

# WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7.00pm by Zoom.**

**PRESENT:** John Lamb (JL); Kay Hall (KH); Douglas Penman (DP); N. Armstrong (NA); Deirdre Murray (DM); Henry Thomson (HT); Richard Campbell-Doughty (RD); Clr Ronnie Stalker (RS);

**GUESTS:** Adam Lyon (AL), PC Thomas Andrew (TA), George Cloughley (GC); Graeme Buckley (GB);

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies from Louise Riddick (LR) Clr T. Ferguson (TF); George Donohoe (GD);

**MINUTES:** Minutes of previous Meeting were approved by (DM) and seconded by (DP)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer (DP) The Account the accounts have been finalised and will be submitted to NAC during this month. Copies of the accounts have been circulated to members.

**POLICE SCOTLAND-**PC Arthur provided the following crime statistics from the 13<sup>th</sup> September, to the 7th October (51) incidents were reported which resulted in ( 5 ) crime reports consisting of ( 2 ) thefts-(1 wheelie bin since recovered);( 1 ) Attempted Housebreaking. (1) Fraud, (1) RTA (Dangerous Driving).

### **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

**Clr Ferguson** – Remembrance Sunday event 2021. Clr ferguson reminded the CC that it was 100 years since the war memorial was erected and an event later on in November should reflect the historic significance of that event. Clr ferguson has progressed and the primary School have agreed to lay a wreath on behalf of the Village commemorating the installation of the War memorial.

**Village Surgery** – (JL) met with Javid Gilani to discuss concerns that had been raised. The Surgery is triaging all requests for face-to-face meetings with doctors or medical practitioners. The pre- covid system will not be returning, it will be a blend of telephone, on-line diagnosis and face-to-face appointments. Access by telephone to the surgery has experienced problems but this is being addressed. Mr Gilani is aware of the concerns and is endeavouring to get a solution in place soonest.

**NAC Roads:** -Access Steps to Maimhor: - Clr ferguson / (GD) will talk to some of the residents to ascertain if there is any other way that the repair of the steps can be undertaken, and report back to the Community Council.

**North Coast Locality Partnership:** (JL) attended the NCLC on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. With regard to West Kilbride Area the only item of significant interest was regarding the Elderly Grants. – funding papers had been received for consideration, but West Kilbride age Concern had declined to make application for the Grant on offer of £2671. It was agreed that the

money should be allocated to West Kibride for the elderly as budgeted and that (JL) would liaise with Louise Riddick and Rhona Arthur as to suggestions on how it would be distributed to the elderly in West Kilbride. An on-line meeting was held by (JL) with Pam Crosthwaite and (LR) as to what should be considered. The current suggestion is that the provision of a useful Xmas / New Year hamper could be achieved. (LR) would enquire further.

**W/K Golf Club, Planning Application;** This has been approved by NAC Planning with conditions regarding light pollution and restricting usage to 7.00am to 9.00pm

**NAC: Village library-** (TF) has reported that the village Library is increasing it's opening hours from Monday the 18th October.

**Scot Gov:** Short term lets Regulations. (Circulated)—recommended that individuals respond.

**Remembrance Sunday;** The event will take place on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> November, this year there will be a parade from the Parish Church to the War memorial.

**NAC Exec: WKCC Election:** The notification for Nomination Forms will be in the press the week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> October, and also on the NAC website. All nominations to be returned to NAC by the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**NAC Local Place Plans Workshop;** - (JL) Information received 11/10/21 and forwarded to members. We would register interest in being part of the ongoing scenario. Currently little information available for how these would be developed in Local Authorities and what status they would have.

**XLCC** introduction and potential use of Hunterston Port—(JL) / (KH) had a video meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> August of their proposal. Subsequently to the meeting answers to questions mainly raised by Fairlie CC about noise have been received. There has also been an article in the press regarding the interconnector from Morocco making landfall in Devon. The proposed development will still have to get planning permission from NAC at which point WKCC can submit any concerns and objections.

**Peel Ports Liaison Committee:** - The main item coming out of the meeting was that the drill ships will be leaving, DS4 on the 17<sup>th</sup> October and is bound for West Africa to do Exploration Drilling, as the oil price has now recovered to make it profitable to develop new fields, and the DS6 later in the month or early November.

