

**Meeting held in Peninver Village Hall
5th September 2019**

MINUTES

Present:

Ian Brodie (IB) (Convener), Eleanor Sloan (ES) (Secretary), Robert Strang (RS), Ronnie Brownie (RB), Elaine Batchelor (EB), Jennifer Conley (JC)

In attendance –

Councillors – Alastair Redman (AR), Anne Horn (AH), Robin Currie (RC)

10 Members of the public

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

Apologies from Rory Colville, Donald Kelly, John Armour, Police Scotland

3. Minutes of last meeting – 11/07/19

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

4. Declarations of Interest in any agenda Items

Jennifer Conley declared an interest in item 20.

5. Treasurers report

ES reported a balance of £886.81 as of 12th July 2019.

6. Planning

None

7. Seneval update –

No update

8. Brackley Cemetery

The new signs have arrived but have yet to be put in place, and the humplet of soil still needs to be removed – Anne Horn to take forward.

9. Footpaths

The bay road and the road from the bay gate to the beach have had the gorse cut back to stop scratching cars.

10. Street Lights

No update

11. Damaged Signs

IB is has finished measuring the signs and will invite Dougie Lang to come up and see the problem signs in due course.

12. Damaged railings at Harbour

Issue resolved.

13. Dippen Bridge

Report said everything was ok – EKCC disagree and think the amount of growth on the bridge is unacceptable. AH to take forward.

14. Blackwood Signage

Signs are covered up

15. Harbour Grass Cutting

Issue resolved.

16. Speeding through the Village

A speeding monitor was put in place for a week – we will await the results.

17. Well at Port Righ

JC has cleared most of the well and will continue – Lesley Brown has offered to make a new sign for it.

18. Tinkers Track Fencing

The fencing is in hand

19. Path at Abbeyfield

Brian Gee brought up an issue – concerning a path running up the side of Abbeyfield House in Carradale, this path has been used by the village for over 40 years.

However new owners at Abbeyfield are wanting to close it and say there is no right of access on their land.

The new owner is also apparently planning on enclosing part of his driveway with a gate and fencing – this area has always been used as a turning area – especially for the large utility vehicles, eg bin lorry, the residents in this area are worried that they will lose the bin collection from outside their homes.

Apparently when Macleod built the homes in this area – the large turning circle and the path were always intended to left for public use – however any relevant plans that could verify this are not available.

Mr Gee asked EKCC for advice on this issue – EKCC have asked the Anne Horn to look into this situation and to deal with Brian directly.

20. East Kintyre Development Plan

Alasdair Bennett – told us that Carradale Community Trust CCT are putting together a local development plan – this will help to ensure any projects within the community are part of the communities wishes and a need for these new projects has been properly identified it will also help with funding applications. This plan will replace the local plan created by South Kintyre Development Trust in 2012 – which ran out in 2017.

The planning group consists of Alasdair, Jen Lee, Jen Conley and Shelagh Cameron. They hope to have the plan in place by 2020.

A survey has been created and distributed around the area to gather local feeling and thoughts – this was also offered to visitors to complete – so far 700 replies have been received – 200 of them from residents of East Kintyre.

Eddie McCallum commented that the survey seemed to be specific for Carradale and people in Peninver didn't feel it was relevant for them.

The next stage for the Plan is to hold public consultation meeting in Carradale Village Hall – probably in November 2019.

21. Community Website

www.eastkintyre.org

Rhona Elder has taken on the daunting task of bringing together a few East Kintyre websites and putting them all under one roof – and all agreed she has done an amazing job

The website is like a community notice board and will provide information about all the local groups and services that are offered.

It is firstly for locals, then to support the development plan and finally to carry information for visitors and tourists who need a sign-posting website.

To bring the website high up on google – we need everyone to visit it – each visit will make it more visible.

There is no contact via the website – if anyone wants to get in touch with Rhona regarding the website – please contact her directly

Please note this is open to all areas in East Kintyre, information out with this area will not be included on the website.

22. AOCB

a) Elaine asked about the possibility of signage at fuel stations – saying how far it is to the next fuel station – to stop people running out of fuel. AR to follow up

b) EB asked if we need a bigger sign at the Port Righ turning directing people to the bay.

c) Ian Brodie asked if anyone knew who owns the bit of land between Port na Storm house and Woodside – it has become very overgrown and there used to be a path through there – it was generally thought to be FLS – AH to check

- d) Broadband coverage – IB reported that the R100 project should ensure that all areas no matter how remote should be receiving a decent broadband speed by 2022.
- e) IB reported that there are plans to fit defibrillators in Peninver, Saddell, Torrisdale, High Airs, and the Harbour.
- f) RC sent an email regarding the 2 bins planned for the harbour – they will be arriving very soon, one for the harbour and one for the car park area.
- g) Narachan Windfarm – this is a proposed wind farm development – sitting between Cour and Deucheran wind farms. A public meeting will be held on 19 Sept from 4 – 7pm in Carradale Village Hall – open question session.
- h) Alasdair Bennett – told us about the formation of a Renewable Energy Group – some info on this is available on the East Kintyre website.
This group – EKREG consists of Alasdair, Rob Lee, Jerry Barnes, Rhona Elder.
The group are looking to help maximise community benefit payments from windfarm developers and explore opportunities for community shared ownership with them.
AB told the meeting that if all the wind farms that are proposed for Kintyre get permission to go ahead the energy output will quadruple what it is now.
- i) IB asked if anyone knew why no windfarms were proposed for south of Campbeltown – it was generally thought that the wind was not viable and most of the area is a protected area.

ITEM NUMBER	WHO?	ACTION
8	AH	BRACKLEY UPDATE
11	IB	DAMAGED SIGNS
13	AH	DIPPEN BRIDGE
19	AH	ABBNEYFIELD
22a	AR	FUEL
22c	AH	WOODSIDE AREA – FLS?

Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be 7pm – 3rd October 2019

It will be held at Carradale Village Hall

Ian closed the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for attending.