

KILMUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Meeting Agenda

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Date: 12th August 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Blairmore Village Hall

Attendance

Present (committee):	Mark Borland (Convenor) Katrina Said Peter Hunter-Douglas Janet Holm (Secretary) Diane Nicholson	
Present (Other):	Cllr William Sinclair Cllr Gordon Blair Moira Sinclair Gordon Holm (Geology) Lyndsay Greer Phillips	June McDonald Lyn Gilchrist Paul Gilchrist Colin Cummings Mark Amor
Apologies:	Mandy Grout Russell Humphries (Treasurer) Nicola Stewart Steve Abbott (Vice Convenor) Lachlan MacQuarrie	Iain Shonny Paterson (LLTNP) Cllr Yvonne McNeilly Fraser MacDonald (FLS)

1. Meeting Governance

The committee members introduced themselves and the convenor gave a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting for those who had not attended a community meeting before.

The session was recorded to support provision of minutes. Recordings will be deleted after minutes have been agreed and published.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made by the committee or attending audience members.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Kilmun Community Council's meeting, held on the 10th of June 2025 were circulated and accepted and a true and accurate record of events.

Proposed:	Peter Hunter-Douglas
Seconded	Mark Borland
Result:	Carried

4. Treasurer's Report

Balance Carried Forward	£2,516.50
Monthly Expenditure (Bank Charges)	£00.35
Monthly Expenditure (Blairmore Hall Costs)	£20.00
General Fund	£2,343.25
Highgate Hall Trust fund for Shore Sweepers (Ring Fenced)	£99.40
Donation for defibrillator maintenance (Ring Fenced)	£137.50
Overall Total:	£2,494.75

5. Police Report

Katrina Said provided an update on the police report for June, July & August. A copy of the reports can be found In **Appendix 1: Police Reports** at the end of this document.

Action:	None	Owner:	N/A
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6. Planning Applications

N/A	No Planning applications have been received.
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7. Community Matters

7.1 – The Shore Sweepers / Graham's Point

The committee are hoping that we will be able to have a layer of stones laid at the bottom of Strone Brae Garden to deter weed growth.

7.2 – Shore Villages Flooding Issues

As a follow up from June meeting, William Sinclair said that he had spoken with Mr Dalglish (Argyll & Bute Council) yesterday (Monday 11th August 2025) regarding the land ownership and said that letter will be sent out from Argyll & Bute Council's legal department to landowners. Mark Borland asked if a deadline has been given for a response, but this is not known at present.

Action:	Confirm whether a timescale for a response to legal letter has been agreed.	Owner:	Cllr William Sinclair
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7.3 – Defibrillators / Training

Kilmun Younger Hall defibrillator will need new pads in April 2026 but there should be enough funds to cover them at present.

Heartstart Cowal will run 2 training sessions, one at Kilmun Younger Hall and one Blairmore Village Hall in October and November 2025 with any donations going to defibrillator maintenance fund.

With Tracey Whitfield working now, Steve Abbott could do with a backup person to help with the monthly check of defibrillators for the Shore side units. Steve Abbott will provide training. Katrina Said & Mark Borland both volunteered to provide contingency.

There has been no response from Gordon Ross of Western Ferries re Defibs not being on ferries. Cllr William Sinclair was asked to chase up with Gordon Ross.

It was highlighted that Heartstart Cowal need more volunteers in Kilmun Community Council area. Mark Borland encouraged attendees to consider volunteering or pass on the information to anyone they thought would be interested. Mark Borland also stated that any volunteers could get in touch to help through the Kilmun Community Council website, email address or social media channels.

Action:	Train defibrillator back up check volunteers	Owner:	Steve Abbott
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Action:	Chase up Gordon Ross on response to Steve Abbott	Owner:	Cllr William Sinclair
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7.4 – Community Resilience

As Steve Abbott was not present, Mark Borland gave an update on his behalf:

Steve Abbott has checked the Emergency Bag from Kilmun Younger Hall. Essentially there is first aid kit, 2 radios and 10 torches are useful. The rest is unlikely to much help.

Steve Abbott highlighted that he has completed the first draft homeowners' component of Resilience Plan and Mark Borland asked the other committee members to review feedback comments to him before the next community council committee meeting.

It was noted that Mark Borland & Steve Abbott had a meeting with Argyll & Bute Council through LIVE Argyll regarding IT training for those uncomfortable using digital technologies.

Steve Abbott still needs to scope the Whistlefield as potential refuge. He has noted that the Strone Inn is a possibility.

