

Kilmun Community Council – Annual General Meeting 2025

Date:	14 th May 2025	Time:	7:00pm	Location:	Younger Hall, Kilmun
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Attendance

Present (KCC Committee):	Diane Nicholson (Convenor)	Mark Borland (Vice-Convenor)
	Janet Holm (Secretary)	Mandy Grout
	Peter Hunter-Douglas	
Present (Other):	Councillor William Sinclair	Gordon Holm
	Steve Abbott	Nicola Stewart
	Katrina Said	
Apologies:	Graham Revill	Lachlan MacQuarrie
	Lyndsey Greer-Phillips	Russell Humphreys (Treasurer)
	Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of Kilmun Community Council's previous Annual General Meeting, held on the 14 th of June 2024 were circulated and accepted and a true and accurate record of events.	Proposed:	Mark Borland
	Seconded:	Diane Nicholson
	Result:	Carried

Convenor's Annual Report

The following report was provided by Kilmun Community Council Convenor, Diane Nicholson and reads as follows:

"Thank you to Councillor William Sinclair who has agreed to Chair the AGM.

Kilmun Community Council welcomed new members last year and we were able to add co-opted members to boost the committee numbers. Kilmun Community Council was, after the 2024 Annual General Meeting, in a unique position to have full membership. Russell Humphrey (an ex-community councillor) kindly agreed to continue as the treasurer and Steve Abbott of Heartstart agreed to be an adviser for the community defibrillators. Later in year Gordon Holm agreed to be the Geologist adviser to Kilmun Community Council.

Kilmun Community Council has an open invite to contact Police Scotland with regard to local incidents, but unfortunately monthly reports are not as frequent as once provided.

The National Park representative for the Shores Community lives in Arrochar which is remote to the Kilmun/Strone/Blairmore area and is unable to attend our evening meetings, however, Councillor William Sinclair does provide updates when possible. Lachlan Macquarie and I attended a multi community council meeting at Strachur with National Park representatives, Iain Shonny Paterson Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park (LL&TNP) Representative and Heather Reid Convenor of LL&TNP on the 26 March 2025. This meeting was constructive, and the representatives agreed to engage with FaLS on advancing the tidy up after Strom Eowyn and accelerate the re-opening of Puck's Glen. They also agreed to raise the flooding issues experienced along the Shore Villages."

Convenor's Annual Report (Cont.)

Forest and Land Scotland (FaLS) provides monthly reports through Fraser MacDonald of the ongoing management within the Cowal area. Phytothera (Larch Disease) is still present causing devastation along with storm damage within the Cowal peninsular and forcing many of the commercial forests to be felled prematurely.

The flooding at Strone Brae continues to be an issue. Argyll and Bute Council Legal department is continuing to look into this matter on our behalf, as well as talking to Forest and Land Scotland regarding the culvert ownership and their responsibility of safeguarding the properties from flooding. The area has experienced additional flooding due to the tree harvesting with water cascading through the neighbouring properties and down Strone Brae. Mark Borland has taken up the mantle and is hoping to establish a solution.

Mark Borland and I attended meetings with the Cowal Gourock Transport Link (CGTL) during this year supported by all the Cowal Community Councils and Gourock Community Council to continue the work in the fight to establish a better ferry service from Dunoon town centre to Gourock town centre. Talks have been on-going with MSP Jenni Minto, CMAL and representative from CGTL.

We have been fortunate to have Steve Abbott of Heartstart to provide advice of the community defibrillators. They are located at Younger Hall, The Strone Inn, Blairmore Hall with an additional two located near Graham's Point, Strone and Clachaig Village. All have been fully serviced and registered with the emergency services. Kilmun Community Council has adopted and accept responsibility for the defibrillators; however, Kilmun Community Council's limited funds will not sustain the defibrillators continuous management and will in the future look towards the community for fund raising or crowdfunding.

The main issue this year is the proposed Giants Burn Wind Farm. Kilmun Community Council held a public meeting and have overwhelming support by those who attended to object to the installation of the wind turbines due to firstly the environment impact on the existing pristine peatlands present at the proposed location, secondly the potential flooding issues and silt being washed down into the Holy Loch Nature Reserve and lastly the visual/noise impact to the surrounding communities.


There will be changes to the line-up after this Annual General Meeting. A few of our members have resigned, Graham Revill, Kerris Bone, Lindsey McKenna and Lindsay Greer-Phillips. I am sure everyone thanks them for their input and wishes them well. I am standing down from the position of convenor but will remain as a community councillor, however, I believe we have some new co-opted members that will be voted to join the community council. Thank you all members of the community council for the work that has been undertaken in the last year.

To conclude as last year, Kilmun Community Council is only successful if the community involvement continues.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who attends the meetings."

Questions from the floor:	None
Committee Notes:	Thanks were given to Councillor William Sinclair for kindly chairing the Annual General Meeting.

Kilmun Community Council Financial Statement for 2024 / 2025

Line Item	Value (£)	Notes			
Balance brought forward 1 st April 2024	£0.00	New business bank account created			
Income for the year	£6682.02	Includes transfer of £1919.12 from previous year			
Expenditure for the year	£4166.92				
Balance as of 31 st March 2025	£2515.10				
Signed:		Date:	30 th April 2025	Address:	Russell Humphreys Haldur, Blairmore, PA23 8TL
Notes:	Accounts for Kilmun Community Council are published monthly, this table provides a summary for the year.				
The Treasurer's Report was presented, as above, by Diane Nicholson and was accepted and a true and accurate record.				Proposed:	Diane Nicholson
				Seconded:	Mark Borland
				Result:	Carried

Election of Officers

At this point, the Annual General Meeting chair was taken over by Councillor William Sinclair.

Kilmun Community Council has had resignations from the following committee members:

- Lindsey Greer-Phillips
- Kerris Bone
- Graham Revill

As such, the committee now has 3 vacancies which can be filled by residents co-opted onto Kilmun Community Council committee. Details of the residents co-opted are as follows:

Resident	Proposed By	Seconded By	Result
Steve Abbott	Janet Holm	Mark Borland	Carried
Katrina Said	Janet Holm	Diane Nicholson	Carried
Nicola Stewart	Janet Holm	Diane Nicholson	Carried

With the current convenor stepping down, the following changes and additions were made to committee roles:

Role	Member	Proposed By	Seconded By	Result
Convenor	Mark Borland	Diane Nicholson	Janet Holm	Carried
Vice-Convenor	Steve Abbott	Diane Nicholson	Mandy Grout	Carried
Secretary	Janet Holm	Diane Nicholson	Mark Borland	Carried
Treasurer	Russell Humphries	Janet Holm	Diane Nicholson	Carried

Meeting Closure

As there was no further business raised, thanks again were given to Councillor William Sinclair for kindly chairing and the meeting was closed. The next Annual General Meeting for Kilmun Community Council will take place in the date and location stated below.

Date:

12th May 2026

Location:

Younger Hall, Kilmun