

**Meeting held in Carradale Village Hall
7th November 2019**

Present:

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

In attendance –

No Councillors

9 Members of the public

2 Officers from Police Scotland

1. Welcome

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

Apologies

Apologies from Anne Horn, Robin Currie, Alastair Redman

Minutes of last meeting – 03/10/19

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

4. Declarations of Interest in any agenda Items

Item 15 – Jen Conley

5. Treasurers report

ES reported a balance of £812.83 as of 24th September 2019.

6. Planning

Carradale substation – SSE will be attending the Community meeting on Saturday 9th November.

7. Co-option of a Health and Social Care representative for EKCC

ABC have asked us to submit a representative for local planning group and the Health and Social Care partnership. We do not have any councillors who would be suitable and we invited Karen Murphy who has considerable background in this work to be our Independent Representative - Karen has filled in all the relevant paperwork with ABC and will liaise with Trish Collins.

8. Seneval update –

Donald Maclean is currently working on the site and has worked on the Lairds Well and is now waiting for the land to dry a bit more before continuing with the work. Many thanks to Robert Strang and SSE for arranging the ground works.

9. Brackley Cemetery

Alastair Redman informed IB via email that the pile of dirt at the cemetery will be removed when resources and workers are available.

10. Damaged Signs

Signs will be fixed when resources become available

11. Dippen Bridge

Robin Currie is trying to get the roads dept to visit the bridge and see for themselves the amount of growth there is on it.

12. Speeding through the Village

No results yet from the speeding monitor that was set up.

13. Tinkers Track Fencing

Ongoing.

14. Path at Abbeyfield

Brian Gee told us that he is waiting for 3 people to provide a statement saying the path has been in use for over 20 years – Alan Walker advised him to get sworn statements from everyone involved in this.

15. East Kintyre Development Plan

On Saturday 9th November from 12 til 6pm – there will be an event in Carradale Village Hall – this is a chance to have your say about how you want our area to be. There will be loads of information stalls and the chance to talk to lots of people and groups. There will also be coffee and cake..

16. Port na Storm Strip of Land

All cut back and tidy

IB told us that ACHA have said that the Woodside footpath is the property of ABC and they need to maintain it

IB to contact council

17. Harbour bins – in place?

Harbour bins are still not in place – this is ongoing

18. Pot Holes at Alt Crich

AB council have inspected the road and it is hoped that it will be fixed soon.

19. Saddell Issues

No Ward 1 Councillors attended the meeting – and as Tommy McPherson was not here – we have no updates

20. Police Scotland

2 PCs from Police Scotland attended the meeting to update us on the crime figures for October IN Carradale and surrounding areas

- 1 dog bite
- Some planned shoots
- Flooding/ RTA
- Tree in water
- Error 999 call
- Phosphorous flare on beach/bomb squad/ explosion
- 2 x 10 year old children in dispute
- Lost dog

21. AOCB

a) Louise McConnachie, who has horses very close to the bonfire and firework site, asked to see a copy of the insurance for the fireworks display planned for the following evening and a risk assessment.

EKCC were unable to show these. It was suggested that IB contact Kilmory the following day to find out if we were insured.

A debate ensued regarding whether the use of the fireworks was wise considering how close they are to horses and houses.

EKCC said they had originally agreed to use silent fireworks when they agreed to fund the fireworks in May – but it had not been possible to buy these.

Ronnie Brownie and Eleanor Sloan both said folk had told them they were not happy with the fireworks going off so close to animals.

It was suggested if the insurance was not in place – that the bonfire go ahead and the fireworks could be saved for another date (new year?) and a different place away from housing and animals.

The plan was to wait and see what happened with the insurance and let everyone know tomorrow

Robert Strang then said he was refusing to do the fireworks or the bonfire and none of the fire crew would be doing them.

With no one available who can safely set off the fireworks or manage the bonfire, Ian Brodie cancelled the event.

This was met with unhappiness – but there didn't seem to be any solution.

Heather Adamson suggested that next years firework display be put on next months agenda to assess the feeling in the area regarding this event.

- b) EB asked about the Rural Growth Fund and what the money could be used for Alasdair Bennett told her that the funds have already been allocated in ABC.
- c) EB told us that she has rounded up 30 stray cats and they have been neutered or spayed and then returned to where they were caught. 4 kittens were rehomed. Many thanks to the Cats Protection League. Elaine has also released 39 hedgehogs into the village
- d) Argyll McMillan asked if the grass at Waterfoot Cemetery is ever cut and the gate has fallen off. IB to discuss with Councillors

ITEM NUMBER	WHO?	ACTION
16	IB	WOODSIDE FOOTPATH
21a	IB	CHECK INSURANCE FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY
21a	ES	TO ADD FIREWORKS ON DECEMBERS AGENDA
21d	IB	WATERFOOT CEMETERY

Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be 7pm - 5th December 2019
It will be held at Carradale Village Hall

Ian closed the meeting at 7.50pm and thanked everyone for attending.

THERE THEN FOLLOWED A MEETING OF THE EAST KINTYRE WIND FARM TRUST