

**MINUTES OF EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
2 JUNE 2022  
WITHIN CARRADALE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present**

Ian Brodie, Robert Strang, Trish Collins, Shelagh Cameron  
Members of the public 4

Councillors, Tommy McPherson

**Welcome**

The Convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Apologies**

Audrey Willan, Dougie McFadzen, John McAlpine,

**Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from Previous Meeting proposed by Robert Seconded by Shelagh Cameron.

**Treasures Report**

There is currently £4641.21 which is ring fenced for the Wellpark Project. This leaves £145.48 in the account.

**Seneval**

No update

**Harbour**

No update

**Wellpark**

Work is continuing within Wellpark. The Benches are now in place and we have planted fruit trees and heathers and are having to organise grass cutting to be done. We still need treat the benches further and are awaiting arrival of the paint. The Contractors from SSEN who are currently laying Subsea Cables have approached EKCC and offered assistance by way of their "Be the difference Scheme". This information was received with some concern from Rhona Elder and Alasdair Bennett. Alasdair Bennett, on behalf of EKCC urged EKCC to be cautious when accepting benefits in kind from SSEN as this may be less than the financial community benefits obtained through full community consultation. EKREG, however are not currently negotiating with SSEN!

Trish Collins was concerned that Local Committees within the Village were losing their autonomy to make decisions on individual projects within the community. A lengthy discussion took place regarding this subject.

Before accepting the offer of assistance from SSEN Trish Collins will write to Mel Chisholm of SSEN before accepting assistance.

### EKREG Update

Alasdair Bennet stated that EKREG were trying to update the public on their work and the via local media. He felt that there was a large amount of apathy or lack of understanding on the subject.

They have written to ILI regarding the battery storage at Auchnasavil and they have refused to entertain Community benefit or ownership and instead want a Community Group to work with to assist it to fund a small project. It is Alasdair's interpretation that they will use this as the community agreeing to the battery storage project.

Ian Brodie asked of the two new Wind Farms, High Dalrioch and Breackerie are going to be tapping into the grid at Carradale. Alasdair Bennet stated that they were not at that stage in their discussions.

The Second payment has come through for the East Kintyre Community Fund. He asked if EKREG would continue to act on behalf of EKCC when negotiating Community benefits. This was agreed.

### FLS Update

Robert Strang reported that work had been carried out at Brackley corner cutting trees down for a safer view on the roads.

Shelagh Cameron will contact Malcolm Crosby and ascertain if there have been any energy offerings on the land at Carradale Forest.

### Road to Cemetary

Shelagh Cameron will put a petition into the village shop regarding the road and the lack of attention given to this issue from Argyll and Bute Council.

Tommy McPherson stated that after recent discussion with Jim Smith, Head of Economic Development stated that there was a huge financial deficit and that there will be little or no maintenance between 2022 – 2025.

Brian Gee inform the CC that he had been advised by Smith to write to the Ombudsman in Edinburgh regarding their apparent failings.

Ian Brodie stated that he had raised several cases regarding issues within the area:

- Dippin Bridge due to the growth of saplings
- Corner South of Saddell
- Corner at Creag Lodge, Torrisdale
- Roadway opposite the Drs Surgery

The response has been that these complaints will be monitored.

### ILI Battery Storage

As per EKREG Update

### Affordable housing

A discussion took place regarding the subject. A suggestion was made that perhaps we should be looking at ACHA/Fyne homes. It was mentioned that there appears no need for affordable housing as all recent vacancies have been filled by tenants from far out-with the area which hasn't been benefited local people. A discussion then took place regarding the need for local employment. The consensus of the EKCC was that the creation of employment is at the very heart of the the survival of the village.

## **A.O.C.B**

Bus stop outside the Doctors Surgery has yet to be repaired. Ian Brodie will again make contact regarding the issue.

Shelagh Cameron reported that a member of the public was concerned that the public Toilets at Carradale harbour were leaking and the toilet seats were broken. Trish will Contact Argyll and Bute Council regarding this.

## **Date of next Meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2022