately 19mw of power from 120m tall towers that increased to 37mw power from 130m tall towers and the hope is that they will get permission to increase the towers to 150m tall and by doing so increase capacity to 80mw of power. The government's recommended community benefit should be £5k per mw.

Mr Bennett then advised that his group felt there was a greater possibility of increased funding to communities and had been talking to companies asking if communities could look at a share for the good of the communities and he felt that if all the Kintyre communities could speak with one voice we would be a much stronger force to work with. There followed a question and answer session.

The committee at the end of his presentation agreed to discuss our feelings and Margaret would get back to him. Mr. Bennett and the rest of the visitors then took their leave.

John Bakes then reconvened the meeting

Minutes and Matters Arising.

Pat asked about the bulb planting and was advised this had been done.

2 Muneroy Cottages no further update at present

As there were no matters minutes were proposed by Elizabeth Barbour /seconded by John Bakes

Roads – Nothing to Report

Crime Prevention – Nothing to report as John had been in hospital

Police Report: - Nothing to Report

Kintyre Medical Group – Two Doctors had been interviewed and were in negotiation

Treasurer's Report – Balances:

Community Council: Current Account: £20,166.73 Sports Field Account: £ 305.85

Playpark: Clydesdale £2171.08

The Tangy Wind Monies £2983.76 - Forms are out due back 14th February

Margaret asked if the hall could apply for some funding – Elizabeth will send a form

Loan agreement given to Margaret for Hall for signature. £20k still outstanding

Councillor's Report: No Report

Correspondence: -

- All agreed the development plan which had been sent out for all to read was a load of waffle and told us nothing
- Marine Plan nearest venue Oban and this is an insult for Kintyre
- Margaret has the title deeds for the field to give to Lorna McKay for the Land Registry issue
- Kildavie. The Batemans have been grazing on some of this land for a few years but it has recently been up for sale for forestry. Part of this land until December 2019 has been continuous grazing land and there is also two private water supplies and a natural spring on this land which feeds more than one household. Tree planting would obviously soak up water from both of these denying the households water. Margaret to write to Mark Simpson and Margaret Bateman will go and speak to the new owners at Glenburn. The concern is that this land will be used eventually for a wind farm.

AOB – John will have a word with Thomas Cameron re the slip at Carskiew which has collapsed

200 Club

December

£30 Karen Twynham
£10 Margaret McDowall
£10 Hugh McCorkindale
£10 Fiona Rowland

January

£30 Margaret Bakes
£10 Mairi McDonald
£10 Margaret McDowall
£10 Hugh Galbraith

Next meeting – Wednesday 26th February 2020