Steve Abbott confirmed that the Doctor's surgery in Kilmun are happy to be part of plan.

7. Community Matters

Steve Abbott has started to do additional work on the home resilience plan and hopes to submit a draft for to the committee for the September meeting.

Steve Abbott has investigated the possibility of a 10-kilowatt generator for Kilmun Younger Hall. This would be likely to be circa £4,000 plus additional for connection. Also, it would not be portable. It will also need rain protection. The next largest size of generators are more robust to weather etc but double the cost. Both types of generators will require a concrete base. If this is to be taken forward, a funding stream will be required.

Action: Review draft home owner's contingency plan

Owner: All Committee Members

8. Discussion with Argyll & Bute Councillor(s) and National Park Representative(s)

8.1 – Argyll & Bute Councillor(s) Update

Tynshandon

After the storm last week Councillor Sinclair met two of the residents on the Tynshandon site as the condition of the building is not good.

He spoke to one of Argyll & Bute Council's senior constructional engineers and it has been agreed that the council are going to send out structural engineers to look at safety and structural issues with the building. This will happen at some point in time in the next week.

Councillor Sinclair said that the building is not residential and was used commercially. This is one of the reasons that Argyll & Bute Council don't have it on their radar was because it was designated as commercial. There was some discussion with residents that some parts of the building had a residential use in the past.

Cllr William Sinclair is going to write to the Argyll & Bute Council housing officer and ask what action available to take. It is also a listed grade 3 building.

The Kilmun Community Council committee agreed that Tynshandon will go back onto the regular monthly meeting agenda specifically to track action relating to the concerns of safety to local residents and others. It was also suggested that photographic evidence be taken of damage and safety concerns that are observed and these are sent to Cllr William Sinclair or Cllr Gordon Blair.

Roads

Argyll & Bute Council are spending a considerable amount of money on roads so give apologies for any inconvenience or delays this work may cause drivers.

Ballymore Bridge: The concrete has now been poured, and the work is progressing well. Traffic is still using the temporary bridge.

Concession Ferry tickets: There has been an issue with the blank cards for the concession passes. The shortage is being addressed now.

Cllr William Sinclair addressed the enquiry from a resident who asked about the white lining. A new machine will be covering all the newly surfaced road. The timescale for this is unclear at present. The following response was provided via email:

"After a very long, protracted period I was delighted to see the new council Paint Wagon appear at the plant yard in Hamilton Street. Obviously due to the backlog of white and yellow lines required it will take some time to get round the whole of Cowal, let alone the rest of Argyll and Bute.

Our Officers have prioritised the initial stages of their line painting programme so I have forwarded a copy of this response to Mark Calder who will, I am sure, get an officer to assess this route and I am sure at some stage if assessed as a safety issue it will be part of the programme of work moving forward. Mark will hopefully provide an update on possible timescales.

As always with driving issues less speed saves lives but obviously there are good drivers and those not so good. However, in this case, white lines will help, I am sure.

And needless to say, such works are weather dependant !!"

Action: Write to Argyll & Bute Council Housing Officer to understand potential action that can be taken to make Tynshandon safe.

Owner: Cllr William Sinclair

8.2 – Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Update

No update was provided

8.3 – Forestry & Land Scotland

A report from Fraser MacDonald received by email.

Civil Engineering: There are ongoing works on the (Midge Lane) 'Kilmun upper/lower' and Ardentinnny forest roads. Ardentinnny works are running stone from Gairletter quarry. Kilmun works won't be running stone until they've used what's available in the quarry.

Harvesting: Brash recovery operations at Kilmun junction should be complete this week and no further felling planned until roads works are completed to deal with windblow above Blairmore.

Forest Management: Ongoing works in Kilmun Arboretum, fence repairs and plot maintenance.

Visitor Services - Puck's Glen Gorge remains closed for now and should not be accessed at the moment. Map of other available trails in area can be downloaded from website or hard copies in Puck's Glen Car Park.

Forestry & Land Scotland have seen an increase in the number of bags of dog poo being deliberately left along the track from Puck's Glen Car Park to Benmore Garden. They are asking people to clean up after their dog and take it away to "Bin it at Home". Additional signage and patrols will be put in place to hopefully help solve this issue.

The Dunoon Ultra (trail running race) will be taking place on Saturday 23rd August and will be Starting at Benmore Botanic Garden, following the attached route. See **Appendix 2: Dunoon Ultra Marathon Route** at the end of this document.

