

EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held within Carradale Village Hall
5th December 2019

Present:

Ian Brodie (IB) (Convener), Trish Collins(TC), Robert Strang (RS), Ronnie Brownie (RB), Elaine Batchelor (EB), Jen Conley (JC).

In attendance:

- 1 Councillor, Rory Coalville
- 4 Members of the Public
- 2 Officers from Police Scotland

1. Welcome

At 7pm – Ian Brodie opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

2. Apologies

Alastair Redman, Robin Currie, Eleanor Sloan and Tommy McPherson

3. Minutes of last meeting -7th November 2019

Minutes were proposed by Robert Strang and seconded by Ronnie Brownie.

4. Declarations of Interest

Item 13 - Jen Conley and Trish Collins

5. Treasurers Report

IB reported that there was a balance of £762.83

6. Planning

Torrisdale estate. 2 planning applications for the estate . No objections.

7. Police update

IB read out an email from Ch Insp Baillie stating that speed monitoring equipment was within the village between 22 and 27 August 2019.

A total of 951 vehicle movements were recorded during that time.

The average speed of vehicles was 34 mph (within the nationally recommended leeway)

In short it would appear that the odd vehicle has exceeded the speed limit and suggests that perhaps community Intelligence was the best way to proceed.

PC John McGeachy informed everyone that there were no particular incidents of note in the area since the Last meeting. IB asked if they could perhaps carry out similar speed checks in the Peninver area as complaints had been received.

8. Seneval No up date

9. Dippen Bridge

IB read out a response emailed to him by Alastair Redman. A&B Council reported that an inspection was carried out on 10/06/19. Work required has been classed as Low priority. Work will be carried out when resources allow.

10. Speeding through the Village. See Police report

11. Tinkers Track. This is being progressed

12. Path at Abbeyfield NFI

13. East Kintyre Development Plan

Alasdair Bennett reported that the open day had been very successful with over 100 families attending and the results of surveys carried out can be seen on the eastkintyre.org website. The Development plan is still being progressed and should be at the next stage by late January.

14. Harbour Bins ongoing IB to follow up

15. Pot Holes

Council are aware of reports and state that the repairs will be carried out within 30 days of the report being received.

16. Saddell

T McP reported that the signage issue was being looked at by A&B council but due to limited revenue it would not be a priority.

Response received by A&B Council states that the reported surface. The reported area of surface damage on Millers Park/ Saddell Abbey junction, located within Saddell Village, is most likely caused by Agricultural vehicle and trailers etc as the owner accesses his fields behind the village at this point.

Alastair Bennett requested that the council be made aware of the deteriorated road conditions from Dippen Farm and beyond.

Lesley Freeman also asked at this point if there could be any work done on the road at Dippen due to water running off the hillside across the road which is dangerous during winter months.

IB will take these concerns and complaints forward.

TMcP report also stated that there has been no progress on the issues surrounding the bus stop.

17. Fireworks

TC reported that the EKCC, Parents Council and Scout group had a meeting regarding the Fireworks. It was evident that there was still an appetite to have a display. Members of the community have volunteered to organise a display on Sunday 15 December 2019. The community will hopefully gather together around the Carradale Christmas Tree and sing Carols. The display will follow at 7pm from the golf course. There will be hot drinks, mulled wine and mince pies. Any donations received will go to the Village Hall. A risk assessment for the fireworks will be made available if requested and no Insurance is required in accordance with the Health and Safety Executive guidelines.

18. Waterfoot Graveyard – maintenance

An email received from Robin Currie as follows:

“I have enquired about the seasons maintenance at the Waterfoot Cemetary in East Kintyre. I have been advised by the supervisor that the Cemetery has NOT received the 14 cuts expected to have been carried out, in accordance with the grass cutting schedules. I have been informed that the Cemetery can no longer take burials and therefore been maintained occasionally over recent years. I have given instruction for the Cemetery to be maintained to the same level of other Cemeteries and in accordance with the grass cutting programme”.

19. Sheirdrum Windfarm Development

Alastair Bennet gave a short update regarding the Windfarm proposals. Images of the the proposals can be seen on the Scottish Government website under energyconsents.scot. Alastair urged people to view this as Sheirdrum will increase the Windfarms in this area to an Industial Scale and impact heavily on the landscape.

20. A.O.C.B

Alastair Bennet asked the EKCC members if they were aware that members of the 5 Kintyre community councils should have the ability to have 2 director representatives in the SKDT. The members had no knowledge of this. Rory Coalville gave an explanation to members present.

A member of the public raise the issue of an increase in dog fouling in the area.

EB stated that she will take the issue to the business group with a view to reminding visitors to pick up after their dogs. IB will contact the council to have more signage for the village re dog fouling.

IB gave an update on the signs at Dippen. The speed limit sign is to be mounted on a crank shaft. This should prevent large vehicles striking same. The 20mph sign is being removed as it is causing an obstruction to a local resident.

IB addressed the issue of recent FB posts regarding the fact that the field adjacent to Hill 60 had been identified for the construction of social house. The council have identified this as a favoured area since 2003 and the letters received by residents was basically informing them that this is still the case. There are no plans at present to build in this area.

Lesley Freeman asked if there were any plans to repair the Rhonadale road. IB informed her that Forestry Land Scotland had no current plans to repair.

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