

EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in Carradale Village Hall
6th June 2019

MINUTES

Present:

Ian Brodie (IB) (Convener), Eleanor Sloan (ES) (Secretary), Robert Strang (RS), Elaine Batchelor (EB), Ronnie Brownie (RB), Tommy McPherson (TM)

In attendance –

Councillors – Alastair Redman, Robin Currie, Anne Horn
4 Members of the public
1 Police Officer
Cameron Campbell – Broadway Partners – Broadband

1. Welcome

At 7pm – Ian Brodie opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Trish Collins

3. Minutes of last meeting – 09/05/19

Minutes were proposed by Robert Strang, seconded by Ronnie Brownie.

4. Declarations of Interest in any agenda Items

None

5. Broadway Broadband

Campbell Cameron gave us an overview of the work that Broadway Partners are doing in our area, They are committed to bringing broadband to areas that are being missed by BT, using the most appropriate technology for the area. They have done this successfully in Arran, Loch Ness and Monmouthshire.

If you are interested in learning more – go to their website.

If enough people in an area register an interest then they are able to start looking at possible ways to improve the service in the area – the service works with antenna on buildings and they plan to ask people to host an antenna on their property (this will mean free broadband for the owner) – these antennas then communicate to each other connecting the broadband signal, which will then be beneficial to others living in the area.

Campbell agreed to email posters to IB to out up in the village.

To find out more and register an interest – www.broadwaypartners.co.uk

6. Treasurers report

ES reported a balance of £1,188.80 as of 5th March 2019.

7. Planning

None

8. Cleaning Signage

This will be commenced when resources become available. It was suggested that a mileage sign from Claonaig to Carradale/Campbeltown would be helpful to reassure visitors that they are on the correct road.

9. Seneval update –

No update

10. Brackley Cemetery

Grass cutting seems to be getting neglected at Brackley, RS reported that it is getting long again – there are supposed to be 14 cuts a year. The grass cuttings are left lying on the grass and are being trailed into folk's cars.

The road from the B842 to Brackley is full of potholes and this is not acceptable.

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We are still waiting for the gates to be fixed, for better signage and for road maintenance to be a regular thing. These things were all agreed at a meeting with ABC last year and we are still waiting.

The path that was requested has started, and will be finished when resources become available...

A temporary sign has been put on the gate

The dangerous steps over a wall have been removed.

11. Footpaths

The issue with the new path and animal damage is still ongoing

EB asked if anyone is responsible for the knotweed that is popping up on the road side down to the harbour – it's the responsibility of home owners to deal with this - but AH will look into ABC managing some of the other areas.

12. Street Lights

Street Lights at An Croit still not fixed – Councillors to look into.

13. Damaged Signs

EKCC are currently conducting an informal survey on signs in Carradale regarding issues like – Signs situated directly outside house windows & measuring heights of signs.

When the survey is completed, Dougie Lang from ABC will be invited to the village to be shown the issues that have arisen.

The signs at Dippen have been hit by lorries 4 times.

RC said that he has been told of various reasons for positioning of signage – ground conditions, and they will only be changed if considered dangerous.

Dougie Lang has indicated he will speak to the Semples at Dippen Farm regarding the signage there.

14. Raised kerbstones at Woodside

ACHA car park – AR to approach ACHA regarding this.

15. Grass encroachment on road

ABC reported that there is no danger to traffic with this encroachment and it will be dealt with when resources become available.

16. Speeding Cars in Peninver and Carradale/ Police Report

Info from the Crime Register from the East Kintyre area

- I. 1 x Possession of a Class A drug for personal use
- II. 1 x Using a mobile phone while driving
- III. 1 x Vandalism and assault (breach of the peace)

Phoned in incidents – 2 fire calls, 4 breach of the peace, 1 road traffic collision, 1 historic sexual assault, 1 drunk person on the main road.

Insp McLeish is still trying to establish a point of contact for our area.

We have asked for more patrols in both Carradale and Peninver as we are witnessing more speeding through both villages by local people.

17. Flower Tubs

Ongoing.

18. Beach Clean

17 people turned up for the beach clean and they collected 60 bags.

EB discussed the possibility of a beach clean at the point.

19. AOCB

a) IB – Grogport are wanting to improve their water supply – they are going to approach Scottish Water and Forest and Land Scotland. AB told the meeting that at the Cour windfarm benefit meeting – the funding of a water supply was discussed.

b) CCT planning group have put together a community survey regarding facilities in Carradale – it is intended for tourists/visitors. There are paper versions and online versions available.

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- c) RS – vehicles turning right up Pier road are damaging the road and recently the railings at the loos were damaged. RC said the loos at the harbour were the best looked after he has seen in a long time. AR to report vehicle damage.
- d) RS – Dippen Bridge needs to be weeded as weeds could damage the bridge. A copy of the last bridge inspection was requested – Councillors to take forward.
- e) EB – re: the signpost on tinkers track pointing towards Blackhill woods is to be removed – IB to take forward.
- f) Grass at the harbour needs to be cut – AH to casebook.
- g) TM – some of the potholes between Saddell and Ballochair have been filled in.
- h) TM – Paul Martin has allocated money for the signs at Saddell – they will be done in the 3rd quarter of the year.
- i) TM – Martin Arnold – the signs on the bus shelters are out to date – bus timetables will be updated. The bus stop at the Doctors surgery will be updated – the kerbstones will be raised, when money is available.
- j) Boundary changes – the boundaries commission review is ongoing.
- k) The EKCC acknowledged the 75th anniversary of D – Day.

ITEM NUMBER	WHO?	ACTION
10	ALL COUNCILLORS	Brackley cemetery
11	ALL COUNCILLORS	Knotweed at harbour
12	ALL COUNCILLORS	Street lights at Dippen and Lochpark – ONGOING
13	ALL COUNCILLORS	Signs – ONGOING
14	ALL COUNCILLORS	Raised kerbstone – WOODSIDE CAR PARK – ONGOING
19c	AH	Damage at harbour road and railings
19d	ALL COUNCILLORS	Dippen bridge inspection
19e	IB	Removal of Blackhill wood signage
19f	AH	Cutting of grass at harbour

There then followed a meeting of the EKWFT meeting

Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be 7pm – 11/07/2019

It will be held at Carradale Village Hall

Ian closed the meeting at 8pm and thanked everyone for attending.

There followed a EKWFT AGM.