

WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 9th December 2019, 7.00pm in VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: John Lamb (JL); Kay Hall (KH); Douglas Penman (DP); Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD); Deirdre Murray (DM)

APOLOGIES: George Donohoe (G D)

No apologies received from either Clr T. Ferguson (TF) nor Clr J. Brahim (JB).

ATTENDING: PC. T. Arthur; H. Thomson; N Armstrong

MINUTES: 11th November minutes approved by (KH) and seconded by (DP)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer (DP) reported that the accounts had been submitted to NAC Finance Department and returned for signature having been deemed correct. The Community Council will now expect the full allowance of £420 for year 2019-2020 in due course.

The fully approved / signed minutes will be included as an attachment to the January Minutes.

POLICE SCOTLAND: PC T. Arthur provided the crime figures reported from 11th November 2019 to the 9th December 2019 as follows: (69) incidents were reported which resulted in (8) crime reports consisting of (1) Theft; (2) Assaults; (3) Breach of the Peace; (1) Vandalism; (1) Road Traffic Act.

Of the (8) offences recorded (7) were detected.

Largs Police public counter has moved to Brooksby Health Centre in Largs as of the 20th November. Police Scotland and British Transport Police had liaised prior to Yuletide Night and this resulted in the only response received on the night was to deal with significant numbers of youths travelling between Largs, West Kilbride and Saltcoats.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:

Village Library Uses: (JL) reported that the proposal for the Future of Public Buildings in West Kilbride was still with the Council Officers and had not yet been presented to the Cabinet. This would now not be progressed until 2020.

SSG: (JL) reported that it is being proposed that the current **Hunterston B - Detailed Emergency Planning Zone** (DEPZ) be reduced from the current 2.4km to 1 Km. The responsibility for enforcement is now taken on by North Ayrshire Council.

Hunterston B is off-line as of the 10th December for inspection of Reactor 4 and is due back in service on February 15th, Reactor 3 is noted as returning to service on 15th January both will be subject to ONR approval for restart.

NAC: *Have your Fair Say on the Council Budget – help us shape and transform our services.*

(KH) attended the event in Largs Academy and reported that although there was not a great turnout, the main issue was the requirement for NAC to save £54m over the next two years on their budget. The reductions would be first Buildings, second Services and lastly Staff.

Rigghill Windfarm:

(JL) and (KH) attended a meeting with the Developer and representatives from Largs, Fairlie, Cumbernauld, Skelmorlie, and Councillors Hill and Murdoch.

The main topic was that the development was for 3.8mw - 4.2 mw turbines which, from Fairlie's Experience, develop infrasound generation and should not be sited close to habitation. The nearest habitation is currently 1Km from the Development. Concern was also raised about the siting on an Archaeological Site and also about light flicker from the turbine blades.

The turbine sites detailed on the plan are not final. The positioning of the turbines can be relocated within a radius of 10 metres from the planned position without further approval.

The consensus of the representatives was that the questions put to the developer at the last meeting had not been addressed and that they had basically ignored their requests for further information.

Whilst the majority are not against Windpower as such, the siting of the turbines (basically designed for offshore use) close to habitation is not acceptable. When asked where this size of turbine had already been approved onshore, the developers were unable to give a location.

The meeting was less than satisfactory.

NAC: CIF Funding criteria for North Coast Locality Partnership decision making.

Update from (KH) is that Cllr Ferguson is pursuing the matter but the Environment Group are not currently hopeful of a resolution in their favour.

NAC: UK Parliamentary Guidance for Community Councils prior to an election has been circulated and is noted.

NAC Streetscene: have received confirmation from Scotrail that the maintenance of the station grounds is a Scotrail responsibility.

Scottish Gov: STPR2 - Online Survey

This has been circulated and is noted for individual members to respond separately.

Trans Serv: A78 extension of 30mph limits to Chapelton and new 40mph limit to southern boundary of Waterside Hotel. Monitoring still in place.

LDP2: The document has now been agreed by Scottish Government on the 28th November, with the additional inclusion in Policy 29 that new buildings to demonstrate that at least 10% of the current carbon emissions reduction set by Scottish Building Standards will be met through installation and operation of low and zero carbon generating technologies. Copies would be available after the 16th December.

NAC BUSINESS:

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: No Councillors attended.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS since 11th November 2019 that have not so far been decided: **Appendix 1**

NAC Planning Decisions since 11th November 2019

1) **Residential development (Phase 6) comprising 18 detached dwelling houses and associated parking and infrastructure** Site to North West of Chapelton Mains Seamill Ref. No: 19/00596/PP | Received: Wed 07 Aug 2019 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2019 | Status: **Approved with Conditions**

2) **Erection of single storey extension to rear of ground floor flat**
8 Weston Terrace West Kilbride KA23 9JX Ref. No: 19/00827/PP Received: Thu 31 Oct 2019 | Validated: Mon 04 Nov 2019 | Status: **Approved with Conditions**

3) **Replacement of existing chimney stacks at roof level** West Kilbride Railway Station, Cubrieshaw Street West Kilbride KA23 9AY Ref. No: 19/00817/PP and Ref. No: 19/00818/LBC (listed building consent) Received: Tue 29 Oct 2019 | Validated: Mon 04 Nov 2019 | Status: **Approved with a Condition on the 10th December**

NEW BUSINESS/ AOCB:

(JL) New members: Messrs Thomson and Armstrong were asked if they wished to be co-opted onto the Community Council. They both agreed that they would consider this option.

(KH) Requested that the Community Council write to the organisers of the Yuletide Night congratulating them on the organisation of a successful event.

(KH) wished to express thanks to NAC for funding from the North Ayrshire Venture Trust for funding awarded to support an Arts Mentoring Project which we hope to develop in the village.

Meeting closed @ 8.25pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13th January 2020 -- 7.00pm in Village Hall

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Planning applications not yet decided

APPENDIX 1

1) **Formation of new access off the B781 for timber haulage and forestry machinery**
Site to East of Blackshaw Farm West Kilbride Ref. No: 19/00851/PP
Received: Fri 08 Nov 2019; Validated: Tue 12 Nov 2019; Status: **Pending Consideration**

2) **Erection of extension to side of detached dwelling house**
Glenlea Lodge Ardrossan KA22 8PH Ref. No: 19/00875/PP
Received: Fri 15 Nov 2019; Validated: Mon 18 Nov 2019; Status: **Pending Consideration**

3) **Change of use of to form professional service for Bridal / Dressmaking purposes including replacement of windows** 8 Gateside Street West Kilbride KA23 9AZ Ref. No: 19/00918/PP
Received: Wed 04 Dec 2019; Validated: Thu 05 Dec 2019; Status: **Pending Consideration**

NOTE: WKCC to write to NAC regarding concerns raised by residents.