WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: 17 March 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 7PM

VENUE: A'Chleit Church Hall

1. Present

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Zofija Sloan (ZS) (Vice Convenor) Alan Coote (AC) (Secretary), Morag Branson (MB), Joseph Loganbill (Treasurer), Fiona Coffield (FC)

2. Apologies

Christine O'Hanlon (CO)

Katie Evamy, Alienenergy (Argyll, Lomond & the Islands Energy Agency) who had been attending to provide an update on the work of the Agency but due to illness was unable to attend. The presentation will be delivered at a future meeting of the Community Council.

3. In Attendance

Councillor Ann Horn

Anne Littleson

MP welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the West Kintyre Community Council.

4. Declarations of Interest

MP reminded those in attendance that should anyone have any ongoing interest in any item on the agenda that this must be declared. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary presented the Minute of the previous meeting, held on 20 January 2025. No amendments were proposed. The Minute was proposed as a true record by MB and seconded by JL.

6. Matters Arising/ Actions

AC advised that there were two Actions from the previous meeting. Both Actions were subject of agenda items and were considered closed. Action 28 related to feedback to Police Scotland on the format of the MAKI Police Report, which Members were of the view that it was not as helpful as the previous iterations. The response from Police Scotland was that as they were providing the report to several meetings, they were unable to go into any more detail. This was also due to the unavailability of resources. This Action was considered Closed.

Action 29 remains open as a response from CalMac is awaited.

7. MAKI Police Report

There had been no Police Scotland Community Report provided in time for the meeting. When received it will be circulated.

8. Cour Community Benefit Fund - Update

MP provided an update on the status of the Cour Fund. – it has now been assimilated into the West Kintyre Community Fund. The next meeting to discuss applications to the Community Fund will take place in July, with the advert inviting applications due to be publicised in May 2025. Disbursements will now take place twice a year.

9. Windfarm Applications

MP provided an update on the current live windfarm applications.

Tangy 4 – with the completion of the access road, it is anticipated that work will commence soon. Tangy 1 & 2 are due to be decommissioned, which will result in the loss of funding amounting to £1500 per year.

Cnoc Buidhe – Full application awaited – has reached the gate check

Killean – With the Scottish Government, however Public Inquiry is anticipated

West Torrisdale – At Planning. Objections have been submitted – now waiting on Scottish Government.

Earaghail – Refused by the Scottish Government

MP advised that notification had been received from Scottish Government regarding scoping of Tangy 4 and Cnoc Buidhe. This included a shared connection with a double overhead circuit 132KV. 13km of lines and pylons. Energy Consent Unit application on or about 14/04/2025. Details can be found on the WKCC website.

10. Community Liaison Group (CLG)

MP advised that liaison continued with Scottish and Southern Energy (SSEN). An onsite meeting is planned for April 2025 in relation to Crossaig and proposals for Crossaig 2 substation.

11. Community Action Plan

MP thanks ZS for the work she had done in getting the questionnaire sorted and circulated to residents throughout the Community Council areas. During discussions it became apparent that despite approximately 400 questionnaires being posted out, some residents may not have received one. ZS agreed to place some at Muasdale Stores for local resident to collect. The return date is 31 April 2025. A further reminder will be put on the website and to the Facebook page to encourage residents to complete and return

Action No: 30	Secretary to place a reminder on the website and Facebook page requesting residents complete and return the questionnaire by 30th April 2025	Secretary

12. Tayinloan Toilet Project

MP advised the Argyll and Bute Council Management Committee had agreed the sale of the Tayinloan Toilets to the West Kintyre Community Council. The Argyll and Bute Legal department now need to complete the legal paperwork, and they are being pursued internally within the Council to complete the legal transfer as soon as possible.

An update is till awaited from CalMac and the Secretary will approach them again for an answer to the removal of the equipment within the 'Waiting Room, area of the block

The Secretary also advised that the Aitken's had been unable to find any reference within their title deeds to the 'Waiting Room' being within their ownership.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Project Team should go ahead and appoint an architect to begin to look at the renovation of the toilet block

DECISION	Tayinloan Toilet Project Team to consider suitable architects to be appointed to design the renovation of the Tayinloan toilets.	MP, ZS, AC

13. Defibrillator Checks

AC advised that nearly all defibrillator checks for the current month were up to date. During the previous meeting CO had advised that there were no lights showing on the Tayinloan defibrillator. This was checked at the end of the previous meeting and found to be in order.

There had been no report in relation to the defibrillator at Kilchenzie for February or March. This will be followed up to check all is okay.

14. Correspondence

The Secretary provided an update on various items of correspondence received in the WKCC email inbox

15. AOCB

ZS raised a question regarding who was responsible for clearing up the debris on the roads and beaches following the recent storm, Storm Eowyn and whether there was a protocol for getting debris moved.

AC advised that due to debris from the shore and sea being washed up on to the main A83 which resulted in damage to vehicles, BEAR Scotland had been involved in clearing the debris from the road, but it was believed that this was because the main A84 trunk road was blocked, and they have the responsibility to maintain the road.

Discussions regarding other area probably fell to local landowners. AL advised that pupils from Glenbarr Primary School had been involved in cleaning part of the beach. Councillor Horn agreed to make enquiries to try and ascertain who may hold the responsibility to clear the debris following extreme weather events

Action No: 31	Councillor Horn to make enquiries as to who is responsible for clearing the debris following extreme weather / storms	Councillor Horn

16. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the West Kintyre Community Council will be Monday 19th May 2025 at 7pm within Glenbarr Village Hall. This meeting will also incorporate the WKCC AGM.

(Please note that there is no facility for a ZOOM meeting at this location

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Appendix A

ACTION LOG

Open Actions

Action No	Action	Owner	Due Date	Action Update	Action Status
29	Secretary AC to make enquiries with Cal Mac regarding the equipment within the 'Waiting Room' at Tayinloan Toilets and report back	Secretary (AC)	17/03/2025	Initial enquiries have been made with Cal Mac at Kennacraig. Further information is awaited from Cal Mac	Open

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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				
22	Details of unknown landowners to be circulated to members to assist in identifying ownership	Mark Ringus	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
23	Community Action Plan to be circulated	Zofia Sloan	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
24	Draft questions for circulation to residents to be circulated for consideration	Zofia Sloan	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
25	MP to contact JL for update on WKCC Accounts	Margaret Pratt	18/11/2024	Completed	Closed
26	Community Council Members to agree how the questionnaire was to be circulated	All WKCC Members	20/01/2025	Completed - Questionnaire content agreed	Closed
27	Councillor MacPherson to enquire within Argyll & Bute Council's legal department if any progress has been made	Councillor MacPherson	20/01/2025	Completed Update from A& B Council Legal Services has been received	Closed
28	Secretary (AC) to provide feedback to Police Scotland on the format and content of the Police Report	Secretary (AC)	17/03/2025	Feedback provided; response received from Police Scotland	Closed