

WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING scheduled for MONDAY 13th April 2020,

Due to Coronavirus restrictions no meeting was held.

MINUTES: 9th march minutes were approved electronically by (KH) and seconded by (DP)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer (DP) reported that the balance was as last month £380

POLICE SCOTLAND: Police Statistic report for period to 13th April

There were 77 Incident Reports which resulted in (4) Crime Reports to the Community Council.

2 Common Assaults

1 Abusive behaviour

1 Theft (Historic reporting of incident in Meadowfoot Road in 2011)

Officers from the team may possibly be redeployed to other duties during the Covid situation.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:

NAC: Has suspended the requirement for adhering to the CC Scheme. Community Council term of office will be extended till April 2021 after which new elections will be held.

NAC Planning: Due to there not being a Planning Committee now scheduled till September. Planning Application decisions which would normally require to go to committee will be delegated to the Chief Executive or suspended till September. Straight forward applications will be dealt with under delegated powers.

SSG: (JL) Due to the Coronavirus restrictions Hunterston A station has gone into lockdown and all personnel except security have vacated the site. Hunterston B has reduced its personnel to essential workers only. New dates for start-up Reactor 3-- 1st June, Reactor 4-- 17th June.

Erection of detached dwelling house: Site to South Of 45 Ardrossan Road (Letter Circulated): The letter was subsequently requested to be removed as there would appear that there was not enough discussion before submission. Resubmission will take place (JL)&(HT) will compose an agreed response. Planning will probably have to submit the application to the Planning Committee or Chief Executive for a decision. They will keep us informed and await our submission.

Rigghill Windfarm: Meeting held on the 11th March in Largs (KH) attended.

There appears to be some confusion about progress with planning permission as NAC Planning will not be meeting until August. We are also unsure about contact between Burcote and NAC. However, the paper presented by Burcote on 11th March which was to address the considerable concern about infra sound effects on communities is to be challenged.

"Infrasound and Low Frequency Noise". Authors: Andy McKenzie of Hayes McKenzie Partnership with Dick Bowdler Noise Consultant. Our primary concern is that these folks are not Medics.

After researching other claims made by Burcote we now believe windfarms using this size of generators do not exist yet. (KH) has attached a set of bullet points which may be used in future campaigning. (attached at end of summary) **(KH) is seeking approval for these before posting on social media.**

The paperwork submitted to NAC Planning is not complete and the Application Fee has not been paid. The Application will not proceed to be registered until this is done. Due to the virus outbreak ALL NAC committees are suspended. This includes Planning Committee which currently will not meet till August. Copy of the Rigghill EIA has just been delivered. Copies will be made and available to members.

Scottish Gov: NPF4 early engagement is now underway. The first public consultation event is on the 27th March in Kilmarnock which **(JL & HT)** were to attend has been cancelled. The Scottish Government is however still wanting written submissions by end April. **(HT)** wrote to Kenneth Gibson MSP on the 13th March asking why there was no public consultation on even a draft of NPF4 and has so far not received a reply.

NAC: Scottish Community Councils & VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020

(KH) The museum is now closed and any plans for this celebration have been put on hold.

Trans Serv: Transport Scotland will be exhibiting their consultation on proposals for new speed limits on the A78 in Seamill at the Community Centre from the 11th March. 30MPH limit as existing. A 40MPH limit to be extended to 100yds south of north edge Waterside Hotel. This however is currently unavailable as the Community Centre is closed.

NAC: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Briefing 26th Mar.12.00-13.15. Irvine (Cancelled)

Peel Ports: Next Liaison meeting 27th April 2020 (Cancelled)

NAC: Community and Family Alcohol and Drug Workshops (Cancelled)

NAC; Scottish Land Commission Good Practice Protocol (Circulated and Noted)

NAC: Paths for All launch the 2020 Community Paths Grants programme (Circulated and Noted)

NAC: Decriminalised Parking Enforcement – Consultation request. WKCC responded by end of March. Response was circulated before submission and an acknowledgement was received from NAC.

Persimmon Developments: The developer has stated that they will not be submitting a planning application before the last quarter of 2020 and in fact due to the current circumstances this may be a conservative estimate of timescale. It appears this development has been put on hold for this year but certainly not cancelled. Still a very unpopular development on a green field site and not something approved of by this community.

Shop Fronts

Before social isolation came into force the Business Group managed to have the Bookshop and Studio 117 painted. This work will be resumed once we have clearance from the government. The work to be carried out by NAC as part of Town Centre Regeneration has not started yet.

