

# North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes of North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 at 7:30 pm at Crinan Coffee Shop:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie, Andrew Wilson, Heather Williams, Catherine MacLennan, Ross Ryan, Ailsa Raeburn, Councillor MacMillan, Councillor Philand, Steve Benham, Colette Benham, Christina Carmichael, Donald Carmichael, Fergie Anderson, Anne Anderson, Rolland MacArthur, Susan Osborn, Christine Richards.

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies: K J Logue, Sue Hillman, Chris Purslow, Mike Kelly, Norma Kelly, and Andy Grant.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting: These were approved.
4. Matters arising/ correspondence: Friends of the Sound of Jura submitted some notes relating to the Dounie Fish Farm proposal. SEPA are still considering the application, and the October deadline may be missed if Kames are slow to produce a 2<sup>nd</sup> biological survey. A conservation group has offered to do a separate survey of sea fans and sponges. SEPA's modelling shows that fish farm waste will accumulate in the deep trench where the MPA skate live. SEPA are reviewing their guidelines for the use of pesticide SLICE which has been shown to be so effective that it kills commercial crustacea some distance away. Salmon numbers in West Coast rivers are at an all-time low. This is attributable to sea lice. Even the Scottish Government's own Marine Scotland has begun to admit the damage done by sea lice. A Scottish Parliament enquiry will start hearing evidence in the spring. It is likely that Kames will seek planning approval in the autumn. NKCC will raise an objection to the application should this happen.

5. Parking in Tayvallich: meeting with Stuart Watson of A&BC. A note of the meeting is attached with these minutes. The Tayvallich Village Hall response is also attached. Issues around the bus stop (and turning), parking outside the village shop, and along the road to the hall were all raised. Long term parking in these areas was still causing problems. Would short stay bays be possible in the vicinity of the shop?
  
6. Planning issues: 17/01030/PP. Steve Benham outlined issues relating to the above application. There have been three applications made relating to it since 2004. The first was withdrawn, the second was passed (no record of neighbour notification exists), and the third is pending. The partially built structure relating to the 2005 application has never been the subject of a building warrant. The concrete plinth on which it rests has caused problems for the Stables water supply. The 2004 application had been withdrawn when the planning officer, Richard Kerr wrote to the applicant suggesting that they had plenty of other land better suited for the construction of a dwelling. Steve suggested that the sewerage system for Achnamara House discharged into Loch Sween, and in combination with rain water discharge and four plots that are being offered for sale, this would significantly increase the burden on an antiquated infrastructure. It was suggested that a public hearing would be welcome given the significant number of objections from the village of Achnamara. It was agreed that NKCC would make representation to the Planning Department of Argyll and Bute Council.
  
7. Road issues:
  - i) Line painting on the Canal side: this is due to take place before the end of August.
  - ii) The work of FCS to clear along the edge of the Tayvallich road was commended. Larger vehicles, particularly delivering caravans, struggle with the

remaining overhanging trees. Could Argyll and Bute Council do something to ameliorate the situation?

- iii) A sign stating that badly needed resurfacing work would commence in Crinan on 17/7/2017 had appeared. As yet no work had taken place.
  - iv) The Achnamara road had seen some improvement, more work was required though.
8. Public Toilets: The situation regarding the new toilets at Crinan and their availability to the public was still being investigated. It was reported that lack of funds meant that the Tayvallich toilets were cleaned weekly by the Refuse Collectors.
9. Achnamara and Knap Community Plan: a request was made to provide financial assistance to this endeavour. It would look at the future of Achnamara School, House, and Church. Iain Ritchie asked that a figure be provided. NKCC only receive a small stipend from A&BC. This has accumulated to £1100 now.
10. AOCB: Fergie Anderson raised the matter of an outfall near the Tayvallich slipway which he said was discharging waste around the time of the regatta. It has been confirmed that this tank has since been emptied. The outfall appears to be intact, and any discharge was of clear liquid.
11. Date and venue of next meeting. Achnamara, November 21st, 2017.