

North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes for North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 20th February, 2018 at 7:30 pm at The Tayvallich Inn:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie, Andrew Wilson, Danny Briggs, Richard Stein, Heather Williams, Ross Ryan, Alan Hutchinson.

1. Welcome: The Convener welcomed those attending.
2. Apologies: Fergie Anderson, John McArthur, Mike and Norma Kelly, Sue Hillman, Chris Purslow, Catherine MacLennan, Ailsa Raeburn, Sandy Taylor.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting: These were approved.
4. Matters arising/ correspondence:
 - i) Deer Management: Forestry Commission Scotland replied to the NKCC enquiry about deer culling. FCS have increased the target for culling in this area to nearly 400. If more deer have been encountered, this may be due to them moving away from forestry land.
 - ii) KNOT accounts: As agreed at the November meeting, these have been prepared and lodged by R. A. Clement in Oban.
 - iii) The Convener had collected the emergency resilience pack from A&BC. It was felt that Tayvallich Hall might be the best place to keep this.
5. Parking in Tayvallich and at Bellenoch:
 - i) NKCC are keen to follow up on the parking situation in Tayvallich. A new parking order and sign are required

from the Council for the shop area, and progress needs to be made at the Tayvallich Hall car park.

- ii) The dangerous situation of vehicles parked outside and around the lay-bys at Bellanoch Bridge was still felt to be an issue. Feedback suggested that individuals should report this to Police Scotland using the 101 number at times when the carriageway is blocked.

6. Planning issues: Local Development Plan: consultation on this is now complete.

7. Road issues:

- i) Line painting on the Canalside: Sandy Taylor reported that edge lines will be put in place when the weather improves. It was noted that the new surface was already badly eroded.
- ii) Pot holes: Sandy reported that the ghost roadwork sign at Crinan had been removed. The meeting confirmed that the sign had gone, but that the works, particularly outside Crinan Hotel, had yet to take place.
- iii) Trees overhanging roads: the good work of Forestry Commission Scotland on the trees overhanging the Tayvallich road was noted. There are still some stretches in need of attention.
- iv) Achnamara road: Catherine MacLennan had asked that this be raised again. The Council have said 'the Achnamara road is assessed for inclusion in the capital programme and will be included when there is sufficient funding .' Catherine had asked if the worst bits could be repaired meantime.

8. Public toilets: It was thought that most of these would close. Since the meeting the Council budget has been approved and no toilets will now close.

9. AOCB:

- i) The meeting agreed a willingness to receive grant funding from Local Energy Scotland. This money would be received and sent immediately to Burness Paul in settlement of their fees in respect of the formal establishment of the Mid-Argyll Initiative (MAi). NKCC have been involved in this from the beginning.
- ii) EE: NKCC had raised the works on the Keills road with Councillor Taylor. The new masts were to be welcomed, but the damage to the road meantime was a problem. The Council had responded as follows: **'this was noted last week and their work have been stopped. It was far more intensive than initially indicated and is being carried out at the worst time of year. They will be allowed to restart only after they have signed up to the traffic management plan and for damages caused. The traffic management plan may be restricted further if more damage occurs. Their works are also being changed to hold excavated material on site until later in the year when the ground conditions will be more suitable for disposal.'** Further: **'EE are having to agree to pay for the damage they cause. Restrictions are now in place to limit any damage they can cause and this is to be monitored. As noted above this will be restricted further if need be. They have also started the site just beyond Tayvallich. This is a very straight forward site that shouldn't be any issue. However, I've visited today to find their works were not being operated correctly and this will be corrected for tomorrow. NOTE: As we can't be everywhere all the time, the Council appreciate a call from the public any time they suspect damage may be occurring to the road network.'**

10. Date and venue of next meeting (including AGM). Crinan Coffee Shop, May 22nd, 2018 at **7:00 pm.**