NAC BUSINESS:

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

There was no Full Council Meeting on the 25th March as scheduled but the decision was taken by the NAC Cabinet that all council decisions were delegated to the Chief Executive and would be confirmed when the full Council next meets.

Clr Ferguson; - By e-mail: - Requested that the mess left on the Crosbie Park road was not acceptable and would we put on Facebook.

That NAC had inspected the access to the beach at the Mill, Seamill. NAC would be writing to the owner of 45a and instructing them that the gates should not be locked and be well maintained and that there is no restriction to pedestrian access.

Keep social distancing when near farms and Portencross Car park Closure are for everybody's protection in this emergency.

Forwarded request from Persimmon on support for schemes for the over 70's.

Clr Brahim: - No Report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS since 9th March 2020 that have been recorded but have not so far been decided: **Appendix 1**

NAC Planning Decisions since 9th March 2019:

Change of use from existing building to form a small dog day care facility

14 Thirdpart Holdings West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9QD Ref. No: 20/00136/PP | Received: Mon 17 Feb 2020 | Validated: Wed 19 Feb 2020 | Status: **Approved with Conditions.**

Alterations to shop front

76 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00184/PP | Received: Fri 28 Feb 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

86 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00179/PP | Received: Thu 27 Feb 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

78 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00178/PP | Received: Thu 27 Feb 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

81-83 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00177/PP | Received: Thu 27 Feb 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

91 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00181/PP | Received: Fri 28 Feb 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

93A Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00202/PP | Received: Wed 04 Mar 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shopfront

89 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00201/PP | Received: Wed 04 Mar 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

90 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00199/PP | Received: Wed 04 Mar 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shopfront

103 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00203/PP | Received: Wed 04 Mar 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

99 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00182/PP | Received: Fri 28 Feb 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

96 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00200/PP | Received: Wed 04 Mar 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shop front

87 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00180/PP | Received: Fri 28 Feb 2020 | Validated: Thu 05 Mar 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

Alterations to shopfront

101 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP

Ref. No: 20/00183/PP | Received: Fri 28 Feb 2020 | Validated: Mon 09 Mar 2020 | Status: : **Approved with no Conditions**

NEW BUSINESS/ AOCB:

(KH) The WK C-V19 Community Support Group are well organised and working hard. Details of operation to date is attached. WKCIL is offering financial admin support to the group and have applied for funding to help them. The Environmental Group has started to discuss packs for children.

DATE OF NEXT (possible) MEETING: Monday 11th May2020 - 7.00pm in Village Hall

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Planning applications not yet decided

APPENDIX 1

APPLICATIONS:

***Erection of detached dwelling house**

Site to South Of 45 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire

Ref. No: 20/00107/PP | Received: Fri 07 Feb 2020 | Validated: Wed 12 Feb 2020 | Status: **Pending Consideration (WKCC will write to NAC and circulate before re-submission)**

***Erection of extension to rear of detached dwelling house**

18 Ailsa View West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9GA

Ref. No: 20/00219/PP | Received: Tue 10 Mar 2020 | Validated: Wed 11 Mar 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

***Application to vary planning permission in principle 18/00393/PPPM to remove condition 7**

Site to South East Of 41 Tarbert Avenue West Kilbride Ayrshire

Ref. No: 20/00222/PP | Received: Wed 11 Mar 2020 | Validated: Thu 12 Mar 2020 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

***Erection of single storey extension incorporating flue and raised patio area to rear of semi-detached dwelling house**

12 Hyndman Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9NL

Ref. No: 20/00256/PP | Received: Thu 26 Mar 2020 | Validated: Mon 30 Mar 2020 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

***Amendment of house type on plot 80 to incorporate detached double garage to rear of detached dwelling house**

Plot 80 Site to North West Of Chapelton Mains Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire

Ref. No: 20/00259/PP | Received: Thu 26 Mar 2020 | Validated: Wed 01 Apr 2020 | Status: **Pending**

Consideration

OPPOSITION TO THE 4.2 MEGA WATTS TURBINES AT RIGGHILL, SKELMORLIE

Please make your views known to – jamesmiller@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Jim Miller, Senior Manager Place, Development Control, NAC Cunninghame House IRVINE KA12 8EE

