

KILMUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Meeting Agenda

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Date: 9th September 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Younger Hall, Kilmun

Attendance

Present (committee):	Mark Borland (Convenor) Steve Abbott (Vice Convenor) Peter Hunter-Douglas Janet Holm (Secretary) Nicola Stewart	
Present (Other):	Gordon Holm (Geology) Fiona Alexander Graham Thomson	Caroline Munro Bruce Marshall Claire & Calum
Apologies:	Katrina Said Mandy Grout Russell Humphries Lachlan MacQuarrie Diane Nicholson Cllr William Sinclair	Cllr Gordon Blair Cllr Yvonne McNeilly Iain Shony Oaterson Julie McAlpine

1. Meeting Governance

The secretary asked the audience if there were any last-minute items to be added to the agenda.

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

2. Declarations of Interest

Vice Convenor Steve Abbott declared an interest in the Highgate Hall planning application and recused himself from any part of the discussion for this item.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of August Kilmun Community Council's meeting, held were circulated and accepted and a true and accurate record of events with the following spelling corrections highlighted by Bruce Marshall: "Daglish", "Balliemore" and "White's Brae".	Proposed:	Steve Abbott
	Seconded	Mark Borland
	Result:	Carried

4. Treasurer's Report

Balance Carried Forward	£2,494.75
Monthly Expenditure (Bank Charges)	£00.35
Argyll & Bute Council Committee running grant	£480.40
Highgate Hall Trust fund for Shore Sweepers (Ring Fenced)	£99.40
Donation for defibrillator maintenance (Ring Fenced)	£52.50
Donation for defibrillator maintenance (Ring Fenced)	£75.00
Overall Total:	£2,975.15

5. Police Report

An email report was provided by Police Scotland however there were no crimes reported in the Kilmun Community Council area.

6. Planning Applications

Ref No
2025/0198/DET

Proposal Partial change of use of community hall (Class 10) to (class 9) dwellinghouse including alterations comprising: increase in roof pitch and re-roofing with solar panels and rooflights; rear gable end to timber finish with new openings and balcony and fire escape stairs; rendering of all remaining external walls; new southern entrance; re-instatement of southern window; and ancillary external decking, balustrades, bin storage and lighting.

Location Highgate Hall Shore Road Strone

There was discussion with the owners of Highgate Hall about the planning application and assurances were given by them that the pedestrian access past the building would be retained as the parking area will be retained as it is at present. The bottom of the building will be retained as a hall area. There will be flower tubs marking the dog walk path past the building.

7. Community Matters

7.1 – The Shore Sweepers / Graham's Point

Bulbs and cyclamen have been bought for the tub at the end of the road and at the Strone sign which the Shore Sweepers are also going to manage.

Janet Holm asked if the Shore Sweepers could have a donation of £100 from the Kilmun Community Council funds for buying plants. This was agreed by the committee.

A question was asked about why the play area at Graham's Point was cordoned off. As this belongs to ACHA. Janet Holm will email them to ask why this is.

Question asked about who was doing the flowers in Blairmore. Janet Holm thought it was Blairmore Village Trust. Janet Holm will email Blairmore Village Trust to find out if they are still managing the flower pots.

Steve Abbott asked about an email we had received about using pay back workers, but Janet Holm explained that doesn't really work for Shore Sweepers. HELP usually maintains the willow tunnel at Graham's Point.

Action:

1. Email ACHA regarding Play area
2. Email Blairmore Hall Trust regarding flower pots

Owner:

Janet Holm

7.2 – Shore Villages Flooding Issues

Mark Borland has had no update from Argyll & Bute Council regarding the enquiry about the land ownership of the area with the flooding.

Caroline Munro asked if we know if Forestry & Land Scotland has put in the flood mitigation that was discussed last year. Mark Borland said that we had had communication from Forestry & Land Scotland in March that work had been done on this

Bruce Marshall said that the gully on the way up to Westfield has been blocked for about 6 months.

Action:

Report blocked gully to Argyll & Bute Council

Owner:

Mark Borland

7. Community Matters

7.3 – Defibrillators / Training

Steve Abbott said that there will be a Heartstart session on Saturday the 11th of October between 11am and 1pm at Younger Hall, Kilmun.

Details of this will be circulated by Kilmun Community Council via their website. As Steve Abbott is now the only Heartstart responder between the Cothouse and Ardentenny, he is worried that, if there was an incident, he would be really stretched. He would appreciate it if the community could come along and this could help support the provision. Heartstart are going to try and run another session at Blairmore Hall probably in November.

Steve also reported that all the defibrillators have been checked and have not needed to be used.

Also, Steve Abbott said that he had seen that there was an emergency blue light ambulance last weekend which was looking, with difficulty, for a property it had been called to. He said it was helpful for people to use [What Three Words](#) which would help services to easily find the address of a call out. Information about this will be put on the news section of Kilmun Community Council's website.

