

KILMUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING
12th November 2024 @ 7.30PM.
Younger Hall Kilmun
Meeting Start -7.30pm

The secretary asked the audience if there were any last-minute items to be added within the agenda. None were submitted.

PRESENT: Diane Nicholson (Convenor), Peter Hunter Douglas, Lachlan Macquarie.
Advisors to KCC - Steve Abbott (Defibrillators), Gordon Holm (Geology).

Also Present: David Brewster, Anne Rodger, Andy Rodger.

APOLOGIES: Mark Borland (Vice Convenor), Janet Holm (Secretary), Graham Reville, Russell Humphreys (Treasurer), Kerris Bone, Mandy Grout, Councillor William Sinclair, Gordon Blair, Councillor Y McNeilly, Malcolm Bird, Fraser Macdonald (Forestry Land Scotland).

This session was recorded for the minutes.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The 8th October 2024 minutes were:

Proposed: Lachlan Macquarie

Seconded: Diane Nicholson - ***Carried***

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Carried forward £2292.85.

Income

ABC grant £480.40

Expenditure

Blairmore Hall	20.00
Bank charges	1.05
Admin printing	76.00
Gardening	£10.00

Totals.

General fund £2193.45

Funding from Highgate Hall trust for Shore Sweepers (Ring fenced)

Grant	£3805.00
Ross McArthur.	- £2841.60
Solway direct	-£864.00
Available	£99.40

Donations for defibrillator maintenance £52.50

Overall total £6296.95.

5. POLICE REPORT

No report received.

DN identified that an email had been sent to LD Area Inspector Bart Simonis but the one-to-one discussion regarding policing matter in our area had not yet taken place.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

One received: Change of use of ancillary building to short-term letting unit (retrospective) for Riverside Cottage, Rashfield, Dunoon. There was no raised objections nor overwhelming support for this application.

9. COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Shore Sweepers / Graham's Point

The Shore Sweepers - nothing to report this month although it was highlighted that the cyclamen at the village sign were still looking good. David Brewster identified that bulbs will be planted in the tubs at the bus stop and will not be submitting any costs for this.

Graham's Point – L Macquarie identified concern that the new growth of trees and shrubs close to the sea wall should be managed as left unchecked could cause damage to the recent repairs. DN agreed to contact ACHA.

Hole in right of way path / Flooding issues

There is still no resolution to the ground ownership, the flooding issue and the funding to cover the cost of the repairs. Please see the note within Forest Land Scotland area update within the attachment.

Defibrillator(s) / Training

SA asked the committee if there had been any decision taken as to the appropriate locations for the new defibs. Through a discussion at the meeting, it was agreed that one should be placed midway between the two existing (Younger Hall, Kilmun and The Strone Inn). SA identified that Graham Thompson had agreed to have the defib attached to his wall if ABC did not agree to the suggestion of it being attached to a lamppost. ABC has not responded to the request, DN agreed to pass this information to Cllr. Gordon Blair.

SA identified that after discussion with the Caravan Park they have installed and attached the defib to the house at the Caravan Park and is clearly visible from the Cot House Garage. It has not been registered with the emergency services and SA will investigate.

The next location within our community is Clachaig but as there are no public buildings or streetlights within the village potentially it would take too long to negotiate with BT for the use and power to reconnection to the old phone box. DN agreed to have the defib attached to her house.

Initially two new defibs will be purchased and installed if funds allow then a third one will be purchased and installed with agreement of ABC at the Strone Primary School.

Bus Timetables

No update received.

10. DISCUSSIONS A&BC LOCAL COUNCILLOR AND NATIONAL PARK REPRESENTATIVE.

Argyll & Bute Council

No report received

Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Representative

No report received. L Macquarie. has still to make contact with LLTNP Representative.

Forestry and Land Scotland – Fraser MacDonald

Fraser Macdonald provided an update of works being undertaken within the Kilmun Community Council area and comments regarding the flooding issue at the Hole in the Ground adjacent to Strone Brae, see attachment.

Andy Rodger identified concern about a large section of “felled timber” that had been left in the ditch on the forestry road to the rear of Westfield. It is blocking the ditch and at times during high rainfall it causes flooding. David Brewster provided a photograph. DN agreed to highlight their concerns to FLS and pass on the photo evidence.

Strone Primary School and Strone Primary Parent Council

No report received.

Younger Hall

No report received.

Blairmore Hall

No report received.

Historic Kilmun

Gordon Holm identified that Historic Kilmun will be welcoming visitors from the Hebridean Princess Cruise Ship this week. Two visits has been arranged through the company. GH also identified that the Historic Kimun AGM will be taking place on Tuesday 26th November.

11 CURRENT ISSUES

Giant’s Burn Wind Farm

DN identified that since the publication of the Open Letter within the Dunoon Observer that Chris Martin journalist for the newspaper had indicated within an email that Dunoon Community Council was seeking legal advice and had KCC as an item on their agenda. Although KCC does not receive a direct copy of DCC’s minutes they will be looked at once published.

KCC received an email from Jackie Bushnell, a member of Save Cowal’s Hills to identify that they are creating a flyer to distribute to the local communities. It is still in draft form but will be printed soon.

GH identified an article published in the Guardian Newspaper that Sweden has cancelled many of the new proposed off shore windfarms on their eastern coastline in the Baltic Sea due to security concerns of disruption to radar.

SSE power lines Dunoon 132kV Overhead Line rebuild Project.

No report received

Community Councils Ferry Group

It was identified that many will have seen the articles within the Dunoon Observer about the Dunoon/Gourock Passenger Ferry Service. Mark Borland and Diane Nicholson have attended meetings along with representatives from all the community councils within South Cowal and Gourock Community Council to discuss a way forward. The proposal was to evoke a claim for a community ferry service through the Community Empowerment Act. To take ownership of the Dunoon and Gourock Piers and invite companies to provide a sustainable ferry service. For this to work CMAL

required to be listed as a public body. Although CMAL is publicly owned it is not listed, and the Secretary for Transport (Scottish Government) has now identified that it would have no plans to carry this out. The group are now going to try to identify ways to continue to pursue the empowerment act, as well as engaging with CMAL to improve the Dunoon/Gourock ferry service.

New KCC Website

Janet will continue to work on creating new website for KCC.

Meeting end: 8.20pm

Next Meeting:

Tuesday December 10th @ Blairmore Hall @ 7.30pm.

Meetings held Second Tuesday each month alternating between Younger & Blairmore Halls.

Kilmun Hall – January, March, May, July (Recess) September, November

Blairmore Hall – February, April, June, August, October, December