

EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in Carradale Village Hall
13th April 2017

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Present:

Stuart Irvine (SI) Convenor, Eleanor Sloan (ES)(Secretary), Robert Strang (RS), Ronnie Brownie(RB), Ian Brodie(IB), Bill Bidmead(BB),

In attendance –

John McAlpine(JM), Robin Currie(RC), PC Harper, 8 Members of the public (MoP)

1. Welcome

At 7pm –Stuart Irvine opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

2. Apologies

Apologies from – Charles McMillan, Anne Horn.

3. Minutes of last meeting – 16/03/17

Minutes proposed by Ronnie Brownie, seconded by Robert Strang

4. Matters arising 16/03/17

- In the matter of the petition that was discussed at the last meeting – it has been agreed to abolish this idea. This decision was made by the council members after the meeting.
- Wi/fi, broadband – IB reported that he has heard of a proposal to use the phone kiosks as a base to bring broadband into – instead of the cabinets, as the infrastructure is already in place. SI suggested asking someone to from BT to attend one of our meetings, or possibly attend a public meeting hosted by EKCC to answer our questions regarding broadband locally. Ian Brodie to contact to BT to arrange a visit.

5. Treasurers report

SI gave the Treasurers report – as of 12/4/17 the balance was £1376.88.

6. Co-option of new Council member

ES reported that the two new members will be attending as advisors to the council until ABC advises the EKCC on the new voting system for community council members. This will give them all the same rights as full members except for the right to vote. The new members are Trish Collins (who will be joining us in May) and Sophie Adam. Welcome to you both.

7. Peninver Foot path quotes

No further forward with this. SI is waiting to hear from Eddie McCallum.

8. Roads

Chevrons – Are now in place at Fisherman's gate.

New road speed limit signs – Still waiting these, we have been told that the new signs will be in place by beginning of August 2017.

9. Planning

Eastwood, Lochpark, Mr and Mrs Paul Davis – demolition of a back house, erection of a residential annex – no objections.

10. Brackley Cemetery

There have been objections and concerns about the state of -

- the path on the grass,
- fallen stones
- sunken lairs
- the unfenced state of the new part of the cemetery
- the level of water in the graves
- Alasdair Blair has implied that he would have to think about whether or not he can attend funerals there – given the state of the road –
Action - RS to contact Alasdair Blair to find out more.

JM suggested that there may be changes to the ongoing work at Brackley, dependant on the outcome of the local election.

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11. Well clearance

The well is all cleared now and new stones will be put down. Many thanks to RS for clearing the well. A reminder that this well water is not suitable for drinking.

12. Beach Clean

The beach clean is organised for the 22nd April 10am – 12noon.

RC suggested EKCC look into the sustainability fund for any extra funding

The bin on the beach has been broken and EKCC volunteered to buy a new one and put it in place

Action - SI to buy new bin

13. AOCB

- A new mower has been bought for the well park – many thanks to Robert Strang for his work involved in organising this.
- Alen Oman asked why the EKCC meeting has not been on the first Thursday of the month for the last couple of months. ES pointed out that the new dates are advertised early via the village notice board and the website, and all the councillors are notified by email in a timely manner.
Also the members of EKCC are all volunteers and it is not always possible to be free on the first Thursday. THERE IS NO RULE saying the meetings are on the first Thursday – they are on a date that suits the majority of the members.
However the EKCC apologises if anyone has been inconvenienced by our change of dates over the last couple of months.
- RB asked if there has been an update on the proposed path from the bridge to the school – RC said that the study that was done regarding this is being reviewed.
- RS said that the drain near the golf course is overflowing – it was agreed to ask the golf course to contact Scottish Water regarding this – with the backing of the EKCC.
- First responders are a step nearer to being up and running.
- BB told us that there have been some mini explosions happening in the ground at an empty area near his house and that ABC have told him that they should contact the owner of the land. This was also the opinion of the EKCC.
- SI reported that FCS told him that a few of the footpaths around Carradale will be delisted and that the public will have to walk on them at their own risk. Walk boards and way markers will be removed. Deer Hill walks will remain unaffected. In the next 3 months new map boards will be put up.
- Dog poo – on two separate days 28 bags and 21 bags of dog poo were collected from fields and hedges around the village. RS has given out notices to put around the village.

14. Date of next meeting

Due to the election on 4/5/17 the next meeting date is

7pm – 11/05/2017

Stuart closed the meeting at 7.48pm and thanked everyone for attending.