

# **EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 1900HOURS**

**3 FEBRUARY 2022**

**CARRADALE VILLAGE HALL**

## **PRESENT**

Ian Brodie Convenor, Trish Collins Secretary, Shelagh Cameron, Robert Strang, Tommy McPherson.

Councillors Alasdair Redman, Robin Currie,

5 members of the public

## **WELCOME**

The convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **APOLOGIES**

Ann Horne, Jen Conley.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Convenor explained that there were no minutes for the previous meeting which wasn't quorate therefore nothing of relevance was discussed.

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurer was not in attendance

## **SENEVAL**

No update

## **HARBOUR**

Shelagh Cameron reported that arrangements were finally being made to straighten the slip. A short discussion took place regarding water mains being fixed for the MOWI portacabins.

## **WELLWOOD**

Currently the paths have been completed. There has been flooding which will require to be repaired. The second stage should begin shortly. We are awaiting on Fern Community funds releasing the funds for phase 2.

## **BATTERY STORAGE**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed location of the Battery Storage. The Community are not happy with this. The Convenor updated everyone that meeting that ILL Energy intend holding a further meeting to show the community the proposals in more detail. The convenor urged the Community to attend the open day when it has been arranged and voice their opinion there. The Community Council will continue to update everyone on the date when available.

## **EKREG UPDATE**

Alasdair Bennet informed the meeting that the Beinn an Tuirc 3 Windfarm has been completed and that Community Benefit payments will be for the full 25 years and not the 10 years SPR were initially proposing. EKREG continues to work on behalf of Campbeltown, East and West Kintyre Community Councils to secure a satisfactory agreement with SPR. A petition is currently with the Scottish Government to make Community Shared Ownership mandatory and a Cabinet Secretary will provide evidence at the next meeting of the Committee.

## **FLS UPDATE**

A meeting with FLS is planned for 17 February 2022.

## **SIGNAGE AT CARRADALE HARBOUR**

Councillor Redman is dealing with this and will update on the outcome when available.

## **ARGYLL AND BUTE EDUCATION REFORM**

Trish Collins updated everyone on the apartment proposals. The idea is to a number of collectives who would involve a number of collectives throughout Argyll and Bute. These collectives would consist of 1 Executive Head who

would be joined by 5 “expert” teachers. This Collective would be in charge of between 4 – 6 Schools who would still have a head of School. The proposal has no substance and appears to be a wish list for promotion opportunities for Teaching staff. There is nothing to substantiated where the money would come from to finance this. Argyll and Bute are currently unable to attract Teaching staff and fail to recognise that this may have something to do with poor reputation of Argyll and Bute Education, the lack of affordable housing or decent roads infrastructure. The fact that they said that adverts go out to the rest of the UK and abroad was a bit confusing when they then said that they can’t employ anyone without a GTC{S}. The Head Teachers, Parents Councils are against this and the students have not been asked their opinion. It is the position of the Community Council that this Proposal offers nothing to the current education system.

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

- Concern was raised by a local resident regarding the HGVs using the B842 going to the substation Etc. The vehicles some weighing in excess of 60 tonnes are being driven along the aforementioned road and damage has been caused to the Sewerage pipes in an adjacent property to this route. A lengthy discussion took place. Councillors Alastair Redman and Robin Currie will take this forward.
- Concerns were also raised regarding the road and available parking at the cemetery. The road is in a very bad state of repair and at a recent funeral people were concerned that their vehicles would be damaged or stuck in soft ground. There were also concerns raised that people attending funerals could be injured in the uneven, flooded ground. Councillors Redman and Currie will take this forward with Argyll and Bute Council.
- Concern raised regarding the water quality at Shore Road as the sewerage pipes leading from the houses at the locations are broken or in a very poor state of repair and raw sewerage was pouring out into the sand there. Trish Collins has emailed SEPA regarding this and asking for a water sample to be taken and feedback given.
- Alasdair Bennet reported the Local Planning Group, which consists of members of the Carradale Community Trust and East Kintyre Community Council have received funding which has allowed them to employ DWS

to undertake work to refresh the current LDP by engaging with the community better, hosting an open day in may and looking at feasibility studies for projects.

- East Kintyre Community Fund will open in May 2022

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The convenor thanked everyone for attending

Next meeting will be within Carradale Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 3 March 2022.