

# EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in Carradale Village Hall  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## MINUTES

### Present:

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

### In attendance –

10 Members of the public  
Councillor Alastair Redman (AR)  
Reporter from the Courier  
Marlene Bailey – Area Commander – Police Scotland

### 1. Welcome

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

### 2. Apologies

Apologies from Tommy McPherson and Anne Horn.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting – 07/03/19

Minutes were proposed by Ronnie Brownie seconded by Robert Strang.

### 4. Declarations of Interest in any agenda Items

Trish Collins declared an interest in any agenda items regarding Carradale Community Trust

### 5. Treasurers report

ES reported a balance of £1,208.80 as of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

### 6. Police Scotland

Marlene Bailey told us that our local Police Officer has left the area, and that with regret Police Scotland will not be replacing Nic Harper in the Police house in the village, and that the Police office in the village would be closing. After looking at all the stats of incidences and call outs to the police in the area – it would not be viable to have a new PC in Carradale.

Marlene acknowledged the extra support that Nic gave to the village and the events he took part in and the room agreed that they were much appreciated.

It was suggested that a named Community Police Officer be put in place for the Community and this person could attend the EKCC meetings.

Marlene agreed to provide contact details for all relevant Officers in the meantime – so that EKCC and Police Scotland have strong joint communication.

### 7. Planning

A couple of planning applications – IB had circulated before the meeting to EKCC and there were no concerns.

### 8. Saddell Signage

No updates – it was agreed to remove this agenda item.

### 9. Kintyre Way

Niall MacAlister-Hall told us that there has been a new Trust formed last year and they have been applying for funding – with little success. Andrea McShannon is employed one day a week. The Kintyre Way Ultra this year is running from Tayinloan to Tarbert – so our area will not be involved. If there are any areas of the Kintyre Way that anyone is aware of being in a bad way please get in touch with Niall. The website – is now part of Wild about Argyll – and is currently being revamped. Niall did warn that if hoteliers and other beneficiaries of the tourism that the Kintyre way brings – don't engage with the Kintyre way Trustees – then it may not survive much longer. However they have some outstanding funding applications that may be successful.

### 10. Cleaning Road signage

AR is still waiting for a response to his request for signage cleaning around our area.

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## 11. Slabs at School entrance

Ongoing.

## 12. Bins – harbour – bay –new footpath

Harbour bins – MOWI are getting a new large bin for down at the harbour

Bay bins – EB said there was no sign of the bin at the Caravan Park side of the bay, when she last walked down there

Blue Lorry – this had been confirmed as the new recycling lorry for the harbour recycling.

## 13. Temporary Shop update

Still on course to open on the 29<sup>th</sup> March

The porta cabin/shop is arriving next week sometime

RB asked about newspapers – Lesley Pragg reported that it will cost £20 a week to have papers delivered to Carradale. Ronnie said that if there are no papers for sale he won't be coming to the shop and that a few other people felt the same – Lesley pointed out that it is not a newsagent but a shop selling basic essentials and that there will be no extra cash to fund newspaper delivery. A few possible solutions were mentioned that can be looked into.

## 14. Seneval update –

After having receiving the grant to purchase the land from FCS and then receiving the contract from FCS which contained 2 very surprising clauses –

1 - FCS are holding back 20% of the land that was agreed at the compost area.

2 - A claw back clause is included – if any planning permission is granted on the land FCS would want a full uplift of the land.

CCT are very disappointed and have lodged an appeal against these clauses.

## 15. Brackley Cemetery

A new path has been started allowing better access to graves.

IB & RS will be installing a water butt and drain pipes ASAP.

Public still complain that it is very wet – ABC have agreed to do something about this but no action yet

RS told us that the gate is broken and needs replaced.

Moira Forman – said that 20 years ago she saw that this layout of the cemetery wouldn't work and presented a layout that would have been much more efficient, but it never came to pass.

Moira said that car park there is not fit for purpose

Alastair Redman agreed to look into all points with the relevant person.

## 16. Footpaths

Elaine Batchelor and Robert Strang will be compiling a list of footpaths in the village that the EKCC are upkeeping.

This is to be done at the earliest opportunity, to allow for WFT application for path upkeep, to be compiled.

RS told us that FCS will repair the wire damage at Crow Wood on the wooden walkways.

## 17. Bay Bridge

Ongoing

## 18. AOCB

- a) Argyll McMillan asked if there was any update on the play park mower. RS offered to mow grass until a solution is found. RS to liaise with Nonny re new mower.
- b) Ian received a cheque for £50 from Margaret Richardson and Shelagh Cameron, left over from WFT funding for an activity involving stained glass windows for the village hall that were unable to be fitted. Ian will hand this over to Stuart Irvine.
- c) RS reported a street light at Dippen that hasn't worked for 6 or 7 years – the pole has been removed  
Also a street light at Lochpark is not working  
AR to report all.
- d) RS reported that there has been damage to -  
30mph sign on Dippen Hill.  
20's Plenty sign at Waterfoot has also been damaged  
Waterfoot finger sign at entrance to church has been moved  
AR to report all
- e) RS reported a raised kerb stone in Woodside car park and damage to the road side at the entrance to Port Righ at the bus stop.

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- AR to report all
- f) ES asked if EKCC could approach the owner of Torrisdale Car Park about getting ABC road sweepers to remove the huge pile of earth that they dumped there last year, ES suggested that EKCC could approach ABC on behalf of the owner to remove the pile as it reduced the parking area. It was also mentioned that with the high seas the beach bank of the parking area is showing signs of erosion.  
IB said he had spoken to the owner and she did not want anything done about it.
- g) Elaine B said she had been approached about planting some daffodil bulbs and wild flowers along the verges in the village, and would EKCC pay for this. ES suggested that she applied for WFT funding in the May tranche.  
EB agreed to find out if this is something the community would like  
AR suggested he would ask ABC if they had any plants they could give.
- h) ES asked if Carradales had moved their sign and it was confirmed they had. Maurice and Steve have asked IB to mention that the owners of the Church Hall next door to them had let the roof get into disrepair and they were currently speaking to ABC about asking the owners to repair it.  
AR agreed to look into this more.

ITEM NUMBER	WHO?	ACTION
6	Marlene Bailey	Police contact details to be given to Eleanor Sloan
15	AR	Cemetery
16	RS & EB	Footpaths
18a	Robert	Mower and grass cutting
18c	AR	Street lights at Dippen and Lochpark
18d	AR	Damaged signs
18e	AR	Raised kerbstone and damaged roadside
18g	AR	Plants for verges
18h	AR	Roof of Hall next to Carradales

### 19. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be 7pm – 04/04/2019

It will be held at Carradale Village Hall

Ian closed the meeting at 8.05pm and thanked everyone for attending.