

EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES 12 NOVEMBER 2020 (UNOFFICIAL)

In Attendance

Ian Brodie, Convenor (**IB**), Trish Collins (**TC**), Alastair Redman, Councillor (**AR**). Rebecca Paterson (**RP**),
Alasdair Bennett (**AB**), Anne Horn, Councillor (**AH**).

Welcome

(**IB**) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Jen Conley, Robert Strang, Shelagh Cameron, Audrey Willan, Ronnie Brownie

Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by **TC** and Seconded by **IB**. No further matters arising.

EKCC windfarm Trust

Alastair Bennett chaired the meeting for the EKCCWFT applications. Separate minutes available.

EKREG

IB and **TC** declared an interest

AB gave a brief update and explained the process to attendees. They are currently awaiting an offer from Scottish Power. This will hopefully deliver the funds required to set up the charity.

FLS UPDATE

Both EKCC and CCT had been approached by Andreas Wolfe from BBC Alba for an interview. They agreed that it was not appropriate to give any interview at this time as the consultation process had not yet finished.

The following joint statement was issued:

East Kintyre Community Council and Carradale Community Trust very much welcome the ongoing FLS consultation with the local community in relation to the Carradale Forest Land Management Plan. We hope that FLS will engage with the community representatives in accordance with the Scottish Land Commission's Good Practice Guidance (Developing an Engagement Plan for Decisions Relating to Land) to ensure their plans are developed jointly with the community and represent a consensus view.

AB went on to explain that the CCT had a current Community Right to Buy application in for Carradale Forest. The reason behind this is that EKREG had discovered that FLS were putting this area out to developers to survey it for Renewable Energy with NO Consultation with the community it would most affect.

AH and **AR** stated they have had no direct experience with FLS consulting with other communities.

AH suggested that **AB** contact Thomasina Glover who has experience in purchasing land from FLS in Islay.

Abbeyfield Drainage Issues

TC declared an interest.

The Occupier at the property known as Wellwood has been repeatedly flooded. Part of the issue is that the Occupiers of Abbeyfield have covered a drain with a decking area at the rear of the property.

The owner of Wellwood is also concerned that the decking area had halved the turning circle on the road making it difficult for service and Emergency vehicles to turn. **TC** reported that Shelagh Cameron had been trying in vain to contact Joylene Gritten as this had also blocked off an area which has been public pedestrian access for the residents of Airds for approximately 25 years and was a footpath before the properties were built. To date Mr Gritten had failed to respond.

A H stated that she would progress this with planning.

Toilets

TC reported that she has completed an Asset Transfer request for the public Toilets at Carradale harbour as Argyll and Bute Council had intimated that they would be permanently closing them. We await an update. **AH** stated that she would progress this.

AOCB

AR reported that he attended the MAKI and the Islands Planning Group where the Boundaries Commission Proposals were discussed. The proposals are that we will be in a 3 Council area with reduced elected representatives. **IB** echoed his concerns as the EKCC have been well represented by Councillors Redman, Horne and Currie and fears that if these proposals were to go ahead then we would not have fair representation in the future.

TC suggested that the information be put on the Website and Facebook page to allow the communities to read what the changes would mean and what they could do to object to the changes.

IB agreed and stated that the EKCC would make representation.

AH stated that she was concerned re the apparent mess left by motorhomes during the lockdown period and that she had been in discussion with A&B council to put signage up and to prevent Motorhomes from parking overnight and asked them to work with Police Scotland to challenge owners regarding littering and staying overnight in non-designated areas.

TC challenged this stating that it would be better to encourage this type of holiday maker to spend in our already fragile economy. Rather than put up signs and encourage people to move on the council should not only be encouraging this type of holiday but to create facilities and supply bins in the area. **TC** agreed to email **AH** regarding this subject.

IB stated that Tom Murphy was the individual who was dealing with this.

Date of Next Meeting

TBA

IB thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting