

North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes for North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 8th May, 2018 at 7:40 pm at Tayvallich Village Hall:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie, Andrew Wilson, Grant Lees, Richard Stein, Heather Williams, Catherine MacLennan, Kevin Williams, Andy Grant, Fergie Anderson, Ann Anderson, Mike Murray, Christine Richards, John McArthur, David Biddelston, Sergeant Iain MacNicol.

1. Welcome: Iain Ritchie welcomed the assembly.
2. Apologies: Dougie Philand, Mike Kelly, Norma Kelly, Sue Hillman, Chris Pursloe, John Grafton.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting: the minutes of the February meeting were approved. Matters in those minutes would come up over the course of the meeting.
4. Police Report: NKCC welcomed Sergeant Iain MacNicol. The Sergeant reported very little crime had occurred in NK. A forestry forwarder may or may not have been tampered with in the NKCC area. Some medical people had identified some bones as potentially being a human foot. The University of Dundee, who assist Police Scotland with such matters, identified it as being a seal flipper.

Other more general crime in the wider area included phone scams, which residents were advised to be wary of. Never give out personal, particularly bank, details to unsolicited callers. Sheep worrying had been an issue, and dog owners were reminded to control their dogs, most particularly at lambing time. Alcohol-related disorder was an issue in the

wider area. Road traffic accidents made up more of the incidents the police were involved with. Missing persons also.

Sergeant MacNicol was asked about the dangerous parking at Bellanoch Garage. He said there was little that the police could do if the parking was not blocking the carriageway and there were no parking restrictions in place. It is a driver's responsibility to travel at a speed that will allow them to stop in time. If an obstruction was being caused, residents should report it to Police Scotland using the 101 number.

Iain Ritchie thanked Sergeant MacNicol for his time.

5. Matters arising/ correspondence: the secretary had received a request from Heart of Argyll Wildlife that we rejoin their organisation. It was agreed so to do.

The secretary had received information about solar-powered, flashing speed warning signs. It was suggested that those worried about speed could try and raise the funds to buy one of these. No volunteers were forthcoming.

6. Planning issues: no issues were raised with any current applications. Christine Richards raised the issue of pre-consultation of fish farmers with the planning department. Should this not be reported to organisations so they can prepare a case against an application should it later occur. The feeling in the room was that the process had worked well in relation to the Dounie development and a satisfactory outcome had been obtained. The right balance of advocacy from the Friends of the Sound of Jura and representation by NKCC had been achieved.
7. Knapdale North Opportunity Trust: it was agreed as being worthwhile that KNOT be maintained despite the absence of any renewable funding. It was hoped that a role could be

found for it, and meantime NKCC would continue to support KNOT for fees arising.

8. Parking: see above for issues at Bellanoch. Tayvallich Parking issues were progressing very slowly. The Council need to reline and re-issue orders regarding the shop car park before it makes sense for the Hall to adopt a scheme. The Hall committee have been liaising with the Jura Development Trust to create new long term spaces for Jura residents behind the Hall.
9. Road issues: the Tayvallich road was in good order having been attended to by the special lorry. The Keills road needed attention, but it made sense for this to occur after the Ee work was completed as Ee or their contractors had agreed to make good the road. Makeshift repairs had been undertaken at Crinan. These had already eroded, and it was hoped that proper repairs would be undertaken.

The Gleann a Galbhain drainage issues had improved up the hill, but now water was crossing lower down. This should be monitored as an issue when the frost returns.

The Achnamara road was in a dreadful state. While it was noted that it made sense for logging operations to cease before repairs were carried out, when this did occur, the works needed to be quite fundamental to have any chance of long-term success.

10. AOCB: Andy Grant reported that consultation were on-going to find a use for Ashfield School. It was felt to be important to find a use for it, rather than it being locked up and simply allowed to decay.
11. Date and venue of next meeting. Crinan, August 21st, 2018 at 730pm.

