

# WEST KILBRIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTE

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7.10pm by Zoom.**

**PRESENT:** John Lamb **(JL)**; Kay Hall **(KH)**; N. Armstrong **(NA)**; George Cloughley **(GC)**; Graeme Buckley **(GB)**; PC Thomas Arthur **(TA)**; Douglas Penman **(DP)**; H. Thomson **(HT)**, Richard Campbell-Doughty **(RD)**;

**APOLOGIES** Cllr E. Collier. **(EC)**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr Ferguson **(TF)**, Cllr Marshal **(TM)**, Cllr Murdoch **(IM)**, Cllr Hill **(AH)**.

**NAC Representative:** Denise Fraser. **(DF)**

**Observer Present:** Adam Lyon

### **New Councillors for Ward 1;**

Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Collier, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Murdoch, Cllr Hill.

The Chairman congratulated the new councillors elected last week to this WKCC meeting and expressed the wish that they work together to represent and support the village during their tenure, which they agreed.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** The April minutes **(KH)** Approved **(NA)** Seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **(DP)** Treasurer the WKCC balance at end march is £410. No change from last month.

### **POLICE SCOTLAND:**

PC Arthur provided the following crime statistics from the 11<sup>th</sup> April to the 9<sup>th</sup> May

2022: - **(58)** incidents were reported which resulted in **(5)** crime reports consisting of **Vandalism (1) --Theft (of Motor car) (1) -- RTA. (3) --.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS:**

**NAC: Village Library: (JL)(TF)** - the Village Library The library will be open from Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> May as below.

<b>Browse &amp; Borrow</b>	<b>Call, Click &amp; Collect</b>	<b>PC Access</b>
MONDAY 10-1	2-4	10-1
TUESDAY 10-1	2-4	10-1
THURSDAY 2-6		2-6
FRIDAY 10-1 & 2-4		10-4
SATURDAY	10-12	

**NAC: North Coast Community Chit Chat** - date still to be agreed by NAC

**Scottish Water:** A Contact Guide has been provided by Scottish Water. This is for information only.

**NAC:** Funding for Play-parks- Discussions still ongoing with NAC regarding the upgrading of the playparks at Glen Road and at Kirkton Avenue.  
(TF) to continue with this item.

**Surgery:** This is ongoing. After the meeting with a representative of the health board WKCC would write to the appropriate manager concerned with GP contracts in Ayrshire and Arran Health Board with our concerns regarding the service provided as it is currently below an acceptable standard. A letter would be circulated to members before issue for comment or amendment. From information received from other NAC Councillors we are not alone in having problems with GP services.

**ACTION: (JL)(KH)** ongoing.

**Peel Ports Liaison meeting: 26/04/22---**(JL) (GB) The meeting was updated by Peel Ports as to current operations.

- There has been interest in an Aquaculture facility on the site, this would have to have NAC planning permission
- Peel Ports have found a buyer for the residual coal on site and to date have exported 20,000 tonnes by sea from the site.
- The conveyor bridge over the A78 will hopefully be removed by the end of May
- A firm is currently removing the rubber conveyor belts to be recycled.
- All the Coal infrastructure has now been removed.
- There are still 2 Synchroniser planning permissions in place but no further progress on implementation.

(IM) added additional comments on the meeting,

- Peel Ports agreed that as the Liaison meeting was for the whole site and not only for the Rig Yard that the following would now apply.
- That as they (Peel Ports) now had a Proposed Confirmed Operator (XLCC) that the liaison meetings be every 3 months and not 6 months as at present.
- That at the next Liaison meeting in 3 months' time proposals for an Independent Chair would be discussed and agreed.

Peel Ports will organise an onsite visit interested parties now that Covid restrictions have been removed.

**NAC Local Place Plans: (JL)** a Local Place Plan will not be requested by NAC till 2023. The basic work has been done it is now only to be refined. (Noted)

**NAC - LDP3:** The issue of a draft LDP3 for consultation has been delayed until third quarter 2022 or possibly longer.

**XLCC:** A consultation will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May in Fairlie Village Hall times have been advised in the press and on local Facebook pages. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Community Councillor Induction Training: (GC)** CC training session is going to be Wednesday 29th June at 6.30 pm albeit it still has to be confirmed along with the venue.

**Hunterston non-nuclear Generation, Battery Storage and Synchronised Compensators. FlexibleGridPower2 Ltd: (JL)(TF)** It is proposed that a consultation exercise will be given in West Kilbride Community Centre in the near future outlining their ongoing work plan with more details as to the layout and shape of the development.

**NAC Planning: EIA request for 49.9MW Solar Farm Development: (JL)**

No decision by NAC Planning has yet been made as to the requirement of an EIA. Under **AOCB (HT)** wished WKCC to write to NAC regarding the proposed sighting of the Solar Farm. On investigation it would appear that the sighting on the EIA is indicative only and not specific.

**Montfode Proposed Development- 21/01226/PPM - Rec'd 21/12/21 valid: 25/03/22**

A response has been sent to NAC Planning with our concerns ranging from access to the effect on infrastructure. WKCC has also asked for an explanation as to why no public consultation has taken place with either our local elected members or with the Community Council in West Kilbride. (TF) has also asked this question. The reply that I have received, which has been confirmed by Cllr Ferguson, is that if the system has not been followed correctly then they have to go back to the beginning, and hold Public Consultation with both West Kilbride residents and the new Ward 1 councillors. As stated last month this has to be raised with NAC Planning by our new councillors.

