

# WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 7.00pm by Zoom.**

**PRESENT:** John Lamb (JL); Kay Hall (KH); Douglas Penman (DP); N. Armstrong (NA); George Donohoe (GD); Deirdre Murray (DM); Clr T. Ferguson (TF); Denise Fraser (DF); Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD);

**GUESTS:** Javid Gilani

**NON-CONTRIBUTING ATTENDEES:** R. Stalker

**APOLOGIES:** Received from Henry Thomson (HT); PC Thomas Andrew (TA)

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer (DP) The Account balance had not changed since last month. Expenses incurred to be submitted to the treasurer ASAP.

**POLICE SCOTLAND-PC Arthur** provided the following crime statistics from the 12<sup>th</sup> July to the 9<sup>th</sup> August, (69) incidents were reported which resulted in (4) crime reports consisting of (1) theft;( 1) Vandalism: (2) Breach of Peace,

**Village Surgery** –Mr Gilani outlined what had been happening for the last 18 months.

Contrary to some queries raised there has always been a GP in attendance on every working day throughout the pandemic, even in difficult circumstances. The practice is now operating at full capacity. However, Mr Gilani confirmed that due to the pandemic, all GP practices across Scotland were operating differently and he will share a leaflet which has been issued by NHS Ayrshire & Arran over the last week, giving further information. Key points are that all requests for appointments are being triaged because it means that people are being seen in the safest way possible for them. Furthermore, GP reception staff are a vital part of the practice team and may ask questions to ensure the patients are directed to the most appropriate clinician.

Ayrshire Medical Group have recently put new signs up in the practice giving details of all clinical staff that are within the practice. Mr Gilani agreed that continuity of clinicians is vital to delivering an excellent service to the patients and in addition is working hard to implement further services for all patients. The practice is also preparing an information letter to go to all registered patients in the next couple of months giving them an update.

**NAC Roads: -Access Steps to Maimhor:** - No further details have been received as to NAC informing the residents that according to McTaggart Construction, they are responsible. Cllr Ferguson would check yet again with NAC Roads as to progress.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

**NAC: Village library (KH)** The secretary has contacted NAC regarding opening hours and general access to and additional utilisation of the Village library. Information received tonight from Cllr Ferguson is that the library opening will commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> August and be two and a half days a week as previously. The village still needs to think as to how the Village Library can be further utilised for the remaining time. This will be an ongoing exercise.

**NAC Licensing—Co-op license for piped music.** (Noted)

**NAC Local Place Plans Workshop; - (KH)** this is ongoing and as reported in June There's obviously going to be a road show at some point and there was a suggestion attendees should express interest in attending local meetings. It is possible that CCs will be invited anyway but feel we should express interest. Alistair Gemmell (NAC) seemed very approachable and keen to talk to communities. There was a fair bit of comment about trying to engage with disaffected communities who do not have a voice. (HT) has expressed concern that he was not invited to the June meeting which (KH) attended and has requested that it is noted that he is still interested and wants to be included.

**TINZ Programme 1 Project Co 2 Limited:** PAN proposal for Synchronised Compensator and Storage at Hunterston— no actual details currently available however they have stated that further details will be made available in Sept 2021 (Noted)

**XLCC** introduction and potential use of Hunterston Port—The Company have requested a meeting to discuss and present their proposal for a Subsea cable manufacturing facility at the ore terminal at Hunterston, this would involve both construction of the facility and the use of the jetty for loading the finished product onto cable laying ships. It should be noted that the ore terminal site and jetty is classified in NPF3/4 as a strategic facility for industrial use. The outline proposal available to date would both utilise the current derelict site and provide much needed work both in construction and operation for North Ayrshire. (JL) will arrange a video meeting for the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> August for their presentation of the proposal. Some concern was expressed about the height of the tower in that particular location.

**Cllr Ferguson- Hunterston Industrial Future;** - NAC-Exec. have instigated a joint meeting with Peel Ports NDA, EDF and local landowners regarding the future uses of the Local Plan and NPF3 designated area at Hunterston peninsula. WKCC will be kept up to date with any outcome. NAC have been asked by local landowners that the local communities are also included but this at present has been rejected by NAC.

