

North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes of the North Knapdale Community Council Meeting held on the **19th May, 2015 at 7:45 pm** at the Crinan Hotel Coffee Shop:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie (Convener), Andrew Wilson (Secretary), Peter Burrell (Finance), Ross Ryan, Catherine MacLennan, Kirsten Logue, Ailsa Raeburn, John McArthur, Fergie Anderson, Anne Anderson, Chris Perring.

1. Welcome: IR Welcomed those attending.
2. Apologies: Kim Ritchie, Sue Hillman
3. The minutes of the meeting of 24th February were approved.
4. Matters arising: It was noted that the Taynish NNR road had been repaired.
5. Planning: Application 14/02727 relating to alterations to an outbuilding at Crinan. Concerns were raised that the proposal involved windows that would not keep with other structures around the Canal basin.
6. Roads: KM pointed out the dreadful state of Achnamara road. She had been asked to raise it to the CC repeatedly by members of the community.

IR raised the terrible state of the loop road around Crinan, and of the surface into and around the Canal basin car park.

The corner after the long straight at Bellanoch is in an appalling condition, and is in need of repair.

Fergie and Anne Anderson suggested that there was an issue with speeding in Tayvallich. Not everyone agreed, but Fergie insisted that this was a problem, and he had others who agreed with him. The Andersons suggested reducing the limit to 20. Another suggestion was to highlight the existing 30 limit more. It was agreed to look into the options and report back. NKCC would find out the experience of Craignish CC on this issue.

7. Establishment of a Community Trust: A community trust needs to be established in order that NK can seek any available community benefit from renewables. It was agreed that IR, AW, AR, and KL would take this forward. Questions requiring to be answered include:
 - i) the purpose of the Trust,
 - ii) what expenditure it could make,
 - iii) what sort of board/oversight would be required,
 - iv) relationship to other funding sources,
 - v) would it be required to hold assets,
 - vi) what would it's geographical limits be,
 - vii) Membership would be as diverse as possible; under 15, Associate (non-resident), and Ordinary (16+)

The vehicle would likely need to be a development trust. A decision would need to be made as to its registered office. Directors and office bearers would need to be appointed at the first AGM and this should include members beyond the CC.

Community Investment in Renewables: AW noted that the Chamber of Commerce initiative was moving forward, and that an application had been made to Local Energy Scotland for funding for legal and financial advice leading towards the creation of a vehicle for Community Investment.

AW was to look into any hydro schemes proposed, or any sites suitable for such development.

8. John McArthur of Tayvallich Bay Association gave a most interesting presentation on TBAs plans for the area around the Tayvallich pontoon. The TBA have funds to improve and

extend the slipway. TBA sought NKCC support for a more ambitious plan in the area where the Tayvallich Sailing Club Cygnets currently store their equipment. These plans were generally seen to be an improvement, and it was agreed that PB of NKCC would form a group with JM of the TBA, Jilly Wilson of the Tayvallich Sailing Club, and Kevin Williams of the Tayvallich Community Company to look further into these improvements. They would require to seek funding of £120,000 to achieve this.

9. AOCB: The Beech Trees near the Tayvallich Hall Car Park were deemed to be causing a danger as they are inclined to fall down. KL confirmed that the trees were on Village Hall land, and that the Hall Committee were seeking a solution.

CM noted that Achnamara Hall was in danger of closing. There are not enough volunteers for the committee, and the hall lacks events. She urged the meeting to try and come up with uses for the hall. It is available for all sorts of functions and events. NKCC could share events on its Facebook page, and help with marketing. The 'Touring Network' was suggested as a source of gigs.

10. The next meeting of NKCC will be held on Tuesday August 18th, 2015 in Achnamara Village Hall.