

North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes for North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 23rd May, 2017 at 7:45 pm at Tayvallich Village Hall:

In attendance: Iain Ritchie, Andrew Wilson, Heather Williams, Kevin Williams, Dougie Philand, David Logue, Catherine MacLennan, Kirsten Logue, Christina Carmichael, Morven Carmichael, John McArthur, Mike Kelly, Norma Kelly, Will Self, Christine Richards, Lottie Goodlet.

1. Welcome: Iain Ritchie welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Chris Purslow, Sue Hillman, Ailsa Raeburn, Chris Todd, Donald Carmichael, Chris Perring, Ross Ryan.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting: These were approved.
4. Kames Fish Farms: Dounie developments: Will Self and Lottie Goodlet outlined recent developments. The SEPA application has had a decision deferred until October. Press coverage has been strong, including in the national media. The petition has been signed by 3,000 people. Other communities and groups are supporting objections to this development. There have been successful swimming and kayaking events. MSP Michael Russell is of the opinion that this development is in the wrong place. It was noted that Norway has decided to abandon any further open sea salmon farms.
5. Matters arising/ correspondence: Nothing had arisen.
6. Planning issues: The proposed housing development at Crinan was being considered for planning consent. NKCC had written representing the views of Crinan residents. The letter had been lodged on the Council website.

7. Road issues: Gleann a Gealbhan has been improved. The Canalside improvements are welcome. The new towpath had begun to bed in, and it seemed to be being well-used. Parts of the Achnamara road had improved, but many bits of the road are still dire. Dougie Philand agreed to look into further improvement and what the plans are for the Achnamara Road.

8. Parking:

- i) Progress had been made regarding the parking at Tayvallich Village Hall. Jura Development Trust had contributed to the improvement of the car park opposite the Hall. There was a feeling that the Ferry Parking could be better signposted. The Village Hall Committee are looking into providing long term parking for Jura residents. The question of double yellow lines at the front green was discussed. This would require a traffic order. The issues of the glass bin and bus turning need to be considered. It was decided to seek a meeting with Julian Green to discuss these issues. Christina Carmichael and Dougie Philand offered to follow this up. They were going to liaise with Kirsten Logue for the Hall and NKCC. Dougie was also going to look into relining the car park opposite the shop.
- ii) Parking charges are being levied in Crinan. Locals are not paying the charges.

9. AOCB:

- i) Kirsten Logue raised the issue of Tayvallich public toilet. It is in poor condition, and is not being well looked after. There are a lot of visitors to the village, and the toilets are an important amenity. Dougie Philand agreed to follow up with details of who is responsible for their upkeep.

- ii) Heather Williams raised the issue of public access to Crinan car park toilets which had been discussed at a previous meeting. The feeling was that the current arrangement was inadequate. The public toilets are dilapidated, and do not have disabled access. Dougie Philand indicated that the Canal had agreed to open the toilets to the public. He confirmed that he would take this issue up with the appropriate people.
- i) Tayvallich Hall are organising a public consultation event on Thursday 25th May. This will elucidate plans to change the Hall constitution from a trust as it currently is to a SCIO. This is a more modern structure which offers greater flexibility.
- ii) Andrew noted that KNOT had received a letter from HMRC regarding corporation tax. It was agreed that NKCC would pay for proper accounts to be prepared for a dormant company. These abbreviated accounts would also be submitted to Companies House.

10. Date and venue of next meeting. Crinan, August 22nd, 2017.