

EKCC – 5th September 2024

Welcome

Ian Brodie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present

Ian Brodie, Robert Strang, Audrey Willan, Jose MacKinnon, and members of the community plus Councillor John Armour. Jordan Becker as Secretarial Advisor.

Apologies

Shelagh Cameron, Trish Collins, Councillors Redman, McFadzean, Kelly & MacPherson.

Bank Balance / Treasurers Report

£587.30. Approximately £300 ringfenced for project by the playpark. Argyll & Bute council have advised the admin budget will be £458.50

Correspondence - Mobile Mast

Ian Brodie has raised with Iain MacInnes (Argyll & Bute Council Stratwguc Transportation Policy Officer) that Carradale loses mobile signal when there is a power cut. Iain MacInnes was under the impression that all masts have backup in the form of a diesel generator / renewables or coverage from another mast. Ian has advised him this is not the case in Carradale and Iain will write to other community councils to see if they are in the same position.

Correspondence – Road Works

BEAR Scotland advise roadworks on A83 Stonefield 29/09 – 3/10 and 6/10 – 10/10 2024 between the hours of 7pm and 5am. Timed access will be at 8pm, 9pm, 11pm 1am and 3am.

Planning

Nothing to discuss.

Harbour

Nothing to discuss.

Wellpark

Nothing to discuss.

CCT

Nothing to discuss.

East Kintyre Windfarm Trust

Tranches end 06/09/2024.

East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group

Nothing to discuss.

East Kintyre Maintenance

Carradale Garden Services are now cutting everything. Audrey raised the question of whether everything that needs cutting is getting cut. This was held over to the Carradale meeting.

School Solar Panel Warning Lights

Should be repaired by an outside contractor by mid-September. Ian Brodie will chase.

Any Other Business – Carradale First Responders

Carradale First Responders will go to Peninver Monday 9th September to give them a defibrillator and instructions. This is promoted by Peninver village hall on social media.

Any Other Business – Shopper Aide

A presentation was given by Mike Reid and Susan Patterson from Shopper Aide. The key points are:

- SA is a vital service which spent £296,584 in 2023-2024 shopping for clients within the local economy. 3,390 shops completed 23-24 for 117 clients, and 1,116 house cleans – many of whom are vulnerable. 2,054 attendees to range of social groups. 14 Staff employed.
- SA now in financial dire straits and in danger of closing. Many funders changed criteria from older to younger people or from revenue funding to capital funding which has reduced the amounts received. At the same time demand for the service and the cost of providing service is increasing.
- SA want to highlight the importance of what they do and stress that they are on the brink of closure. SA looking to be signposted to any and all available funding sources.
- Stressed that the situation is not the result of mis-management or poor business practices, but a perfect storm of increased costs and demand, and a change in funding.
- SA highlighted that their closure would have a negative impact on statutory services in the area.
- SA have now expanded their laundry service (which is profitable) to more commercial clients as a source of funding. They have also set up a Go Fund Me on their website and applied to EKWFT and other local funders.

Any Other Business – Port Na Storm

Audrey Willan asked who is responsible for the road from Port Na Storm to Seneval, as it is in poor condition. Robert Strang advised SSEn repaired it last time. Ian Brodie will ask FLS if they can take a look.

Meeting closed.

Action items:

Ian Brodie to chase solar panel warning lights and FLS re Port Na Storm