**WKCC** – Kirktonhall Glen proposed development. (Growing Beyond Tomorrow)- the latest proposal has been received on the 6<sup>th</sup> August and has been circulated by (KH). There is a diversity of opinion regarding the development. Kirktonhall Glen was gifted and purchased for the use and benefit of all the village residents not just the Sports Club. Further full

consultation with village residents would be necessary prior to the finalisation of any plans. The development however does not require official planning permission from NAC only agreement as the area is designated for leisure and recreation.

If, however as indicated in the latest proposal that a café would be constructed, this would require planning permission. (HT) by e-mail has expressed his strong objection to the proposal.

**NAC- Planning** -PAN for Cryogenic Energy Storage facility at Hunterston.

The application is for yet another compensator application at Hunterston Peel Ports Site. As reported in the July Notes this meeting was very unsuccessful and another video meeting will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> August with Community representatives when hopefully questions will be answered, questions as to Safety of process, Ground Conditions, Access, equipment deliveries, battery fire safety etc,

**West Kilbride Website:** (KH) has instructed a new designer to build and initially manage the website which is now underway, an invoice for 50% of the cost invoice for the service has been submitted and paid. The web-site should be operational in the near future.

**Town Centre Regeneration Funding:** As noted in the July Notes further funding has been allocated to west Kilbride which will hopefully complete the village centre regeneration.

**Glen Paths: (KH)** reported FOKG are waiting to hear from Streetscene whether any costs had been made in response to work requested. It was hoped to report back about this at the next meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> August. The Environmental Group and GBT may also be involved in maintenance of the pathways.

**Persimmon Developments:** No Change.

**FRIENDS OF KIRKTONHALL GLEN:** The group now has a constitution and growing membership. Ongoing meetings have been organised by David Hutchison (acting chair) and Kay Hall (acting Sec) to discuss next steps. Members have been asked for responses to the plans proposed by GBT.

**West Kilbride Burn:** (HT) Cllr Ferguson suggested that WKCC contact NAC Environmental Control to investigate the source of the pollution. This was done and the report circulated. (HT) however by e-mail has stated the following ‘‘Given the recent dry spell the water flow has been low. However, it was quite discoloured on one occasion. but not white as it was on over a two-day period previously. All visitors to the Glen are encouraged to monitor the situation.

## **NAC BUSINESS:**

### **COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS:**

**Report from Cllr Ferguson** – various items were dealt with over the summer months: The Fire on Tarbet Hill—contact would be made with the landowners regarding access for firefighting and what remedial actions could be implemented.

NAC will be implementing dropping kerbs for disabled access in various locations in the village.

NAC will be implementing improvements at the Cemetery to the paths and to carry out the work that was promised last year that is the gates and the building within the grounds. The owners of the SPAR Convenience Store have stated categorially that there is no threat of closure of the POST OFFICE Counter Service.

**Bi-election for vacancy in Ward 6 --12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Note on Actions June / July are attached as Appendix1**

**NAC Planning Decisions since 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021:**

**Formation of dormer to front and rear of semi-detached dwelling house**

66 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9LXRef. No: 21/00605/PP | Received: Wed 09 Jun 2021 | Validated: Thu 10 Jun 2021 | Status: **Approved with no Condition**

**Planning applications not yet decided**

**Alterations to form opening for installation of french doors and Juliet balcony to rear of 2nd floor dwelling flat**

36 Overton Crescent West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HGRef. No. 21/00753/PP | Received: Tue 27 Jul 2021 | Validated: Thu 29 Jul 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**AOCB: -**

**(JL)** Notes circulated for actions taken from the 14/06/21 to 12/07/21 are attached below.

**(KH)** NAC is reviewing now models of retail – pop up shops/recycling units/upcycling etc. She would circulate the questionnaire link to be completed.

**(KH)** This year we will have a CC election new member suggestion approved – KH will invite him to the next meeting.

**(DF)** The Summer Events for children in the North Coast area have been a success.

**(DM)** That the CC write to Scottish water regarding the extended disruption caused to the traffic on the A78 on Snowdon Terrace with special regard to the number of different contractors involved in the operation and the lack of co-ordination between them.