In response to a camping query from a resident Fraser responded as follows: *"As far as I am aware only ranger patrols are for designated stay the night areas, Ardentinnny, Arrochar, Tarbet Isle, honeymoon Bridge, Lochgoilhead. The forest roads are not part of these patrols though. I will flag up concerns however of wild camping."*

8.4 – Strone Primary School & Strone Parent Council

Councillor William Sinclair reported that the last remaining pupils in Strone Primary School have been taken out and placed in other schools in Dunoon, mainly Sandbank Primary. The plan now, because there are no pupils the school, is that it will not function as a school and go into abeyance for approximately a year. At the end of that year if there is any change, such as if there are pupils that are looking to come back into the school, the education department will review this situation. This will be the advice stated in a paper that will be going to community services.

Mark Borland asked what happens post abeyance if there are no interested parties. Councillor Sinclair explained that it is difficult for a council to close a school, and it is a long and difficult process.

In reply to Kilmun Community Council's enquiry about placing a defibrillator at the school William Sinclair said that he could not make any insurances about the feasibility of that at present

8.5 – Younger Hall

No update provided.

8.6 – Blairmore Hall

No update provided.

8.7 – Historic Kilmun

No update provided.

9. Current Issues

9.1 - Meteorological weather mast, Giant's Burn Wind Farm and Inverchaolain wind farm (scoping)

The Giants Burn Windfarm application is now live and anyone wanting to make a comment of this application should reply to the energy consents. Although Argyll & Bute Council will not be dealing with the objections to the windfarm, as that will be done by energy consents, But as a resident of Argyll and Bute you can raise your concerns have about this proposal can be sent to planning officer shelley.gould@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Kilmun Community Council will be submitting a comment to the energy consents and an individual or group can also do this.

In addition, some Kilmun Community Councillors attended the Save Cowal Hills Information event at the Burgh Hall on the 7th August 2025.

Two Kilmun Community Councillors also attended a zoom meeting of the Highland Community Councils Convention on 12th August on the impact of Major Energy Infrastructure on the Highland area. There were several MSP's and MP's in attendance and they have signed a cross-party communique to ask elected members to respect and listen to the local democracy of community councils.

There is a consensus that the development of windfarms etc throughout the country is not based on a solid overall government planning strategy and there is a call for a pause on all major applications until a national energy policy is in place. You can watch the zoom meeting at the following zoom link:

<https://vimeo.com/1109639322/a96e3e6e3c>

9.2 - SSE power lines Dunoon 132kV Overhead Line rebuild Project.

No update has been received. However, it was noted by Janet Holm that this is one of the issues many of the Highland Community Councils were also having concerns about as there is a feeling that the giant power lines were being put in place to route the electricity produced by the wind farms.

9.3 – Community Council Ferry Group

Alan Stewart provided the following update on behalf of the Clyde Transport Ferry Group (CTFG).

“CTFG met with representative for C-Mal and Transport Scotland, Tom Warren, Michael Breslin and Alan Stewart have met with Scott Reid, head of harbours for Argyll & Bute council. This was organised by Councillor Ross Moreland who also attended.

The meeting CTFG outlined what their plans were with the linkspan and associated area, and how they wanted to attract an operator to the route. Scott came armed with a number of quite in depth questions and was satisfied with all the answers he was given. CTFG asked how much it had cost the council to run the berth and Ross managed to find that it had cost the council in excess of £500k in the previous year.

He also agreed that the council would allow a commercial operator to use the linkspan if we found one, and they would offer them a discount to their published charges. This could be useful if CTFG are unsuccessful in the asset transfer bid.

David Clough (Dunoon Community Council) managed to get CTFG registered on the governments “Find a Tender” website, and CTFG have been working on an Expression of Interest to be published on the site. This should be ready to go fairly soon. CTFG are hoping that this will attract interest from existing ferry companies who may want to pick up the route

10. Any Other Competent Business

It was noted that the issue with the loose slates on the ACHA flats at the foot of Strone Brae has been resolved and the roof tiles fixed.

A query from a resident regarding the traffic lights at Blairmore was passed on to Argyll & Bute Council. A response was provided and passed on to the resident who was happy with the outcome and information.

A resident raised an issue regarding the overhanging trees on Whytes Brae, Blairmore which has resulted in LLPG Gas deliveries not being made by the supplier. Kilmun Community Council contacted Argyll & Bute Council to enquire if there was any advice they could provide. The response returned was that it was a matter for the land owners to settle as this is an unadopted road and as such, it is not within the council's power to intervene Update on issue. While unsatisfactory for the resident, this is resolved in as much as this was the extent to which the Community Council progress.

