

EKCC MEETING

21st August 2025

Carradale Village Hall

7 pm

Abbreviated Names

Ian Brodie (IB) Robert Strang (RS) Jose MacKinnon (JM) Audrey Willan (AW) Shelagh Cameron (SC) Anne Horn (AH) Helen Rowlands (HR) Trish Collins (TC) Jane Dunbar (JD) Niall MacAllister Hall (NMH)

Welcome

TC welcomed everyone to the meeting

Present

Ian Brodie (IB) Robert Strang (RS) Jose MacKinnon (JM) Audrey Willan (AW) Anne Horn (AH) Trish Collins (TC) 7 Members of the public in the room and 3 online zoom.

Councillors - Anne Horn, Dougie McFadzean, Tommy MacPherson (via Zoom)

Apologies

Shelagh Cameron (SC) Jordan Becker, Alasdair Bennet, Councillor John Armour & Alastair Redman

Minutes from previous Meeting

Proposed RS

Seconded JM

Matters Arising

cover off below

Treasurers Report

AW - Bank Balance £832.30

Harbour Update

AW - Harbour group had a meeting with Mowi (Stephen McIntyre) and felt that this was well received by all parties. The group was shown round the property and understands why the Pier House is possibly to be utilised only for Mowi staff accommodation and not available for community use. At the moment the group is gathering information regarding old plans, ownership of the ground etc and we are awaiting the production of the LDP to let us then move forward.

Wellpark Update

TC - stated that the Playpark committee are awaiting a quote for a fence to fully enclose the playpark and that they are also awaiting the LDP publication before moving forward with any plans.

LDP update

JD - gave an update regarding the production of the document and the next meeting regarding this final stage is set for 4th Oct.

CCT Update

JD - advised that the new Chair Person for CCT is Mrs S Semple. CCT are looking to clear some debris from the back of the Blackbird Tearoom and also hoping to speak to the Forestry in an attempt to make them take more ownership over the damage caused by the storm at the beginning of the year.

EK Reg

TC & IB - advised scoping request for Meall Mor near Campbeltown - EKCC have objected to this even though it is not in our Community Council area but it is in line of sight at places within our community council.

Torrisdale Bay Planning & associated issues

TC - advised that the 3 issues @ torrisdale are being treated seperately.

1. Car Park - ABC

2. Sea Defence - SEPA

3. Grass & Knotweed - SEPA

1. TC had a discussion with Kim McKay (ABC planning) and she advised that they were following Scottish Government Legislation regarding the car park @ Torrisdale and that after this 4 weeks due process will be followed and EKCC will keep on top of this going forward. TC also advised any letters etc from the community regarding the car park be sent to our MSP - Jenny Minto. HR then told the meeting that when this has been the case the MSP just bounces the response back and says contact your local council. TC advised to complain and contact the Scottish Government directly as this is unacceptable for our MSP

2. TC - asked AH if she was aware that the work had stopped - she was not and will chase this up. NMH advised that the work had been stopped and the workforce mobilised to an other sea defence job as there is a land owner dispute (as advised by McFadyens)

3. HR - advised that SPEA was actively investigating this issue.

TC - A Fire Arms incident has taken place at Torrisdale which has been reported to the police and they will follow this up. If anyone sees anything further taking place please contact the police and report it.

Police Reoprt/Update

John McGeachy attended the meeting and advised of crime figures. He also advised of an increase in Fraud and reiterated that it was very important not to click on emails, give out bank details, be very wary of cold callers etc. TC is going to follow this up and contact Police Scotland to see if we can have someone to run an awareness course for members of the community where people can have a chat and refresh their knowledge.

John gave us a reminder of the telephone numbers if we want to report any suspicious activity etc.

CRIME STOPPERS 0800555111

Police 101

AOCB

AH - chasing up sea defence @ grogport

AH - chasing up ownership of pavement at Torrisdale needing attention - ABC say its not theirs so AH is contacting Acha

HR - asked if there had been any progress with the sewage issue and TC will liaise directly with HR to find the best way forward regarding this.

JD - Offered a vote of thanks to the volunteers at Seneval composting site who had to deal with the invasive plants recently as this was no small task. Thanks Very much everyone. There is now a poster listing the invasive plants that are NOT to be dumped on site at the entrance.

Next Meeting

9th October 2025

Carradale Village Hall

7pm