**(DM)** Complaint received regarding the state of the pavements in the village. Cllr Ferguson would speak to roads department.

**(NA)** State of hedges on Yerton brae—(JL) had contacted NAC Roads direct and some owners had already rectified their overhanging bushes while others had not.

**Meeting closed @8.35pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - 7.00pm**  
**Format to be digitally by Zoom**

## Appendix 1

### WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL Notes on actions taken in the month to 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**1) Friends of Kirktonhall Glen;** - (KH) At a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July the group adopted their constitution and members will be requested to indicate their wish to continue playing a part in the meetings. A review of the Glen paths and drainage with NAC highlighted necessary work and Streetscene were seeking costs and reviewing funding to carry out some work. Growing Beyond Tomorrow appear to be employing eight Kickstart boot campers to upgrade the red blaes and to work on paths and drainage. Upgrading the football pitches was under discussion in the sports club and a separate development idea being promoted for a mountain bike skills training park.

FOKG has expressed interest in meeting with GBT to listen to their current plans. To be arranged by NA Officers.

**2) West Kilbride Library;** Positive acknowledgement from Cllr Joe Cullinane to our letter regarding the Village Library. "You have my ongoing commitment to encourage participation in our local democracy, and I equally look forward to working together on securing the very best outcomes for our citizens from West Kilbride's community facilities."

**2)Legion Scotland 100yrs;** 4 Wreaths were laid on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am. NAC, WKCC, W/K parish church, Masonic Order.

**3)NAC-PAN; Cryogenic energy storage facility,** online public exhibition on the 30/06/21 This was most unsatisfactory as participants could not either ask questions or in some cases get any sound. All external participants were muted and could only ask questions by typing in request. A joint meeting will be held either on the 30<sup>th</sup> July or the 18<sup>th</sup> August with representatives of the 5 North Coast Community Councils. Further details will be sent out when available.

**4)Community Council Ordinary Elections: Autumn 2021--** NAC are still awaiting guidance from Scottish Gov. as to when restrictions can be lifted. failing which a election if necessary will be run by NAC either in the Community Centre or the Village Library.

**5)Fireworks Consultation Launch and The Fireworks (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021—**Individual response is requested on this consultation however the proposals barely address the problem. A ban on the sale of all fireworks except to organised operators who can conform to HSE requirements should be made law. Shop premises are not designed or appropriate for the storage of fireworks as the maximum that an individual can hold is 5kg.

**6)Sottish Fire &Rescue Service: - Future Vision Consultation—Noted.**

**7) Website;** Our developer has had to withdraw as her family will be moving out of the village to work abroad. She offered apologies and is trying to reclaim our cheque from her bank. This is proving difficult and WKCC will attempt to cancel the cheque before anyone else can be employed to work with us.

**8)2019 Reviews of Electoral Arrangements-** The new boundary for the North Coast now designated as Ward1, has been accepted by the Council and the Boundary Commission this will take effect at the next Local Authority Election in May 2022

**9)Scottish Water - Water Safety and Respect Campaign 2021 – Noted.**

**10)Xmas lights supply-**Cllr ferguson has informed us that after speaking with Streetscene they've now fixed the issue with the Christmas lights on the lawn outside the library.

**11)Street signs at Fullerton Drive-** Cllr Ferguson has pursued this on behalf of the CC and George Donohoe NAC will do the necessary repairs and removal when it can be programmed.

**12)HNDA20: North Ayrshire Housing Needs & Demand Assessment - Final Draft Consultation, 9 July 2021 to 13 August 2021—Your comments please.**

**13)Letter from ERG and Burcote Wind –** The operators have taken the decision appeal their submission of their planning application as it was rejected by NAC Planning Committee to Scottish Government on the Rigghill Wind Farm. No further action is required at this time.

**14) Notification of Pan application for Subsea cable production Facility at Hunterston ore Terminal:** All details received so far have been forwarded to WKCC members. No application has as yet been lodged with NAC. The Company and Peel Ports wish to communicate with the community councils prior to the public availability of the proposed PAN, for their initial views.

**Appendix 2**