

North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes of the North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the **24th February, 2015 at 7:30pm** at the Tayvallich Inn:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie (Convener), Andrew Wilson (Secretary), Peter Burrell (Finance), Ross Ryan, Catherine MacLennan, Kirsten Logue, Ailsa Raeburn, Jane McArthur, Chris Todd, Donald Carmichael, Will Self, John McArthur, Councillor Douglas Philand, Councilor Sandy Taylor, Mark Davey of the Advertiser.

1. Welcome: IR Welcomed those attending.
2. Apologies: Councillor Donald MacMillan
3. Introduction of Argyll Councillors: Councillor Philand welcomed the new start for NKCC. Councillor Taylor was in agreement. Both felt that NKCC had a contribution to make to representing the community. Councillors Philand and Taylor divide responsibility for CC meetings, and swap areas every 6 months. Councillor Philand is handling our area at the moment, but they were due to swap shortly, hence both attended.
4. Declarations of interest (if any:) None.
5. Approval of minutes of last meeting. Approved.
6. Invitations to be co-opted at the AGM in May. Catherine MacLennan, Kirstin Logue, and Ailsa Raeburn signalled their intention to be co-opted onto NKCC at the AGM in May. NKCC would welcome a representative from Bellanoch.
7. Matters arising/ correspondence:

- i) The Red Cross are offering first aid courses to outlying communities. It was agreed to notify the village halls of this opportunity. (AW)
- ii) Social media training is available for Community Councillors on Monday 16th March.
- iii) Governance training is available for Community Councillors on Monday 9th March at 2 pm at Kilmory.
- iv) Community Broadband Scotland is attending Achnamara Hall on Monday 9th March. This should make clear what superfast broadband would be available in NK.
- v) IR had been invited to attend an event on board HMS Argyll in Glasgow. PB agreed to accompany him.

8. Bank Account progress/ accounts: PB is pursuing a bank account, and when this is complete NKCC will be able to receive operational funds from A&BC

9. Planning issues:

- i) It was felt that none of the planning applications raised since NKCC reformed were of any import.
- ii) The meeting was notified that the Local Development Plan was about to be introduced. NKCC reformed too late to submit comment.

10. Devolution of the powers of the Crown Estate: AW outlined that the CC had written to the relevant MP and MSPs regarding this issue.

Responses had been received from the convener of the relevant committee at Holyrood (Stuart McMillan) who confirmed that consultation would take place, and Michael Russell who felt that the officers would be retained, and that these would hopefully work with existing associations. Jamie McGrigor had also shared our concerns, and raised these with the Deputy First Minister. The DFM had replied that key Crown

Estate staff would be retained, and it was hoped would work with stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition.

11. Mid-Argyll Community Planning Partnership representation:
It was agreed that IR would attend on behalf of NKCC.

12. Community benefit etc. from renewables:

- i) NK has not yet received any community benefit from renewables, but likely would, should certain proposed developments near Ardrishaig and Inverneill be developed. In order to do so, NKCC would have to set up a trust for the purpose, or approach an existing local trust to expand its remit. The Councillors will need to study the Argyll guidance relating to trusts of this sort.
- ii) The differences between benefit and ownership were raised. Ownership would likely be pursued under the auspices of the partnership working proposed by Mid =- Argyll Chamber of Commerce.
- iii) The A&BC consultation on proposed changes to guidance on benefit from renewables was discussed. It was noted that the level per MW was being raised, and that the A&BC had realised the need for these funds to be spread in a less parochial manner.
- iv) NKCC has been invited to respond to this consultation, and will do so.

13. AOCB.

- i) The poor state of the road to Taynish NNR was raised, and Councillor Philand agreed to raise this.
- ii) The decay of drainage and culverts between NK and Cairnbaan was raised, and again Councillor Philand was to raise this.

14. Date and venue of next meeting and AGM: These were set as being Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30pm at Crinan Hotel.

