

# East Kintyre Community Council

Minutes of meeting on  
Thursday 9th February 2017  
At 7.00pm

## Minutes

Present: Stuart Irvine (SI) (Convenor), Mo Adams (MA).  
Bill Bidmead (BB), Ian Brodie (IB), Ronnie Brownie (RB)

**In attendance-** Robin Currie (RC), Anne Horn (AH), John McAlpine (JM), 13 members of the public, 2 from Courier,

1. **Welcome:** Stuart Irvine opened the meeting and thanked all for their attendance
2. **Apologies:** Charles McMillan, Eleanor Sloan, Robert Strang (called out on emergency)
3. **Minutes of last EKCC meeting:** Minutes taken as read, Proposed R. Ronnie Brownie, Seconded Ian Brodie
4. **Matters arising:** None as all items were on the agenda.
5. **Treasurer's report :** In the absence of the Treasurer, The Convenor confirmed the present balance was £1485.28. He also pointed out that no statement had been sent since November!.

At this juncture, we were joined by Felicity Kelly of South Kintyre Amenity Trust when she outlined and discussed with us an update on the future plans for East Kintyre Community Council Action Plans.

Details of her report will be hopefully received in due course.

6. **Kintyre Way:** Neill Macalister Hall updated the Council on the present position and highlighted the possible way ahead. There will be a need for funding.
7. **Peninver Foot Path :** Stuart began with an update in regard to the possible creation of a footpath from Village Hall to south Caravan Park. A&B Council Roads Dept. had carried out a survey which concluded with confirmation of a total cost around £100,000.

Sustrans could possibly contribute up to £50,000. That would leave a substantial gap and it is very unlikely that EKCCWFT would meet much of the difference.

Eddie MacCallum was in attendance and said that he was awaiting two other quotes but it was expected that these might still be too high. Stuart and Eddie, having discussed the matter further believe the best approach was the original suggestion that a footpath be created by replacing the existing fence along the road with a stronger one and then putting a further fence inside his field with a minimum gap of 2 metres. A crossing over a burn would be needed at the north end.

8. **Roads:**
  - a) **Nicholson's Brae Corner:** Despite chasing the Roads Dept. nothing has been done for over 4 months regarding the installation of two small chevron signs to alert motorists of the sharp bend. The original white lining stops about ten metres before the bend! Last reminder was answered with confirmation that Julien Green was dealing with the matter!
  - b) **Speed Signs:** Stuart spoke with Aileen Simpson (A&B Council). It was confirmed that all the changes in road signs had received no objections and that it was simply down to the necessary paper work needed. This project is approaching its 2 year anniversary since it was started!
9. **Planning:** EE Limited has applied for planning permission to erect telecommunication equipment compound with 15 metre high lattice tower and associated works at land NE of Lag Kilmichael. There were no objections.
10. **First Responder:** Rhona Elder gave a short update report. Successful training had taken place. There is a need for more equipment for further training and an application will be sent to EKCCWFT to be considered along with other grants at the May tranche.
11. **Brackley Cemetery:** The need for matting along the path to the cemetery was agreed by Argyll and Bute Council almost 9 months ago. On inspection recently, the matting has been put entirely in the wrong place. Instead of the path, a small turning area has been created at the bottom end. In addition a request for a fence to protect the new part of the cemetery has not been done. This matter will be taken up again with Kilmory.

12. **Carradale Activity Play Park:** A brief report was given of the success the CAPP committee is having in relation to the removal of equipment at the Park and new equipment being purchased.
13. **Port Righ Well:** Robert Strang and Charles McMillan carried out a study of the Well and will look to see if it can be re-instated. In addition Archie Paterson has agreed to donate the original spoon.
14. **Community Investment in Wind Turbines:** There have been no further meetings that we are aware of.
15. **Broadband/WIFI:** Rhona Elder gave a very full and detailed report on the need for better signaling. There are many parts of greater Carradale where no or weak signal is available. She requested that every effort should be made with the authorities to improve this and has asked that it should be an agenda item each month to report on any progress.
16. **Web Site:** Stuart suggested that much more information should be put on our WEB site and he asked for more support in this by send interesting items to David Prag.
17. **Bridge over the river Carra:** Alan Walker raised the possibility of a study to see if a bridge could be re-stated.
18. **Saddell Abbey window cleaning etc:** Stuart was invited to attend a meeting of the Saddell Abbey Trust on Monday 30 January. The existing Board of Trustees, who have been involved for nearly 20 years all wish to stand down. The first priority must be for them and any other persons who would consider joining the Committee to make them-selves available. The Bank Account has only £15 but there are items which must be maintained. For example, The glass exhibition needs window washing and the slabs outside made clean. There is also a need for much more publicity being given to this historic

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site. Leaflets used to be left for the public to take away. Signage to the Abbey is in need of replacement.

EKCC cannot take on any trustee role but perhaps we could help by:

- a) Arranging for the Exhibition glass building to have the windows washed 3 times a year, i.e. Easter, Summer and before Christmas
- b) We could fund the production some new leaflets.
- c) We could arrange for articles in the Antler and Courier

19. **Car Park Lighting:** It was raised at the meeting that the lighting in the Carp Park of the Village Hall is very poor. The Village Hall Committee should address this issue as a matter of immediate concern.
20. **Shore Road Dog Waste:** A member of the public raised that matter of dog fouling along Shore Road. It is felt that this has become a major problem and that all dog walkers should pick up what the dogs deposit. Nic, Harper said that education must be done to stop this fouling of the roads and pavements.  
**LIFT IT AND DEPOSIT IT IN THE BINS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED OR TAKE IT HOME!**
21. **A.O.C.B.**
- a) Letter from SEPA was received but they are no further forward with resolving the continuing mess at the Harbour and disposal of domestic rubbish
  - b) Ina Brodie drew that attention of the Council to the Forestry decision to fell trees behind Network. Fortunately this will not involve the use of lorries as the wood will be left to rot.
  - c) Alan Walker updated the Council on the changes taking place at network resulting in a name change from Network Carradale Ltd. to Network Community Business.
  - d) Network Tearoom will be opening on Wednesday 15 February, Wednesday to Sunday inclusive 10.00am to 4.30pm
  - e) The Glen will be opening sometime shortly in February
  - f) Morag Adams tendered her resignation from the Council with immediate effect as she and Marcus are leaving the village. Stuart thanked her for all her support during her time in office.

**Date of next meeting 16th March**

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