

MINUTES
EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ZOOM MEETING
7PM THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2021

In attendance

Ian Brodie [IB], Convenor, Trish Collins [TC], secretary, Shelagh Cameron, Jennifer Conley, Robert Strang, Audrey Willan

Councillors

Alastair Redman. Ann Horn

Members of the Public

Alasdair Bennett, Rebecca Paterson, Tony Leighton, Elaine Batchelor, Margaret Richardson, Maurice Whelan, Jamie Campbell, Stephen Redwood

Welcome

IB welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of minute taking.

Apologies

Tommy McPherson

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Tony Leighton stated that his name was missing from the previous meeting. TC will amend. Robert Strang proposed the minutes which were seconded by Rebecca Paterson

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Treasurers Report

AW reported that the Balance of the accounts was £1094.

Seneval

No update

Shop Update

Tony Leighton reported that the Community Shop Would be officially opening on Tuesday 8 June 2021. He explained that it would be a soft opening and they would be retaining the same hours as the Temporary shop until established. On behalf of the EKCC, TC thanked everyone involved in making this come to fruition. Councillors Horn and Redman also congratulated everyone involved

Harbour Toilets

TC reported that the partnership contract offered by Argyll and Bute Council was unacceptable to the EKCC and will continue to pursue possibilities. TC also questioned whether the CHEL was still operating and would be in contact with them also. She also stated that now that the shop was complete maybe the planning group should be looking at the next priority on the Local Development Plan.

Seats and Benches

RS reported that he had discussed this with Margaret Campbell who informed him that she would be purchasing a new bench. The plaque from the old one will be removed and put on the new one.

Hemlock

SC reported that she has taken photographs of the Hemlock and been in contact with councillor Zane Horn. It is very widespread and established in much of east kintyre. Anne Horn reported that she was awaiting a response from Tom Murphy, Argyll and Bute Council.

Path to Shop

IB reported that he and Malcolm Trott {CCT} met with Jolyon Gritten, Argyll and Bute Council to seek advice re a safe pathway to the new village shop. The area in particular from the village Hall to the Village shop. Various routes were discussed. IB had contacted Barry Bruce from FLS to discuss the possibility of a path continuation at Sally's walk and was awaiting a response. Rebecca Paterson asked for clarification as to the route the path would take. IB explained that it would be a continuation of Sally's walk which would stop short of

the roadway at Dippin DIPPEN Bridge, go through the woodland and exit at the gate to the field.

Rebecca then asked if the exit at the fire station had been ruled out. IB responded that there were other routes being looked at. TC clarified that the pathway via the field had previously been dismissed due to an invasion on privacy to the adjacent properties. She said that the preference is to have signage put up on the roadway to make drivers aware that there is no footpath and to expect pedestrians on the road. In order to get these the EKCC would have to exhaust all possibilities. She referred by to previous minutes and to the suggestion made by Alasdair Bennet that the lower avenue be scraped and cleaned up for pedestrian access. This would be the preferred option together with signage.

Elaine Batchelor asked if we were looking at the stretch of road between the Village Hall and the estate house. IB explained that it was part of the package that would be put forward.

Jamie Campbell asked IB if he could categorically state that the path at the rear of his house was taken off the agenda. TC said that this has been dismissed at a previous meeting but it would have to be contained in the report as an option that had been explored and dismissed. Jamie Campbell stated that he was concerned that it had not been rejected unanimously by the EKCC. TC again said that it had been dismissed by the council as a whole and this was confirmed by Shelagh Cameron.

Maurice Whelan voiced his displeasure at the discussion regarding the path and why there was a need for it. Rebecca stated that she though signs would be enough. Ian brodie stated that he was looking for a path similar to that of the millennium path. TC again explained the process that the EKCC had to go through. Margaret Richardson suggested we perhaps look at the speed limit and requested that this be reduced to 20 mph. IB stated that it takes a long period of time to get speed limits reduce. Alasdair Bennet raised 3 points. He stated that the signage in the village was a mess and falling apart and that he didn't see Argyll and Bute putting up new signage when the didn't replace the existing ones. He suggests that this should be a package re all the signs. He said that the request for reduced speed limits at Waterfoot didn't go to plan and the most dangerous part of the road is still at 40mph. His last point was that there shouldn't be a tarmac walk where suggested by IB.

Abbeyfield Access/Right of Way

TC declaration of Interest.

TC stated that IB had met with Jolyon Gritten who had stated to him that he had not progressed this issue. IB stated that this was the next thing on his list. TC asked Ann Horn if she could assist as this had been over a year and this issue is still ongoing. Ann will progress and ask him to evidence his progression. SC asked IB if he discussed this issue when he met with Jolyon Gritten. He said no that Mr Gritten had mentioned it to him. SC stated that Jolyon Gritten should have been looking at two issues. The first being The Abbeyfield and the second being Lena Ghlas. She said it was a disgrace that he hasn't acted on these. IB

stated that he did attend at Lena Ghlas . IB stated that he didn't want to influence him regarding The Abbeyfield. Shelagh was not satisfied that he didn't look at it when was in Carradale and voiced her dismay as that is what The CC are here for. IB explained what he did at Lena Ghlas. TC asked if he did attend Abbeffield when he was in the village. IB was unable to say. Audrey Willan voiced her annoyance that the Abbeyfield issue was not raised by the Convenor to Mr Gritten. Ann Horn stated that she would get in contact ASAP,

Bus Stops

No update

Fencing Around the Fisherman's Compound

Shelagh Cameron stated that she had been in touch with Warren at MOWI and she was awaiting a response. She stated that consultation will require to take place with Shore Road residents. She is hoping that it will be the start of the Heritage Trail around the village. It's an ongoing project.

Wellpark Wood

TC reported that the EKCC were successful in getting a grant for £2500 from A&B Communities fund and is awaiting a response from the application to Cour. Alasdair Bennett confirmed that the decision will be made by Cour next Wednesday.

FLS

Meeting due in the coming weeks.

Signage at the Harbour

Concerns were raised that Diver's were present within the harbour without warning flags or boat as raised by a local boat. Suggestion made that a sign be put up to remind people that Carradale is a working Harbour. Rebecca Paterson agreed that a simple safety notice should suffice. Alasdair Bennett thought that it was the responsibility of the Harbour Authority. Discussion took place. Alastair Redman will ask A&B Council.

AOCB

Jen Conley was asked by Moira Foreman to raise the issue of Dippen Bridge. She has concerns re vegetation and Saplings growing out of the Bridge and has concerns re the condition of it. Alastair Redman will progress.

Shelagh Cameron asked about WellPark Pavilion and the heating and was the bill paid and the dampness. IB stated that the bill was paid and that the electricity was still on as it would be costly to have it disconnected. Robert stated that he has turned the heating off. Shelagh asked if we could have a dehumidifier. IB said that will be looked at. AW stated that she had received a bill for £62.77. TC asked had that still to be paid. Audrey stated that it was. Shelagh asked who was cutting the grass. IB stated that it was Nonnie. IB suggested the EKCC have a meeting soon to discuss the pavilion.

Date of Next meeting

July 1 2021

EKWFT Agm continued and minutes are available.