

# North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes of the North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Tayvallich Village Hall:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie, Andrew Wilson, Ross Ryan, Richard Stein, Catherine MacLennan, Councillor Sandy Taylor, Sergeant Iain MacNicol, Steve Benham, Chris Purslow, Ewan Halley, Alan Hutchison.

1. Welcome: The Convener welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Sue Hillman, Mike Kelly, Norma Kelly, John Grafton, Grant Lees, Heather Williams.
3. Approval of minutes of last meetings: the minutes of the November meeting were approved.
4. Police Report: Sergeant Iain MacNicol:
  - i) Tayvallich: A 2 vehicle road traffic collision occurred on the Keills road on 11<sup>th</sup> February.
  - ii) Bellanoch: Sheep were reported to be on the Moss road. On another occasion, Cars contacted mirrors and details were exchanged.
  - iii) General: a useful warning was to be had from events in Campbeltown. A small group visited the town and broke into a tradesman's van stealing items from it. They later abandoned their car which was registered in Northumbria. That night a van was stolen. It had been left with the keys in it. This invalidates the owner's insurance.
  - iv) Various instances of sheep worrying have been reported, and the police will enforce laws relating to these incidents.
  - v) Sergeant MacNicol circulated information relating to Rural Watch which may be of interest locally. Local police information can be found via MAKI police on Twitter.

5. Matters arising/ correspondence: there were none.
6. Planning issues: Nothing contentious had arisen.
7. Knapdale North Opportunity Trust: The Secretary noted that R. A. Clements in Oban had lodged accounts etc with Companies House for KNOT. The cost for this had been met. It is hoped that next year we can manage this ourselves.
8. Parking and Bus Shelter:
  - i) Tayvallich Hall are pursuing ownership of the car park by the toilets. This will help with any scheme. Iain Gibson has been in discussion with Jura Development about long term parking for a small fee near the boat park. The former bus turning area is to be used by builders working on the new house by the shore.
  - ii) It was agreed that the bus shelter would best be sited near the layby close to the Scottish Water structures North of the front green.
9. Road issues: Deteriorating road surfaces, Keills road passing places.
  - i) The Achnamara Road is the single biggest priority for NKCC. Something must be done about this matter urgently. Sandy Taylor noted that the engineers knew where they wanted to spend money, and that the decision would be made next Thursday.
  - ii) The section from the war memorial to the canal is in need of attention. There are a few candidates for the pothole filler lorry on the Tayvallich road and one down the Keills road. Potholes do get repaired if they are reported.
  - iii) Sandy Taylor is Deputy Chair of the Council's Audit and Scrutiny Committee. They are looking into what is the most cost effective way of upgrading the road network.

- iv) The stretch of road from Ivy Cottage at Keills and Danna road end has no proper passing places. The ad hoc one at Droineach has had stones added. Two larger vehicles will no longer be able to pass here. The stretch near Tayvullin used to use the top of the drive as a passing place. It was reported that a long-standing arrangement with the Roads Department to upkeep the top of the drive as it was an ad hoc passing place has lapsed and the space has been stoned off to prevent further damage. Could the Council please look into these long stretches with nowhere to pass.
- v) The gritter does not go past Achnamara Village Hall. The road had been very icy and the school mini buses could not safely collect the children further down the road. Councillor Taylor noted that, based on another case, he had discovered that there were rules about the number of children who must live down a road for the gritter to continue further along it.
- vi) A query had been received regarding support for voluntary litter picking at road sides. The Council can provide material support such as bags and collection. Could volunteers be assisted in picking litter on the verges of the main roads? How could this be safely facilitated?

10. Canal Management have kindly agreed to attend the May meeting in Crinan. The Community Councillors from Crinan will arrange to gather questions from the community in order that these may be submitted in advance.

11. AOCB:

- i) The Achnamara survey is going out to all properties on the Achnamara peninsula.
- ii) EE 4G has arrived. 4G signals have generally improved throughout the NKCC area.

iii) It was hoped that Chris Perring would agree to continue to run the website. The charges for this service had been more than reasonable.

12. Date and venue of next meeting. Crinan Coffee Shop, May 21st, 2019 at 730 pm.