WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 16 September 2024

TIME OF MEETING: 7PM

VENUE: By Zoom Meeting

1. Present

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Zofija Sloan (ZS), (Vice Convenor)
Alan Coote (AC) (Secretary), Christine O'Hanlon (CO), Morag Branson (MB), Fiona Coffield (FC).

2. Apologies

Joseph Loganbill (JL), Treasurer
Councillor Alastair Redmond

3. In Attendance

Anne Littleson (AL)
Councillor Tommy MacPherson (TMacP)
Councillor Dougie McFadzean (DmcF)
Councillor Anne Horn (AH)
Joanne Schofield (JS)
Mark Rinkus (MR)
Colin Young (CY)
Gillian Neal (GN)

MP welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Community Council, which for the first time was being held entirely over the Zoom platform. The Community Council had taken the decision to hold the meeting over Zoom to encourage a wider participation across the Community Council area.

4. Proposed Walking/Cycling Path – Tarbert to Whitehouse

MP introduced Mark Rinkus of Connected Transport Planning Ltd and Colin Young, Argyll and Bute Council, who attended to provide an update on a feasibility study being conducted by Argyll and Bute Council, in conjunction with Transport Scotland on a proposed Walking/Cycle Path between Whitehouse and Tarbert.

This stage of the project was being funded by the Scottish Government through the Sustrans Places for Everyone programme. Funding, however, was only made available at each stage of the project Mr Rinkus emphasised that this could be a 5–7-year long project.

Mr Rinkus highlighted that there were areas within the proposed route where it was unclear who the landowner was, and he sought assistance from any member of the council who may know who owns the particular areas. Mark Rinkus to circulate the details.

Action No.22	Details of unknown landowners to be circulated to members to assist in identifying ownership	Mark Rinkus

After a short discussion members of the council welcomed the proposal, recognising the need for such a facility and would help in identifying the owners of the land referred to by Mr Rinkus.

Members thanked both Mr Rinkus and Mr Young for attending the Community Council meeting

4(a). Introduction by Gillian Neal

MP introduced Gillian Neal, Local Area Manager for Kintyre and Islay, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership. Gillian Neal advised that she had taken up her current position in January 2024 and was keen to work with local communities to explore how local health and community care services could be improved.

MP advised that there used to be regular local health planning group meetings but these all appear to have been stopped and asked whether these could be reinstated. Gillian Neal advised that local planning groups did still meet and offered to provide details of when the next meeting would take place.

MP thanked Gillian Neal for her attendance and invited her to stay for the remainder of the meeting should she wish to do so.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary presented the Minute of the previous meeting, held on 20 May 2024, there having been no meeting in July due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances). No amendments were proposed. The Minute was proposed as a true record by MB and seconded by FC

7. Matters Arising/ Actions

MP advised that the Community Fund was open for applications and that new start up grants had been awarded to

1. Argyle Art Therapy, started up by a local community mental health nurse
2. Jack's Dog Walking service.

In addition, 6 Bursaries were currently supported and at the meeting of the Community Fund Directors, held last week (11.09.2024), it has been agreed to raise the bursary from £1000 per term to £2000, given the current cost of living crisis.

There were no other Matters Arising from the Minute

8. MAKI Police Report

The most recent Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Police Report (August 2024) has been circulated. AC advised the meeting that the report is only circulated every two months

9. Windfarm Update

MP advised that a meeting had taken place in relation to the Craig Murrail and Crossaig Substation projects. Those involved would be meeting every 6 weeks, but it was clear that there was going to be a heavy influx of heavy and slow-moving traffic from the Campbeltown area in the future. Further updates will be provided following each meeting.

MP also provided an update on the status of other Windfarm Projects as follows:

Tangy 4 – Build is due to begin January 2025
Breakerie – Public Inquiry is due to commence January 20th, 2025
Killean – Several objections already lodged – Closing date 04.10.2024
Clachaig Glen – Public Inquiry has been held – Decision has yet to be made
JS advised that new guidance regarding health and safety, issued by Scottish Fire and Rescue in relation to battery storage had not been considered at the planning stage. There was the potential for about 47 shipping containers storing lithium-ion batteries that had not been considered. The need to have the battery storage facility considered during the planning application processed was vital.

A meeting was due to take place on 24 September within the Templar Arts and Leisure centre in Tarbert at 7.30 to which members were encouraged to attend. ZS advised that she may be able to attend the meeting on behalf of WKCC.

High Constellation – Consented
Earaghail – Decision Awaited
Deuchran Hill – Still Scoping

10. Crossaig Update

MP advised that both she and Councillor Horn were members of the Crossaig Consultation Group for Crossaig 2. Several questions have been posed but not yet answered regarding what additional infrastructure may be involved and is the energy provided coming from existing windfarms or from proposed new ones.

MP advised that the council would be kept updated on progress

11. Tayinloan Toilet Project

MP advised that the project to take over the Tayinloan toilet facility is progressing with the Heads of Terms agreed and now with Argyll and Bute Council's legal department. On receipt of a response from the A&B Council's legal department, it will be referred

to WKCC legal advisors for review prior to appointing architects o design the new facility.

12. Request For Comments

The Community Council were in receipt of a requests for comments on pre-application for scoping for extension to Tayinloan breakwater. https://marine.gov.scot/node/25527, this forms part of the following Marine Licence Application, Scoping - Breakwater Extension - Tayinloan - SCOP-0055 – https://marine.gov.scot/node/25529

13. Community Action Plan

MP advised that the current Community Action Plan is due for review and renewal. Following short discussion, it was agreed a short questionnaire would be created and circulated to local residents to obtain views as to what issues local people would wish the Community Action Plan to address.

