

KILMUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING
10th December 2024 @ 7.30PM.
Blairmore Hall Blairmore
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), Mark Borland (Vice Convenor) Janet Holm (Secretary), Mandy Grout, Graham Revill, Peter Hunter Douglas, Lachlan Macquarie, and Kerris Bone. Advisors to KCC - Steve Abbott (Defibrillators), Gordon Holm (Geology).

Also Present Councillor William Sinclair, Councillor G. Blair, Graham Thompson, Jean Thompson, Caroline Munro, Caroline McArthur, Cath Neito and Steve Garrick

APOLOGIES: Lyndsey Greer, Russell Humphreys (Treasurer), Councillor Y McNeilly, Iain Shonny Paterson (LLTNP Representative), 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 12th November 2024 minutes were:

Proposed: Lachlan Macquarie

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Carried forward **£2165.05.**

Income

Expenditure

Blairmore Hall	20.00
Bank charges	0.35

Totals.

General fund	£2144.70
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Funding from Highgate Hall trust for Shore Sweepers (Ring fenced)

Available	£99.40
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Donations for defibrillator maintenance £52.50

Overall total	£2296.60
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5. POLICE REPORT

DN discussed concerns with Area Police Inspector Bart Simonis over an internet Teams Meeting around access to the police station and opening hours. It was identified that resources are at a premium and although there are civilian police staff who work at Dunoon Police Station when they are off it becomes a balancing act to determine where the police officers should be utilising their resources

to have the greatest impact within the community. Apart from specialist policing it can be challenging for the limited full-time staff to meet the needs of the community and to man the front desk. An option was discussed that an email system could be set up for a generic mailbox highlighting any local non-urgent issues or concerns. This email box would be monitored by local supervisors who would come back to the community with a suitable outcome. The Area Police Inspector made the point that any concerns where people felt unsafe or needed to speak with us urgently should always be 999 in an emergency or 101 for matters less urgent.

The Area Police Inspector also identified that he would make sure that the police reports which are sent to the community council are fit for purpose and meeting the needs of the community council and is happy to receive feedback on these reports. DN provided the details of the KCC Secretary as the first point of contact for the reports.

The speeding issue was discussed and how the police can support local concerns by asking the officers to carry out pro-active speeding checks within our communities and in particular, at areas which community members have identified to us as potential hot spots.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Installation of double doors, Enlargement of existing terrace and installation of additional opening. Sandpoint, Strone Dunoon.

7. COMMUNITY MATTERS

The Shore Sweepers / Graham's Point

The tubs will be put in the end of the road for the spring. Frank Glover has cleared up the Strone Brae Garden. A plaque was given to display at some point in the garden to acknowledge funding was given from the Highgate Hall fund.

A response has been received from ACHA regarding Grahams Point and they are looking for information. DN will reply.

Hole in right of way path / Flooding issues

MB said that there is no update on the right of way. The process appears to have stalled and there appears to be insufficient knowledge on the problems the flooding in this area is creating for residents. Councillor Gordon Blair said that he will raise the issue at teams meeting regarding the legal side.

There was extensive discussion on the flooding issue at the tea caddy houses. They are summarised below:

- It was agreed that the flooding issues along the shore are linked to the systemic increase in rain levels
- Insufficient drain provision to mitigate the increase in rainfall and the timber harvesting on the hillside.
- A complaint has been sent to FLS copied to KCC and Councillor Blair who wishes to be cited.
- MB asked what was done with the funds that were made available after the October 23 floods. How were these funds managed and used? He said he was aware that £10000 was allocated for the Dunoon Area after the last flooding event and how has that been used?
- Councillor Blair said that there is going to be a seminar on flooding which is going to be in a couple of weeks for all councillors, not just for these in this area.
- Councillor Sinclair suggested the Kilmun Community Council raises a letter of concern about the deforestation and the resulting water flow and flooding. To the National Park, FLS The ABC Councillors and Jenni Minto MSP
- A point was made that FLS main concern is made about their roads being flooding and not residents' properties.
- An attendee at the meeting said that she had gone through the FLS Management Plan and although flooding mitigation was highlighted at the beginning of the plan there was no detail

about how that was going to be achieved. The question was asked about whether anyone was routinely checked that the culverts were being left clear even as felling is taking place. Perhaps more holding ponds are needed.

- Mark Borland says that we need to back up a submission with photographs etc. to back up with the evidence and that we need to take this up in a much more official capacity.
- JH has suggested that we could perhaps give some possible suggestions. Also, the question was raised about what professional help we could perhaps from a hydrologist.
- KCC is going to prepare an official submission in January in co-operation with residents who are involved in flooding issues on the shore.
- It was also pointed out that the tea caddy houses are also listed properties.

