

East Kintyre Community Council
Zoom meeting 7pm 25 February 2021

AGENDA

Present

Ian Brodie, Convenor [IB], Trish Collins, Secretary [TC], Shelagh Cameron [SC], Jennifer Conley [JC], Robert Strang [RS], Tommy McPherson [T McP]

0 Councillors

5 members of the public

Welcome

The convenor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Alasdair Redman

Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by Shelagh Cameron

Seconded by Trish Collins

Any Matters Arising

No

Treasurers Report

Balance currently at £1172.68

Harbour Toilets

TC reported that she had received paperwork from Argyll and Bute council re the possibility of Partnership working to enable the toilets to be open again. It is the same agreement which Dunaad Community Council agreed to. TC has contacted the secretary of Dunaad to see if there were any issues and is awaiting a response before and will discuss findings before a decision is made.

FLS

IB reported that a liaison group had been set between FLS and members of The Community. A meeting was held last Monday. Minutes were taken at this meeting and will be posted and available.

Torrisdale Windfarm

Scoping is public and can be found on Eastkintyre.org. It is a large document.

The public consultation will be completed on 5 March 2021.

Niall McAllister Hall commented that they had been approached a while back and that it is actually on West Torrisdale Land and not Torrisdale Estate. 12 Turbines would be installed and possibly a further 2 on the estate. To date nothing has been agreed.

Alasdair Bennet commented that a raft of windfarm applications had arrived over the past few days and commented that the area was

becoming saturated and it would be worth having a look at the proposed scoping for this. If planning is agreed EKREG will be looking at the community benefit.

SC commented that it may be worth mentioning that not everyone is aware that the turbines that they are planning for will require red aviation lights due to their height.

AB added that Torrisdale would not require lights but Arnacle would be 200-230 meters in height and Clachaig Glen 180 meters.

AOCB

TC stated that she had been approached by residents in the Peninver area who had requested that would like a playpark in the waste ground which is currently owned by Argyll and Bute Council. TMcP suggested contacting ACHA and local councillors. NO Councillors representing this area were in attendance at the meeting TC will correspond with them and ACHA regarding this.

TC Reported that they would also like a 20 mile per hour restriction going through their village as they are becoming increasingly concerned at the speed of vehicles. IB will progress this.

SC spoke regarding the Wellpark wood project. She gave a description of the vision and potential for the area. There are already members of the community committed to the project and the School are on board.

Johnny Durnan asked if the maintenance budget had been agreed as he was intending on continuing his work at The Network Centre with the garden Maintenance. IB informed him that it had. JD stated that he had raised it up at the Carradale Community Trust meeting and was seeking clarification.

He then informed the committee that the road verges were being churned up and left in a mess by commercial HGVs which entering the road from Tarbert. He asked for clarification as his belief that Kirby traffic had been instructed to use the windfarm road. A discussion took place regarding this and damage to Grogport Bridge. IB will progress this enquiry.

AW raised the issue of the path to Carradale Bay having eroded. A discussion took place and it was agreed that RS will progress this with the landowner and get an estimate for the work required.

TC raised the issue of the erosion of the tidal defences at Shore Road, Port Righ, Grogport and Torrisdale. Discussions took place. TC agreed to contact Argyll and Bute Council regarding this.

TMcP informed the committee that he had reported potholes at Saddell to the Council and also that Millers playpark had been adopted by ACHA.

Niall McAllister Hall informed the group that Kintyre 66 route will be launched soon and that they had received funding from Calmac. They will be doing a short film to promote the area in a soft media campaign. TC stated that she would liaise with Amenity services to ensure that they are aware and will be providing more litter bins along the route. TC also stated that she will ask for clarification on which areas in Argyll and Bute Disposal points are being installed for Motorhomes and which areas have been identified as acceptable r stop over locations.

Date of Next Meeting

7pm 8 April 2021