

# EKCC – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Welcome

Ian Brodie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Present

Ian Brodie(IB), Robert Strang(RS), Jose MacKinnon(JM), Audrey Willan(AW), Trish Collins(TC), Shelagh Cameron(SC) and members of the community. Councillor Anne Horn via Zoom.

## Apologies

Councillor Alister Redman

## Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed by RS, seconded by AW.

## Matters Arising

- Community Policing report from PC Andrew Simpkins. There were 16 calls to the area recently, resulting in 1 crime report. The matter of an individual living in a vehicle in the village was raised. PC Simpkins said the police had been made aware however the vehicle was taxed, insured and MOT'd and it was therefore a civil matter. The matter of potential public urination in relation to the resident of the vehicle was brought up – PC Simpkins advised that would be a criminal matter. PC Simpkins said issues such as this could be reported by calling 101 or through the police online portal. PC Simpkins asked for a list of clubs / community groups in the village with whom he could make contact as part of a project of proactive engagement. TC agreed to send this to him.
- MOWI lice solutions – SC- An email was read out in relation to the previous query re lice treatments. The content of the email is as follows:

*Carradale has had a successful cycle so far and we expect to be fallow around June/July, with more smolts due to arrive in the autumn.*

*Mortality rates have been extremely low from the start, however there was an increase for a period (October - December) due to a deterioration of the gills after some plankton and jellyfish blooms in the area.*

*These blooms didn't last for long and after some rounds of freshwater treatments the health and gills improved drastically and now the site is back to normal, low levels of background mortality.*

*We now have a specialised vessel that collects ensiled fish waste on a regular basis during the summer months, directly from the feed barge but unfortunately this was impacted by a breakdown on the fish waste ensiler system on board the barge, which meant for a short period some whole fish mortality had to be disposed of via truck from Carradale. Normally, during the winter and early spring months, the ensiled waste is loaded into a mobile tank and*

*then taken ashore to be securely pumped into a tanker truck at the shorebase, however we are trying to secure the specialist vessel to work year round in Scotland going forward, which will help reduce the need to offload on shore.*

*Lice levels have been low throughout with a small increase during the autumn, and this was dealt with via freshwater treatment where the fish are offloaded through a new specialist lice treatment systems called "FLS", which washes the lice off the fish, and collects them in filters, after each routine freshwater treatment to treat for AGD (gill amoeba), which is a naturally occurring amoeba found in Scotland.*

*For info, lice levels are available publicly and are reported weekly on our website, and monthly mortality rates are available publicly and are reported on the Salmon Scotland website (Sept – 0.3%, Oct – 2.7%, Nov – 7.4%, Dec – 3.0%, Jan - 0.5%).*

- Memorial Gardens – RS – Met Eva, she is happy to tidy memorial garden. No quote received yet RS will get this.
- Post in Carradale Chat re Memorial Gardens – SC has done the post.
- Unofficial exit at Tor Mhor – A&B said the issue was one for ACHA. IB wrote to the ACHA rep but they were off. IB will call next week.
- Visitor Levy – SC – completed the survey on behalf of the community as requested.

## Bank Balance / Treasurers Report

£1045.30 bank balance. No change in bank at the moment but looking to go to Virgin Money.

## Correspondence

School warning light is not getting enough light for its solar panel. A&B will move it in the next 2-3 months.

## MOWI presentation

Stephen MacIntyre & Dougie Hunter gave information on the Carradale fish farm and the developments at Sanda.

### **Carradale:**

Awaiting a surveyor to look at fire damage on the shop. Majority of feedback is a preference to do something with the shop – lots of suggestions, still collating info from open day. Regardless of Sanda developments work at Carradale will continue. Been to house with architects after open day. There is a plan to paint it and potentially look at gardens. A lot of feedback received re making it good, and wind and watertight. Will come back to SC with written commitments. TC asked if ongoing consultation could be put online, which was agreed. TC asked about charge points going to the harbour. Stephen responded that A&B council had asked about this, and it was something they may be able to do soon. They are looking into it. Pontoon has been purchased and is being fabricated in Inverness.

### **Sanda:**

Proposed development bringing 14 new jobs. £10m investment. To be completed by 2030, possibly earlier depending on planning. TC raised the point that MOWI has been in Carradale over 10 years

and we are starting to feel like the poor relation, with less investment and slow development. Stephen clarified that the £10m figure included investment into the farming aspect of the operation as well, and planning has held up development of the house in Carradale. Hoping to see work in Carradale in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this year.

## Planning

Nothing.

## Harbour

Nothing.

## Wellpark

Nothing.

## LDG

The open day was a big success. Still collating all the info received. Please get the surveys done.

## CCT Update

Nothing since last time

## EKWFT

Meeting re Torrisdale next Monday. EKWFT applications open 13/03 and close 17/04.

## LPP

SC- LPP is local place planning, to give people of east Kintyre the opportunity to have their say on what they would like to see added to the council's LDP before it is agreed upon, making sure important places in our community are on a plan. There is a meeting next week. One potential benefit could be use of plan to block windfarms.

## Village Hall Toilets

SC put a letter to the village hall committee re the toilet doors. The response received was as follows:

*JMK reported that building control regulations are that the doors could not go to the floor so that, in the event of a person collapsing in the cubicle and ending up against the door so preventing the door being opened, the door could be lifted off the hinges and so permit rescue.*

*Following a lengthy discussion on this matter it was decided that there was a genuine reason for the design and that there was no reason to change the doors.*

*I hope this clarifies our position.*

SC noted she had been approached by someone who was unhappy with it who was glad it was raised. Agreed SC could go back to village hall committee as their response was unsatisfactory.

## Any Other Business

AW brought up that there did not seem to be much detail on the CCT minutes. There was some discussion including Alasdair Bennett regarding the different legal structure of the CCT vs EKCC. A

CCT member was present at the meeting and agreed to feedback to CCT to include more detail in minutes.

### Next Meeting

3 April 2025.

Meeting closed.