

# North Knapdale Community Council

**Minutes** of the North Knapdale Community Council Meeting held on the **18<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 at 7:30 pm** at Achnamara Village Hall:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie (Convener), Andrew Wilson (Secretary), Peter Burrell (Finance), Catherine MacLennan, John McArthur, Fergie Anderson, Anne Anderson, Councillor Sandy Taylor, Councillor Donnie MacMillan, Bob MacIlwraith, Lilah Mehaffy, Andy Grant, Gordon Doughty, Norma Kelly, Michael Kelly, Graham Walker, Kate Walker, Alistair Hamilton and John Loxham.

1. Welcome: IR welcomed those attending.
2. Apologies: Kim Ritchie, Sue Hillman, Frank Nelson, Ailsa Raeburn, Kirsten Logue, Ross Ryan, Jane Allan and Kerrien Grant.
3. The minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May were approved.
4. Matters arising: None
5. Sandy Taylor: Asked that the community contribute their thought on two issues:
  - i) The first regarding the integration of health and social care. Social work, GP and hospital services will integrate. Details here: [www.healthytogetherargyllandbute.org.uk](http://www.healthytogetherargyllandbute.org.uk). The community are asked to contribute thoughts via Survey Monkey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OUTLINESTRATEGICPLAN>
  - ii) The second is regarding service choices. The Council are to receive less money over coming years, and expect to make savings of £18 million over the next 2 years. What

services do the community value most/ least. The budget will be set in February 2016.

6. Boundary Changes: Argyll and the Isles is projected to lose 13-14% of its population over the next 25 years. Numbers have already fallen. The Boundary Commission for Scotland has decided that Argyll must lose 3 councillors and 1 ward. As a result North Knapdale (and Ardrishaig) would be lumped in with Kintyre. Although Boundary Commission decisions are seldom altered, the Community Council was asked to come up with a response. It was decided that representation would be made that it would be more cohesive for the community if the 4 councillor wards (3 of them) were shrunk to 3 councillors. This would achieve the same end, without damaging the fabric of the Mid-Argyll community. Comment may be made at [lgbc@scottishboundaries.gov.uk](mailto:lgbc@scottishboundaries.gov.uk) or online at [www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk) . Deadline is 28/10/15.
7. Planning Issues: It was noted that the last meeting was held after planning had been granted for the development at Crinan Basin.
8. Roads:
  - i) The 30 signs at Tayvallich are to be updated. Tayvallich is not thought suitable for a 20 mph zone. IR noted that it seems strange that Crinan had no limit round the loop. This may be to do with the open spaces between developed areas.
  - ii) The Achnamara road had improved markedly, although the section between the village and Castle Sween was still dreadful. It was noted that it was difficult to report multiple potholes on line. Councillor Taylor said it was better to speak to departments direct, and that a case number would be issued. Councillors would follow up if complaints were not acted on. It was welcomed that it is proposed that significant funds be allocated to Achnamara road in next year's budget.

- iii) It was noted that the Achnamara Road doesn't have a, 'Please use passing places to allow overtaking sign.' This would be helpful for residents.
- iv) Recent flooding had been caused by blocked gullies which would once have been cleared. Councillor Taylor suggested that these should be reported by phone, and a case number obtained.

#### 9. Establishment of a Community Trust:

- i) 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 who have made up the steering group, would take this forward as a board for the new trust. The company would be registered, and OSCR recognition would be sought. This was proposed by Andy Grant, and seconded by Catherine MacLennan. Andy Grant agreed to be the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the group, and his appointment was proposed by CM and seconded by IR.
- ii) Ideas for uses for any funds were: marine amenity, the school(s), clubs, skills, volunteer transport, and improving the communication network.
- iii) NKCC was urged to set up a community plan which could be endorsed by the CPP. It was suggested that any monies the Community Trust disbursed should, where possible, seek match funding.

10. AOCB: The Bins at the Crinan Basin car park were noted to be untidy, with bottlebanks overflowing. NKCC need to establish that these are Scottish Canals, and if so, write to them.

11. The next meeting of NKCC will be held on Tuesday November 17, 2015 at 730pm. AW to see if it could be held at the Tayvallich Inn.

