

WEST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at Glenbarr hall 20th March 2017

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1. Present:

Margaret Pratt (MP) (Convenor), Margaret Soudan (MS) (Treasurer), Morag Branson (MB) (Acting Secretary), Christine O'Hanlon (COH), Duncan Macalister (DM), Michele Seddon (MSe)

2. Apologies:

Linda McCrae, George Thomson

3. In Attendance:

Members of the public- 4. Councillors- Anne Horn & Rory Colville. Local Reporter from Courier

4. Police Report:

Increase in minor road traffic incidents. Various other small incidents noted. A youth engagement officer based in Campbeltown has been appointed. An open day in Campbeltown station will be held on 1st April between 1 and 2pm, hosted by Area Inspector Julie McLeish

5. Minutes of meeting in A'Chleit hall 16th January 2017. It was noted in Matters Arising 4) Tarbert should be Campbeltown. Amended. Proposed by MS and seconded by COH

6. Matters Arising: Refer to action log

7. Locality Planning group (LPG):

No change to report re- Muasdale surgery. Auchinlee - discussions are taking place with Cross reach and the IJB regarding the possibility of looking at joint funding for 1 year to allow a long-term solution to be found. A community engagement group has been set up to improve communication to residents. It is hoped to produce a newsletter. MP will be Vice Chair.

8. Correspondence:

1) Annual survey - to be completed by MP

2) National elections - for all CC to stage elections on same day

3) Received reply to email from Bear Scotland following complaints relayed to BS from residents. Attached to minutes at back

9. Community Liaison Group (CLG):

Blary Hill and Creggan - no change

Killean - to go to ministers

Freasdail - in testing for end of April handover

Willow - to complete 1yr bird survey

Carse - renamed Airigh -to meet with community council at some point

10. Community Action Plan (CAP):

Draft plan still in transit, for integration by October

11. Development Trust (DVT):

Community Empowerment Act -Training day recently attended by MP proved to be very useful in regard to community council use of powers and best way to enable same.

12. AOCB:

1) Recent road closure produced many complaints from residents in particularly about extended closure and lack of signage. MB will send letter with helpful suggestions

2) A request has been made to find new home for recycling bins in Glenbarr due to them covering a fire hydrant. AH will look into this

13. Action Log:

| Action Point | Minute | Person Responsible | Action | Outcome |
|--------------|--------|--------------------|---|---|
| 5.14 | 8 | AH | Glenbarr bus shelter repair | ongoing |
| | | | Standing water at Whitehouse | Awaiting heavy rain |
| 1.6 | 6 | MSe | Glenbarr & cottage signs | ongoing |
| 3.16 | 7 | All | Freasdail Trust | Constitution & criteria ratified by RES |
| 7.16 | 10 | All | CAP | Draft plan in transit |
| 9.16 | 6 | AH | Emptying of recycle bin at Whitehouse | Resolved |
| 1.17 | 6.1 | MP | Siting of defibrillators | Sites identified & application to WFT |
| | 6.2 | ZS | Replacing notice boards | To be sourced and funds from WFT |
| 3.20 | 12.2 | AH | Re-siting of recycling bins at Glenbarr | |

Date & place of next meeting: Whitehouse hall 15th May 2017 7.30pm - AGM

Next Wind Farm Trust meeting: Tayinloan hall 24th April 2017 7.30pm

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Good afternoon Morag,

Thanks for your response.

Unfortunately due to the narrow width along this section of the A83 and with no suitable diversion route available, the road had to be closed in order to protect the safety of road users and the workforce. A hourly amnesty period was implemented to direct traffic through the site however, as you can hopefully understand, traffic could only be directed through the works when safe to do so.

The road remained closed for a short period each night after resurfacing works were completed to allow for material testing to take place under safe working conditions. Testing is done to ensure compliance with specification. Once the testing was completed, the closure was removed and the road was re-opened to traffic.

In regards to the advanced warning signs, we had hoped for them to be in place in advance of the works commencing however, due to a last minute change to our traffic management supplier for the works, there was some delay in getting these signs to site. We can understand the frustration this may have caused and we would apologise for this.

We did receive some feedback from the original consultation letter issued on the 13/01/2017 although, there was nothing regarding the timing of the works. Included within the consultation list is Karen Campbell – Community Council Liaison Officer (CommunityCouncils@argyll-bute.gov.uk) and it is our understanding that information is circulated to all CC's from this central contact.

Bear Scotland use the consultation period to address any concerns / issues highlighted by those affected and to also help plan the works to minimise disruption were possible. If these issues were highlighted during this consultation phase, allowing reasonable time to review, we may have been in a position to address this in advance of construction commencing.

With that being said, a 19:00 start was proposed due to local quarry time-band restrictions along this section of the network. With these restrictions in force, a later start would have certainly increased the duration of the works by a number of days, therefore causing a much longer period of disruption.

Kind regards,

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