ZS to circulate the current Community Action Plan and proposed questions for consideration.

Action No. 23	Community Action Plan to be circulated	Zofia Sloan
Action No. 24	Draft questions for circulation to residents to be circulated for consideration	Zofia Sloan

14. Accounts

This matter was deferred due to the absence of the Treasurer. MP to contact the Treasurer to obtain an update

Action No.25	MP to contact JL for update on WKCC Accounts	Margaret Pratt

15. Co-option of Community Council Members

MP advised that the Community Council is still keen to co-opt new residents from cross the area to serve on the council or sub-groups that may be created from time to time. Members asked to circulate the message.

16. Defibrillator Checks

AC advised that all defibrillator checks for the current month were up to date.

17. Windfarm Trust Funding

MP advised that the fund was open but the last day for applications was 30 September 2024.

18. Correspondence

AC advised that given the volume of correspondence received since the last meeting only those items considered relevant for this meeting had been circulated for members attention.

19. AOCB

JS reminded members of the meeting at the Tarbert Arts and Leisure Centre (TALC) on 24 September 2024

Councillor MacPherson advised members that costings for the repair of the collapsed roadside at Claonaig had been received by Argyll and Bute Council and it amounted £1.5million

20. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the West Kintyre Community Council will be Monday 18 November 2024 at 7pm within Whitehouse Village Hall. The meeting will be a hybrid format unless adverse weather affects travel.

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Appendix A

ACTION LOG

Open Actions

Action No	Action	Owner	Due Date	Action Update	Action Status
22	Details of unknown landowners to be circulated to members to assist in identifying ownership	Mark Ringus	18/11/2024		
23	Community Action Plan to be circulated	Zofia Sloan	18/11/2024		
24	Draft questions for circulation to residents to be circulated for consideration	Zofia Sloan	18/11/2024		
25	MP to contact JL for update on WKCC Accounts	Margaret Pratt	18/11/2024		

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Appendix B

Closed Actions

Action No	Action	Owner	Due Date	Action Update	Action Status
1	Mr Hamilton to be approached to obtain a response to the proposed lease agreement	Councillor Armour	~~Jan 2023~~ Mar 2023	Completed	**Closed**
2	AC to engage with the Barrier to Settlement Project and provide feedback at the next meeting	Alan Coote (Secretary	Jan 2023	Completed	**Closed**
3	AC to look at setting up a West Kintyre Community Council Facebook page	Alan Coote (Secretary)	~~Jan 2023~~ Mar 2023	Completed.	**Closed**
4	MP to raise concerns regarding the impact of the NPF 4 will have on the ability of Community Councils to object to future planning	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	**Closed**
5	MP to share the responses submitted to Scottish Government in relation to NPF4 with members.	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	**Closed**
6	Councillor Macpherson to provide MP with contact details at the Networks and Standards Office	Councillor Macpherson	March 2023	Completed	**Closed**
7	MP to provide a list of those who have agreed to check	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	**Closed**

	defibrillators to the Secretary and reminders will be sent out				
8	AC to email /contact each nominated person responsible for checking the defibrillators and seek confirmation that the devices have been checked	Alan Coote (Secretary)	March 2023	Completed	**Closed**
9	MP to share the list of achievements with members	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	March 2023	Completed	**Closed**
10	Secretary to email Councillor McPherson regarding identifying which road signs are missing from Bellochantuy and Kennacraig	Alan Coote (Secretary)	May 2023	Completed	**Closed**
11	Chain to be fixed to board at Glenbarr to permit access to the defibrillator	Zofija Sloan (Vice Convenor)	May 2023	Completed	**Closed**
12	Patchen Cemetery – Safe Car Parking – Secretary to circulate Mr Robert Campbell's concerns to Councillor Redman, Councillor McFadzean and Councillor Currie for consideration	Alan Coote (Secretary)	May 2023	Completed	**Closed**
13	WKCC to establish Project Team to look at the feasibility of assuming responsibility for the Tayinloan Toilets	Alan Coote (Secretary)	Sept 2023	Completed	**Closed**

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14	WKCC to submit an Expression of Interest to A&B Council in taking over responsibility for the Tayinloan Toilets	Alan Coote (Secretary)	Sept 2023	Completed	**Closed**
15	MAKI Police report to be circulated on receipt	Alan Coote (Secretary)	20.11.2023	Report distributed	Closed
16	MP to provide a further update to the meeting on the outcome of the meeting with project managers regarding the Killean Windfarm Project proposal	Margaret Pratt (Convener)	20.11.2023	Completed	Closed
17	Update on application for ownership of the Tayinloan Toilets to be provided	Secretary	15.01.2024	Correspondence had been received from A&B Council and additional information was being obtained by the A&B Council Officer. Action will remain open meantime	Closed
18	AC to circulate to WKCC members details of the membership of the Scottish Forum of Community Councils for consideration	Secretary	15.01.2024	Completed	Closed
19	AC to contact Police Scotland re outstanding MAKI Police Report	Secretary	18.03.2024	Jan/ Feb 2024 Police Report received and circulated but not a more recent one. They are now being circulated every two months	**Closed**
20	AC to feedback on Campbeltown Community Council meeting on Democracy matters	Secretary	18.03.2024	Update provided by the Secretary to the meeting	**Closed**
21	MP to raise the question of funding of portaloos at West	Convener	15 July 2024	Project discontinued	Closed

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	Port Beach with the Windfarm Trust Fund Committee				