Defibrillator(s) / Training

DN said that she had contacted Blairmore Hall, but they would not waver the cost of the hire of the hall for the Heartstart defib training.

SA said that we will have 2 defibrillators. It is proposed to place one at Jean Thompson's House in Thompson Ave, Kilmun and another at Diane Nicholson House in Clachaig the one at the caravan park is only 20 meters for the Cot House Petrol Station If no one has any objections to the locations they should be fitted in January when we get the equipment.

DN says that we need to have a written agreement that the units are removed if there is a change in circumstances or change of ownership. SA said that he has investigated this although this has not been thought of before but think that this is a good proposal. Steve will look at drafting a proposal. Steve is still working at getting the defib at the doctor's surgery moved outside the building.

Steve also said that we need to check the circumstances at the Strone Inn as it is closing in January and whether the defibrillator can stay in that position. JH will check this with the owners.

A question was asked whether there are any plans nationally to have notices on lampposts to say where defibrillators are. Steve says there is an app which can point out where the defibs are, but he says that the first port of call is to call the emergency service who know where the defibrillators are.

Steve said he had asked if it was possible to place defibrillators on the lamp post.

Bus Timetables

Next meeting of the transport Forum is the 7th January.

8. DISCUSSIONS A&BC LOCAL COUNCILLOR AND NATIONAL PARK REPRESENTATIVE,

Argyll & Bute Council

Councillor Sinclair said that there is to be a Meeting on the 20th December where the tourism levy is going to be discussed. He says that there is a lot of fake news around which says that ABC are going to make a decision on the levy which is not true. At the present time the decision is to be made to that this issue to consultation and at that point in time many stakeholders will be consulted. When all that information has been gathered is when a decision will be made. This will take quite some time to complete.

A question was asked how the money would be used but that is part of the debated and is not decided yet.

Councillor Blair is trying to explore connectivity with the village halls/community councils and has been trying to get a meeting at Strachur Hall to explore this issue. This may happen in January where Councillor Blair would like to improve communications with communities. There seems to be money available and the technical help from IT.

A residents asked about whether the proposed tourist levy this was linked to the proposals from Peel Ports. The response was that is not at all linked.

Councillor Sinclair said that the Ballymore Bridge which was damaged in the October Storm is due to be demolished and rebuilt. Also, the road bridge at the Cothouse is to get a full refurb.

Councillor Sinclair said that there has been a significant amount of money come to Scotland from Westminster for housing.

Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Representative

JH said that she had received an email from Iain Shonny Paterson our representative on LLTNP saying that he had been at LLTNPA Board meeting on Monday. He had spoken with convener Heather Reid and said that he was keen for her to meet with members of his ward in person, on a mutually suitable date for all parties, where she can hear from the communities of Kilmun, Ardentinny, Strachur and Lochgoilhead first hand, listening to their grievances and priorities for their communities. Heather could also give an update on LLTNPA budget which should be clearer by then.

Iain Shonny Paterson also spoke about the priority for better transport links during meeting and again with officer Kenny Auld during the lunch break, where he said he and Councillor Blair were in discussion with SPT about improving an already established service that they would like to be extended to Ardgartan and Glen Croe.

Heather has said to me to organise this meeting so I would like to get a date in diary from Mid-January onwards.

Forestry and Land Scotland – Fraser MacDonald

JH had received an email from Fraser MacDonald (FLS) saying that everything re logging was much the same as previously and the flooding issues raised above where being discussed with senior management on Friday.

Strone Primary School and Strone Primary Parent Council

NTR

Younger Hall

NTR

Blairmore Hall

NTR

Historic Kilmun

GH reported that there will be a book sale and organ recital at the weekend.

9 CURRENT ISSUES

Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Steve Garrick said that he had recently moved to the Glen Kin and is renovating a property there. This location is very near the proposed wind farm. He is following the Save Cowal Hills action group and they have been working on various projects. They have been working on a leaflet which they plan to do a large mail shot and they would like to have endorsements of other groups. KCC committee will discuss this poster and feedback too the Save Cowal Hills group in January.

A question was asked about the views of the MOD. To see the scoping documents to date can be found at the Energy Consents:

<https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx?cr=ECU00005007>

SSE power lines Dunoon 132kV Overhead Line rebuild Project.

NTR

Community Councils Ferry Group

Diane received an email from Alan Stewart who has identified that he had a meeting with Jenni Minto and Michael Breslin the minister from Transport is not favourable to the proposal.

New KCC Website

New website completed. Can be found at www.kilmuncc.co.uk

Meeting End: 9.02pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 11th @ Blairmore Hall @ 7.30pm.

The January meeting will be a closed meeting for KCC members only.

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