**Hunterston non-nuclear Generation, Battery Storage and Synchronised Compensators.**

**FlexibleGridPower2 Ltd:** Power Generation Submission to Scottish Government at Hunterston Estate. (JL) WKCC submitted a response which was circulated to members to this proposal which as it is over 50 megawatts will be decided by Scottish government NOT North Ayrshire Planning. (JL) had a meeting with the developer and it has been agreed in

principle that as much of the construction materials will be sourced to be delivered by sea. The main battery storage facility will not be intrusive as the maximum height will be less than 5mtrs.

**Hunterston Industrial Future;** - Peel Ports have issued a draft Consultation Document for consideration, this in essence is no different from their previous public submissions. They are looking at developing renewable energy related industries, starting with XLCC who have indicated 900 full time jobs. The Synchronised Convertors will only employ personnel during construction and will only have a remote monitoring personnel employed. Hunterston Parc will no doubt be included in NPF4 and LDP3 as an Industrial site.

**West Kilbride Website:** (KH) this is ongoing and will be ready soon. WKCC have agreed to fund a portion of the first-year training from our Administration Grant. It expected that the website would be launched by the end of the week. Three people will attend training to keep the site updated.

**Scot Gov: Short term lets Regulations.** This has been circulated to all members and they are requested to respond individually.

**Glen Paths: (KH)** This is ongoing with NAC Streetscene. Friends of Kirktonhall Glen will meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October and it is hoped by then to have an update from Streetscene.

**Persimmon Developments:** As agreed at the September meeting WKCC rejected attending any Liaison meeting prior to Persimmon, making a submission to NAC Planning. WKCC had great difficulty contacting Persimmon of our decision by e-mail and eventually used the postal service. No further communication has been received. As far as we know all other groups have similarly refused the invitation.

**Friends of Kirktonhall Glen;** No further meetings have been held since meeting in August, no further contact has been received from Golphin

**West Kilbride Burn:** (HT) Scottish water currently trying to unblock sewer to south and east of the Main Street Bridge. Apparently, the main sewer located here has become choked by tree roots.

Henry has informed us that the invasive Himalayan Balsam weed has been seen in the burn and has been noted by the Environmental group, the weed has established itself by the burn adjacent to the land owned by Millstone Developments and is therefore not an NAC responsibility.

The Himalayan Balsam weed has also established itself on the burn edges in the area of Sharlee Wynd. Information forwarded to Streetscene

(DM) With regard to millstone developments there have been complaints regarding the mess that the developer has left in the area adjacent to the Glen path. Cllr Stalker will take this up with NAC

## **NAC BUSINESS:**

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**Report from;** Cllr Ferguson would like it noted that the swing park and street furniture investment has been secured for West Kilbride, and he had arranged a meeting onsite with resident at Simson/Crauford Avenue late October regarding the replacement of the swing-park.

**Cllr Stalker;** At his councillor's surgery he met with J Gilani (Surgery/ Company Owner) who assured him that all complaints would be attended to by the Practice Manager. Any complaints to be passed / e-mailed to him to progress.

### **NAC Planning Decisions since 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**

#### **Erection of single storey building for use as covered practice bays and golf coaching**

West Kilbride Golf Club 33 - 35 Fullerton Drive Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HTRef. No: 21/00776/PP | Received: Wed 04 Aug 2021 | Validated: Mon 09 Aug 2021 | Status: **Approved with Conditions**

**Erection of detached dwelling house** Site to South Of 45 Ardrossan Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire. Ref. No: 21/00940/PP | Received: Thu 23 Sep 2021 | Validated: Tue 28 Sep 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration— (WKCC response sent)**

### **Planning applications not yet decided**

#### **Removal of sycamore tree (tag 193) and sycamore tree (tag 198) within West Kilbride Conservation Area**

22 Ritchie Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9ALRef. No: 21/00809/TW | Received: Mon 16 Aug 2021 | Validated: Wed 18 Aug 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

#### **Removal of existing Juliette balcony and erection of raised deck to rear of detached dwelling house (retrospective)**

2 Hyndman Road Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9NLRef. No: 21/00835/PP | Received: Mon 23 Aug 2021 | Validated: Mon 30 Aug 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**AOCB: -**

(HT) Wished to thank Cllr Ferguson for his work on the Flooding questions previously raised.

The next meeting will be the WKCC Election Outcome and Results (If contested) on the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting closed @9.15pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - 7.00pm**