Steve also said that he still has a defibrillator at his home which needs to be allocated. Janet Holm will clarify further whether it can be fitted on the Strone Primary building which still has electricity connected to it. It was agreed that this was the best position for the residents of Westfield and Dunselma areas. As there was a defibrillator on the school previously perhaps the connection is still there

Action:	Post details of Heart Start Sessions on Kilmun Community Council Website & social media.	Owner:	Mark Borland
Action:	Add details about What Three Words on Kilmun Community Council Website.	Owner:	Mark Borland
Action:	Contact Argyll & Bute Council Education service about the possibility of siting a defibrillator at the Strone Primary School building.	Owner:	Janet Holm

7.4 – Community Resilience

Steve Abbott said that he has produced 2 plans, one for the community and another for the householder. The Kilmun Community Council committee have had a chance to comment on both.

The homeowner plan is basically common sense and when the committee has approved it can be distributed to the community.

The community resilience plan is more difficult and complicated to compile. Steve thinks that even if the plan is well put together unless the community engages with it and takes it on board it will be meaningless. Steve discussed with the residents present the options which could be used as emergency refuges in the event of emergency situations.

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

8.1 – Argyll & Bute Councillor(s) Update

No Councillors were in attendance and no emails provided so no updates were given.

8.2 – Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Update

No representatives were in attendance and no emails provided so no updates were given.

8.3 – Forestry & Land Scotland (Submitted via email after the meeting)

Julie McAlpine (Forestry & Land Scotland) sent in a summary of works being done. This is included as an attachment at the end of this report.

8.4 – Strone Primary School & Strone Parent Council

Argyll & Bute Council has made the decision to mothball Strone Primary for a year. This item to be taken off the agenda and added when there is more news.

8.5 – Younger Hall
No report provided. As this item has not had a report provided for several months, it will be taken off the agenda and any updates communicated to the community as they are provided to us.
8.6 – Blairmore Hall
No report provided. As this item has not had a report provided for several months, it will be taken off the agenda and any updates communicated to the community as they are provided to us.
8.7 – Historic Kilmun
No report provided. As this item has not had a report provided for several months, it will be taken off the agenda and any updates communicated to the community as they are provided to us.

9. Current Issues
9.1 - Meteorological weather mast, Giant’s Burn Wind Farm and Inverchaolain wind farm (scoping)
<p>Several Kilmun Community Councillors listened to this planning hearing remotely. The meteorological weather mast planning application was passed by Argyll & Bute Council Planning with the amendment that it was not to be seen as a precursor for them approving of a wind farm.</p> <p>As a statutory consultee an objection was submitted to energy consents from Kilmun Community Council. Kilmun Community Council had decided to be very open with our community, and thus the objection is published on our website and in now in the energy consents website too. Our objection was from our community, not just the Kilmun Community Council committee.</p> <p>Mark Borland thanked everyone on the committee who worked collaboratively to produce the document through suggestions, knowledge sharing and peer review. Also, thanks were given to Neil Hammett, Gordon Holm and help from Save Cowal Hills who had also contributed to some of the latest research information.</p> <p>Gordon Holm also said that the work that Neil Hammett, who is very involved with work at the Holy Loch Nature reserve, is being shortlisted as a 2025 finalist by the National Biodiversity Network, for an award for wildlife recording.</p>
9.2 - SSE power lines Dunoon 132kV Overhead Line rebuild Project.
This application is also on energy consents website: ECU00003430 - Dunoon to Loch Long 132 kV OHL Rebuild Overhead Power Line. Consideration
9.3 – Community Council Ferry Group
<p>Mark Borland had an email update from David Clough who said that the expression of interest was published yesterday (8th September 2025) on the Scottish and UK’s website. There has also been a press release to the Dunoon Observer, Greenock Telegraph, the BBC all the MP’s & MSP covering Inverclyde, so the information is now in the public domain. If anyone has any comment, please email them in.</p> <p>There has been no meeting of the Ferry Group in the last couple of months.</p>

10. Any Other Competent Business			
10.1 – Complaint from Uig Residents			
Bruce Marshall reported that there are residents in the Uig area who are concerned about what is happening at the barn area. They have been asked to contact Kilmun Community Council directly to outline their concerns.			
10.2 – Grass Cutting			
Janet Holm said that a resident had asked about the grass cutting at the side of the road across from Kilmun Church. Kilmun Community Council think that that a grass cut was made by Argyll & Bute Council a few weeks ago. The resident would like to know if this is to be repeated.			
Action:	Request update from Argyll & Bute Council	Owner:	Janet Holm

10.3 - Broadband

A question was asked about Kilmun residents who have been told that there are not available lines to connect their property to broadband. Steve Abbott is working with the residents on this problem.

Action:	Assist residents with this issue
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Owner:	Steve Abbott
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Meeting Closure

As there was no further business raised, the meeting was closed at 20:57

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 14 th October 2025	Next Meeting Location:	Blairmore Village Hall
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