At a previous meeting, a resident queried the number and maintenance state of the fire hydrants servicing the high road at Blairmore. The convenor contacted the Scottish Fire Service on his behalf. A response was received and passed on to the resident. June Macdonald asked if the police were issuing parking tickets at the event when the Blairmore Pier had a celebration for the 170 years of the Waverley. It is not on the police report.

June asks if she should complain if there is vegetation overhanging the pavement. This can be reported via the Argyll & Bute Council website if it is on a public road. She also mentioned stones on the pavement. Cllr William Sinclair said that he can be contacted about issues like that.

Kilmun Community Council give our best wishes to Andy Rogers for a quick recovery from his accident.

A request was made any new issues that residents would like to raise at our next meeting be emailed **two** weeks before the meeting to be added to the agenda.

Meeting Closure

As there was no further business raised, the meeting was closed at 8:57pm

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

Next Meeting Date:	Tuesday 9 th September 2025	Next Meeting Location:	Younger Hall, Kilmun
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See next page for Appendices.



Appendix 1 – Police Reports



Community Council Debrief	
Dates Between: 10/06/2025 – 14/07/2025	
Location & Beat: Kilmun LB49	
Reporting Officer: PC Michael Cunningham	
Between the respective dates the number of Incidents and Crime Reports respectively are 2 and 4	
<div><div><div>SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME</div></div><div><div>You identified drug dealing / drug misuse as a priority</div><div>We identified human trafficking as a priority</div></div></div>	<div>Possession of Class B Drug</div> <div>1 x detected</div>
<div><div><div>ACQUISITIVE CRIME</div></div><div><div>You identified homes being broken in to as a priority</div><div>We have also identified fraud as a priority</div></div></div>	<div>No crimes recorded</div>



<div data-bbox="49 98 325 322">  <p>ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD CRIME</p> </div> <div data-bbox="333 98 762 322"> <p>You identified road safety as a priority</p> <p>We identified drink / drug driving and reducing road casualties as priorities</p> </div>	<p>No insurance</p> <p>2 x detected</p> <p>Driving without L plates</p> <p>1 x detected</p>
<div data-bbox="49 542 325 766">  <p>VIOLENT CRIME</p> </div> <div data-bbox="333 542 762 766"> <p>You identified violent crime as a priority</p> <p>We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority</p> </div>	<p>No crimes recorded</p>
<div data-bbox="49 945 325 1169">  <p>PUBLIC PROTECTION</p> </div> <div data-bbox="333 945 762 1169"> <p>You identified protecting children and adults at risk of harm as a priority</p> <p>We identified missing persons, sexual crime and the management of registered sex offenders as priorities</p> </div>	<p>No crimes recorded</p>
<p><i>Useful Links/Contacts</i></p>	<p>Crimestoppers – Crimestoppers in Scotland Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)</p> <p>Distress Brief Intervention - Distress Brief Intervention - Connected Compassionate Support DBI.scot</p> <p>Scottish Partnership against Rural Crime - Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (scottishparc.co.uk)</p> <p>Women’s Aid - Home - Women's Aid (womensaid.org.uk)</p> <p>Citizens Advice – 08081646000</p> <p>Trading Standards - 08081646000</p>



Community Council Debrief	
Dates Between: 14/07/2025 – 05/08/2025	
Location & Beat: Kilmun LB49	
Reporting Officer: PC Michael Cunningham	
Between the respective dates the number of Incidents and Crime Reports respectively are 1 and 1	
<div><div><div><div>SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME</div></div></div><div><div>You identified drug dealing / drug misuse as a priority</div><div>We identified human trafficking as a priority</div></div></div>	No crimes recorded
<div><div><div><div>ACQUISITIVE CRIME</div></div></div><div><div>You identified homes being broken in to as a priority</div><div>We have also identified fraud as a priority</div></div></div>	No crimes recorded

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<div data-bbox="49 539 325 763">  <div>VIOLENT CRIME</div> </div> <div data-bbox="336 539 762 763"> <div>You identified violent crime as a priority</div> <div>We have also identified domestic abuse as a priority</div> </div>	<div>No crimes recorded</div>
<div data-bbox="49 943 325 1167">  <div>PUBLIC PROTECTION</div> </div> <div data-bbox="336 943 762 1167"> <div>You identified protecting children and adults at risk of harm as a priority</div> <div>We identified missing persons, sexual crime and the management of registered sex offenders as priorities</div> </div>	<div>No crimes recorded</div>
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