1. By mid-March ERG/Burcote will have submitted a Planning Application to North Ayrshire Council to install 10 x 4.2 megawatts wind turbines at Rigghill, in Skelmorlie, North Ayrshire.
2. Turbines of this power output are now just beginning to be installed elsewhere onshore (late 2021) with little experience of or research into how they may affect local residents. Locally, adverse effects experienced from the Hunterston test turbines (now removed), and other research indicates considerable concern about the medical effects of the Infrasound and Low Frequency Noise created by these enormous high-powered turbines.
3. Residents across Cumbrae, Fairlie and Largs, (men and women of all ages and some children), experienced the most appalling adverse health effects from Infrasound and Low Frequency Noise, when larger, (designated as 'above 2 mega watts'), turbines, were being tested, (operating at 3, 3.5 and 4 megawatts), at Hunterston, increasingly, frequently, from October, 2016 through to June, 2018, when they were stopped and later removed.
4. The ILFN sound caused sleep deprivation which is known to contribute/cause Cardiovascular Disease & Diabetes. Residents also experienced severe pains in the head, (not headaches), severe pain in the chest and heart palpitations, tinnitus, pain in ears and hearing loss. There were also reports of severe dizziness to point of 'near collapse', and cognitive and speech impairment. There were also reports that some from our communities could not even breathe properly.
5. It was reported many people across our communities did not realise just how very unwell they felt when these turbines were turning, until they had actually stopped. Anecdotal evidence from family members and neighbours, indicates that a number of members of our community with chronic health conditions had their lives cut short.
6. North Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government have full knowledge of these matters, and it is a source of great concern to us that any proposals for 4.2 megawatts wind turbines to be installed 'on land' is to be given any consideration at all.
7. This development is deeply concerning and will be detrimental to the health of our communities. No research has been carried out by the industry and Regulations for ILFN do not exist. Therefore, companies are building wind farms for profit when they do not have the appropriate information and tools to measure Environmental Impact.
8. A statement from the World Health Organisation in October, 2018 indicated that the Wind Industry does not have an adequate method of measuring these very harmful frequencies.
9. The World Health Organisation Community Noise Guidelines states "The World Health Organisation advise that health effects due to low frequency components in noise, are estimated to be more severe than for community noise in general" and "The evidence on low frequency noise is, sufficiently strong to warrant immediate action."

10. The Industry, itself, acknowledges that, "Turbines send out ILFN, (Infrasound and Low Frequency Noise), the bigger they are, the more intensely they do so. It isn't, technically, possible to curtail the ILFN output."

An extended paper and copies of the following reports are available from Linda Grainey - linda.grainey@yahoo.co.uk

- Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Union 2018
- Guidelines for Community Noise – WHO 1999
- Night Noise Guidelines for Europe – WHO 2009
- Infrasound – Low Frequency Noise and Industrial Wind Turbines July 2015

WEST KILBRIDE CV COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday 28th March to Friday 3rd April

ACTIONS

1. 25 Shopping Deliveries completed
2. 11 'Helper Ooter' parcels delivered
3. 190 prescriptions delivered (with 195 mileage)
4. 20 Assigned telephone buddies
5. 25 clients awaiting assigned buddies

EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

- 2x Card Readers ordered and rec'd
- ID badges and blue WK support group jackets ordered
- Office in WK donated to store goods etc

INCOME & DONATIONS

1. Donations from Crowd Funding £1665
2. Assistance received from Community hub - vouchers, food etc
3. Private funder to cover large exp £200-£500
4. The Wee Deli will donate food on a Saturday
5. Morrisons have been in touch re weekly free food starting from next week
6. Awaiting response from WK Co-op re food they throw away
7. DTA funding applied for £1500 await outcome
8. Bank Association Account application underway

COMMITTEE SET UP

NEXT STEPS

- WK foodbank - preparations underway
- YWAM looking to support with soup making packages

ONLINE PRESENCE

Since the FB page was set up - we have 437 Members and 528 posts.

INFORMAL CONTACT & NETWORKING

1. The main volunteers have also taken calls/messages/what's app/messenger too many to be counted, ranging from shopping req/prescription enquiries/advise/support etc.
2. We have also referred 3 vulnerable people to social work regarding welfare/support.
3. Note in the week before we delivered 2000 leaflets about our group to the homes of West Kilbride and set up a central register for us to collate all of our activity.
4. We also have 121 volunteers registered with us, and whilst not all have been called upon at the moment we have shopping volunteer/prescription/befriending rotas all set up and in action.

We will provide a further update next week covering Sat 3rd April to Friday 10th April.

Fiona Thorburn 3rd April 2020