

# WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 7.00pm by Zoom.**

**PRESENT:** John Lamb (JL); Kay Hall (KH); Douglas Penman (DP); George Donohoe (G D); N. Armstrong (NA); Deirdre Murray (DM); H. Thomson (HT);

**APOLOGIES:** Received from Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD); Clr T. Ferguson (TF); Denise Fraser-NAC- (DF)

**MINUTES:** Minutes of previous Meeting notes and actions were approved by (DP) and seconded by (KH)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer (DP) reported that all expenses had been received and the paperwork has been electronically forwarded to NAC for Audit. The closing balance being £6.60

**POLICE SCOTLAND:** Sgt Kerr / PC Coyle provided the crime figures reported by e-mail the following statistics from 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 as follows: (66) incidents were reported which resulted in (5) crime reports consisting of (3) Breach of the Peace; (1) Communication offence, (1) Sexual Crime (Historic 1983)

### **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

**Village Library:** The Village Library was now included in the NAC Click and Collect scheme details are available on the NAC website.

**Zoom Funding: (JL)** A application for funding of an annual licence from Zoom giving unlimited time per meeting has been submitted to the NDA. A decision will be made at the end of October. NAC who have recommended the use of Zoom were unable or unwilling to foot the bill for licences for Community Councils although they use the system themselves since the lockdown due to Corvid19. NAC received additional funding for the pandemic from central government.

**NAC; – Funding Sources** those currently available, updates provided by Denise Fraser on a regular basis, this has been circulated by e-mail to members for information.

**NAC; --North Ayrshire Food Forum** update this has been circulated by e-mail to members for information.

**NAC; --Scottish Gov. - Supporting-people-and-communities-call-for-ideas.** This has been circulated by e-mail to members for information.

**NAC; --Scottish Gov. - Consultation on Bathing Waters Signage\_** This has been circulated by e-mail to members for information. WKCC has responded to this consultation.

**EDF; - Hunterston B** have restarted Reactor 4 after being off-line since the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Rigghill Windfarm:** Additional paperwork has been provided by the developer, including the tower and blade transport route details. The proposed route is from the King George5 dock in Glasgow via the A77, the A71 and the A78 through Seamill to Skelmorlie. Due to the size of the transport vehicles (up to 82.5M) and weighing over 55 tonnes (Blades and Tower sections) these have to convoyed. Excluding

additional heavy equipment transfers this amount to in excess of 60/70 loads. WKCC will submit further comments to NAC Planning. The Developer has also intimated that there will be a virtual consultation on the 28<sup>th</sup> October on their website. they also propose a Liaison committee meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> October by Video which as Skelmorlie, Cumbrae, Fairlie along with the two councillors are refusing to attend. We will concur with the view of the other groups on the liaison committee. **(HT)** has also written to NAC Planning expressing the following concerns. The application gave very detailed comments on the transportation removal of street furniture and such. Routenburn Road requires the use of land not in ownership of applicant to accommodate transporters. The LDP has the windfarm site excluded from the protected area so implies that decision to approve has been made.

**Persimmon Developments:** No Change. Developer in discussion with NAC.

**Hope Homes:** Planning application not decided as further information is being provided by Developer to be submitted to planning Committee December 2020.

#### **Under AOCB**

**(JL)** The Armistice wreath laying at the War Memorial will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon. This will be only wreath layers, social distanced (no parade), and any spectators will be required to observe the Corvid19 guidelines on face covering and distancing. Finalisation of arrangements will be dependant on Scottish Gov Regulation at the time.

**(HT)** West Kilbride Burn, Pollution and the disposal of surface/waste water. With regard to the condition of the Burn (HT) notes the following which can be also passed to NAC-Streetscene. Invasive plants; both Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam have had to be removed. Japanese Knotweed was present on other sites. Pollution at SR Autos likely from broken pipe or storm overflow that discharged into former mill lade. Trees growing on Burnside Place bank are blocking Burn and causing a standing wave when there is a highwater flow and have flooded low ground and caused drains to block up. That this item should be included on a regular basis as there is ongoing problems that involve both Scottish Water and SEPA and NAC.

**(HT)** West Kilbride Glen the question is who is currently responsible for maintenance of the glen paths, flooding, tree damage and removal etc. The following points are of concern and should be passed to NAC. (HT) Gas board has been surveying site for historical pollution. Some dead trees are standing by paths etc. Live and dead trees obstructing coarse of burn. Sewage smells on housing site opposite and east of YWAM gatehouse (needs investigating), Waterflows have increased from sides of glen due to changes in rainfall and possibly some of the recent building developments. This could be a problem with the steep embankment at the southern end of the glen which relies on artificial reinforcement. It was water lubricating the spoil heaps that caused Aberfan.

The maintenance of the glen falls under the jurisdiction of NAC – Streetscene, however, there are areas that were purchased on behalf of the village and planted as orchard and wild areas. These are the responsibility of the environmental Group section of the West Kilbride Initiative.

**NAC BUSINESS:**

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:** No reports submitted.

**NAC Planning Decisions since 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019:**

**13 Pantonville Road West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9NQ**

Ref. No: 20/00675/PP | Received: Mon 10 Aug 2020 | Validated 11 Aug 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Application to fell 1 sycamore tree and 1 laylandii tree within an area covered by Law Brae Tree Preservation Order**  
8 Law Brae West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9DD

Ref. No: 20/00776/TPO | Received: Tue 08 Sep 2020 | Validated: Thu 17 Sep 2020 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

**Planning applications not yet decided**

**\*Planning Permission in Principle for residential development with associated landscaping, access, engineering and other associated works**

Site to East of Hillcrest Chapelton Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire

Ref. No: 20/00388/PPPM | Received: Tue 19 May 2020 | Validated: Fri 29 May 2020 | Status: **Pending Consideration.**

**\*Erection of extension to rear and side of detached dwelling house**

109 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9NF

Ref. No: 20/00862/PP | Received: Wed 30 Sep 2020 | Validated: Wed 07 Oct 2020 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Meeting closed @ 19.45pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - 7.00pm**

**Date, Place and Format to be confirmed subject to lockdown restrictions.**

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