

# EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in Carradale Village Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

### Present:

Stuart Irvine (SI) Convenor, Eleanor Sloan (ES)(Secretary), Robert Strang (RS), Ronnie Brownie(RB), Ian Brodie(IB), Bill Bidmead(BB), Charles McMillan (CM)(Treasurer) Alasdair Bennett(AB), Lesley Pragg(LP)

### In attendance –

8 Members of the public (MoP), 1 reporter from the Courier

### 1. Apologies

Apologies from – Robin Currie and Trish Collins.

### 2. Welcome

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

Stuart reported that after a talk by Norman Weir there would be short Windfarm Trust AGM before the actual EKCC meeting.

Then followed a talk from Norman Weir and Jonathon Hooper regarding the issue of broadband in the area between Peninver and Saddell. A group of 26 homes in this area have no cable broadband supply and have to rely on insufficient satellite broadband. BT Open Reach have quoted £27,000 to lay fibre optic cable to these houses. The group with the support of SKDT have been in touch with Better Broadband Scotland who have promised each household £350 each towards the cost of the fibre optic cable. Each household will also contribute money towards this cost to the total of £10,000, leaving a deficit of £10,000. This group have come to the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust asking for a grant of £5,000 this year and £5,000 next year. The point was raised that the Scottish Government have promised that all rural areas will be covered by broadband by 2021, and it may compromise this promise if there are already some fibre optic cable already laid.

The Trust listened to the points made by Norman and Jonathan and agreed to speak to SKDT regarding this issue.

### 3. AGM of the East Kintyre Windfarm Trust

#### Conveners and Treasurers report

As Stuart Irvine is both Convener and Treasurer he gave both reports simultaneously, he told us that over the last year 25 applications have been approved to a total of £36,729.55.

The balance of all 3 accounts is £137,417.00

SI also said he wanted to stand down from the position of Treasurer.

#### Secretary's report

Eleanor Sloan said that the applications are increasing and the required amount of paper based evidence is also increasing. She has asked if the new Treasurer could also take on the role of the preparing of all the admin involved with the bids, and she will continue with minutes at the meetings etc. All agreed.

Alasdair Bennett was proposed for the position of Treasurer and this was unanimously agreed. Alasdair agreed to do this and he and Stuart will begin the transition of hand over of the accounts etc. Alasdair proposed that the existing finance subgroup meets 4 times a year (members of this are SI, ES and AB) and that all the bank statements are presented and signed at regular meetings. All agreed.

AGM was closed

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### 4. Minutes of last meeting – 01/06/17

Minutes were not presented to the meeting – as there were no copies available – however – all members had been emailed them and all agreed they were true minutes.

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## 5. Hall footpath

The Gulls have been unable to uplift the mower to bring to roll path – RS and SI agreed to look into hiring one of asking a local contractor if they can do the job.

Action – SI and RS to look into.

## 6. Planning

Scottish Power are erecting a wind monitoring mast in the Lussa forest. No objections. Abbeyfield have applied for a change of use – to a dwelling house. No objections.

## 7. Brackley Cemetery

The grass has been cut recently and it has been confirmed that it will have 10 cuts a year.

## 8. Water problem at golf course

Scottish water have taken full responsibility for this and have said they will fix it.

Action – SI to contact Anne Horn for an update.

## 9. Bay bridge repair

RS has repaired the bay bridge – many thanks to him for this.

## 10. Dog waste bins on west side of village

RS to contact Anne Horn for an update on when to expect these.

Action –RS to contact Anne Horn for an update.

## 11. Lorries driving through the village

This seems to have slowed down and is not an issue anymore.

## 12. Sally's walk strimming

This has been done.

## 13. AOB

- Repair to Dippen Bridge, Kerb stones at Tormhor, raised pavement at Woodside, broken pavement at Port Righ turning, road sweeper coming to east Kintyre? – all ongoing problems – no updates – SI to contact council to get update
- Action – SI to contact ABC for an update.
- Dr Elder sent in a report concerning the first responder group – it has been up and running for over a month and there will be a stall at the harbour day – new volunteers are being sought (over 18, pass PVG) new training hopes to start in 6 – 8 months – 8 or more volunteers are needed. If interested please give your name and email to Dr Elder.
- The surgery told us that there will be a break in internet and electronic communications for 48 hours while essential electronic upgrades are done by the NHS – dates for this will be advertised in a timely manner.
- No news on the stepping stones
- Creation of new parking places at wellpark are still planned – but are waiting for the start of the Seneval project.
- £180 was raised by the recent beach clean – the funds are going to be used to buy some litter pickers for folk to borrow – contact Eleanor if interested – 431 524  
Many thanks to all who took part.

## 14. Date of next meeting

7pm – 07/09/2017

Stuart closed the meeting at 7.55pm and thanked everyone for attending.