

EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in Carradale Village Hall
6th September 2018

MINUTES

Present:

Ian Brodie (IB) (Treasurer), Eleanor Sloan (ES) (Secretary), Robert Strang (RS), Elaine Batchelor (EB), Tommy McPherson.

In attendance –

30 Members of the public
2 Members of Police Scotland
Robin Currie (RC), Alastair Redman (AR).

1. Welcome

At 7pm –Ian Brodie opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.
Ian felt it was necessary to inform the meeting that the agenda item on Marine Harvest was only to discuss the points raised at the last meeting and not to discuss any potential planning application or SEPA report.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Trish Collins, Ronnie Broonie, Anne Horn

3. Minutes of last meeting – 05/07/18

Minutes were proposed by Robert Strang seconded by Elaine Batchelor.

4. Treasurers report

ES reported a balance of £1,819.25 as of 25 July 2018

5. Planning

Ian informed the meeting there is a planning application concerning a new powerline from Crossaig to Port Ann – the community will be informed of any developments.

6. Saddell Signage

Robin told us that this item has been passed to Ward 1 councillors. EKCC has not heard from any of them regarding this situation.

Tommy told us that ABC have agreed to replace the Millars Park sign

Saddell Abbey Trust – are dealing with Saddell Abbey signage

ABC will consider the cemetery signage

Playpark signage – ACHA offered signage which is not appropriate

All ongoing

7. Brackley Cemetery

IB & RS are monitoring the grass cutting and will be sourcing a water butt and drain pipes

Robin agreed to chase up the issue of straw being put in flooded graves.

8. Road signage

Julian Green has replied and has said that the signage will be in place soon.

9. Bins – harbour – bay –new footpath

Harbour bins – Ongoing

Bay bins – Colin is happy to have a bin at the caravan park – but ABC have told him that they will charge him to have it emptied – EKCC to look into this.

New footpath – bins in place.

10. New footpath

Sustrans will officially open the new path – it was discussed naming the new path – EKCC will take this forward.

11. Community Shop update

Update on the community shop – CCT are planning a board meeting to change their constitution and will then look further into the feasibility of the community shop.

12. Seneval update –

There has been a land valuation, that has been accepted by FCS and CCT are now discussing points with FCS.

Heritage Centre update –

The roof has been painted and tidying/painting and electrical work are being undertaken. Boards are going up around the walls, it is hoped to be completed by the spring 2019. CCT are looking for volunteers to help with the work at the heritage centre.

Harbour road – is currently being re tarred, as is the harbour car park and various places around the village from the Ashbank to harbour.

13. Bus shelters

Ongoing.

14. Website

All going well here.

15. Playpark

Emma MH assured us that the work has started on the playpark.

16. Marine Harvest

Shelagh Cameron asked to address the room – before this agenda item started – She talked about when she was Convenor of EKCC and Lakeland Harvest started the fish farm and how far it has come since then.

Shelagh is still a supporter of Marine Harvest and the work they do and asked if Marine Harvest would consider giving more to the community and their workers – eg a staff facility for changing and showering, and more good-will gestures around the area.

Everyone agreed and applauded Shelagh.

Gideon Pringle Operations Director, Marine Harvest, was then invited to the floor to address the meeting. Gideon told us that the business has gone through lots of change and there are plans for improvements and refurbishments and that MH are keen to be involved with community benefits.

Gideon said that anyone who has any genuine concerns should get in touch with him or his staff to help to resolve them.

Ian asked him about the harbour storage area – we were told –

- MH are liaising with local fishermen to clear out all the rubbish
- A date will be set and anything not claimed or moved by then will be disposed of.
- MH will be clearly marking all their equipment
- Signage with contact details will be put in place – for any complaints or comments.
- MH are keen to know what the local community would like to see at the harbour.
- MH are busy treating the fish for lice and getting ready for harvesting
- They commented on how they lost a lot of fish in the storms in March.
- Tommy McPherson asked if the figures mentioned by a social blogger who filmed a video of the site at the harbour and blogged about a 19% fatality rate last year were true – as the figures quoted by MH were a 10% loss. Gideon replied that the storm in March affected the figures.
- Alan Walker from CHEL suggested that CHEL and MH meet up to discuss some changes at the harbour and especially the repositioning of the access to the slip. MH were keen to engage with CHEL.
- Colin Burgess asked if the rumoured extension of the site went ahead would MH need more equipment at the harbour site.
- It was mentioned that there would be more jobs if there is an extension.
- Jennifer Connolly from the local school said that she was glad there would be more jobs and that she was pleased to hear about the clean-up, she asked Alan Omen who was at the meeting if he also intended to clean up his part of the harbour – he replied that “everything is up in the air”.
- Lachie Paterson reminded everyone that the Blogger was only showing one side of the situation. He also said that the Fishermen and Creelers are responsible for tipping waste on the grass and causing a smell and hazard – it was suggested that some signs be put up to ask them to stop this – EKCC will liaise with CHEL.

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17. AOCB

1. Robert Strang asked about the proposed anchors that will be set in the new tarmac at the harbour – will they be a trip hazard. Malcolm Trott told us that they are trying to find ones that are not.
2. The manhole at the harbour is being dug up again by Scottish Water.
3. Jennifer Connolly asked if there are any rules regarding local establishments and their opening hours – should they be displayed? And should they be adhered to?
It seems that they are advised to be displayed and there are no rules to say when they should or should not be open – the business has the right to make those choices themselves.
4. Matthew Ramsay said that he has seen people going up past his house at Port na Storm up into the forestry with trailers full of greenery and coming back empty. It was suggested that he phone ABC and FCS with his concerns, as they have the power to investigate this.
5. Police Scotland – told us that if we have any concerns in the area to contact them – they are not aware of any bogus callers doing door to door in the area – but people are being targeting on the phone and that people should be on their guards at all time.
6. Lachie asked if EKCC were consulted about the dumping of 66,000ltrs of whisky waste per day into the Kilbrannan Sound. IB said no and that he found out about it by accident on Facebook.
7. MH said that they have faith in SEPAS ability to police these situations and watch what is happening in the Sound.

| ITEM NUMBER | WHO? | ACTION |
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| 9 | Eleanor | To contact councillors – re bins at Carradale Bay |
| 10 | Ian | Naming of new path |
| 13 | Trish | Bus shelter – ongoing |
| 16 | EKCC & CHEL | Sign for creelers and fishermen at the harbour – re tipping of waste |

18. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be 7pm – 04/10/2018

It will be held at Peninver village Hall

Ian closed the meeting at 7.55pm and thanked everyone for attending.