**Glen Access Potholes. (Broomlands Farm end of Glen): (GC)** the access at the Broomlands Farm to the glen up to the bridge is the responsibility of NAC. This is in need of repair due to the depth and number of potholes. As NAC use this access themselves, it would be appreciated if they would fix the holes as soon as possible.

**NAC Roads: Temporary No Waiting and No Loading, Alton St. 16-18/5/22 (Noted)**

**NAC Roads: Hedges on Yerton Brae.** Reply from NAC Roads department is that there is not a problem. (NA) objected to this decision as the hedges are now 8 inches over the carriageway. This will be taken up with NAC Roads Department yet again. (TF) pointed out that he had previously been in discussion with NAC Roads regarding the traffic management of Yerton Brae.

**Age Concern: (KH)** An inaugural AGM will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

**BT Broadband:** Erection of distribution poles in the village. Questions have been raised by residents as to why they are putting up distribution poles and not putting the cables underground. The explanation appears to be that it is faster with less disruption to traffic or pedestrians.

A detailed explanation will be sought from BT/Openreach (a) as to why no public consultation? (b) dealing with neighbour complaints? (c) No notification to NAC or WKCC.?

**West Kilbride Website: (KH)** reported that the website was nearly complete and only requiring a few minor additions it will be called WESTKILBRIDEAYRSHERE .uk

**Glen Paths: (NA) / Friends of Kirktonhall Glen; Glen Paths: (KH)** A meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May the result of costings for drainage were discussed. These were passed to NAC (Streetscene) to source funding. The football field is the responsibility of the West Kilbride Amateurs, so it is up to them to source funding for the improvements to the drainage. The cutting of hedges and the condition of the access path from Main Street was raised by (HT) and that works on remediation could now not take place before October. (KH) The Friends of Kirktonhall were in discussion with NAC regarding the area identified as the Extension to the Glen which had been planted as a Wild Flower Meadow and had been cut by NAC. This appears to have been because a resident complained to it being left as a natural meadow.

**ACTION: (NA)/(KH)/(HT)**

**Persimmon Developments: (GC/GB/JL)** As with last month there is no further progress. We note that GC and GB have expressed an interest as they are directly affected by this project. The Application validated and registered on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 21/01174/PPM, for 220 dwellings and associated infrastructure. We have been advised that all submissions to NAC will be considered now in excess of 150 objections, Head of NAC Planning has agreed that all representations will be available on the website for general viewing. No date has as yet been proposed for presentation to the Planning Committee, but will not be before June. WKCC will continue to monitor. To date there have been 150 objections. It is noted that Transport Scotland have not yet replied to NAC Planning regarding the development. In view of the revised submission by Persimmon re access to the proposed site, WKCC will make an additional submission to Planning.

**ACTION: (GC)/(GB)/(JL)**

**The Village Lottery: (KH)** The Lottery is to support local community enterprises is now open for business with a minimum of £5 /mth. To a maximum of £20/mth. The first draw will be at the end of June

#### **NAC BUSINESS:**

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:** Their reports are as follows.

**Cllr Ferguson: (TF)** reported that following on from the last meeting, he had discussions with Amp regarding the battery Storage at Hunterston estate. This is detailed previously in the minute. Also, that he had been in discussion with Roads Department regarding Drop Kerbs in Main Street.

**Cllr Marshall: (T M)** Intimated that he was full in support of the Community Council and West Kilbride as a whole. He confirmed the election result as **SNP 12; Conservatives10; Labour9; Independant2:**

**Cllr Murdoch: (IM)** Similarly he was fully in support of the Community Council and that he was frequently in the village on either a daily or weekly basis. So was aware of the problems, and complaints.

**Cllr Hill: (AH)** had already left the meeting as he had intimated that he was double booked for tonight but would definitely attend the next Community Council meeting.

**Cllr Collier: (EC)** Has, subsequent to the meeting, submitted her apologies due to illness, but will attend next month.

#### **NAC Planning Decisions since 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022:**

##### **Erection of 2 golf practice nets at golf club**

West Kilbride Golf Club 33 - 35 Fullerton Drive Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HTRef. No: 22/00235/PP | Received: Fri 25 Mar 2022 | Validated: Tue 29 Mar 2022 | Status: **Approved with no conditions.**

##### **Change of use and conversion of existing barns and outbuildings to form a wedding venue facility with micro-brewery**

Blackshaw Farm West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9PG:  
Ref. No: 22/00183/PP | Received: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Validated: Thu 10 Mar 2022 | Status: **Approved subject to Conditions**

##### **Erection of one and a half storey extension to side and rear and formation of extended area of decking to rear of detached dwellinghouse**

43 Fullerton Drive Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9HTRef. No: 22/00232/PP | Received: Fri 25 Mar 2022 | Validated: Tue 29 Mar 2022 | Status: **Approved with no Conditions**

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

### **Erection of detached dwelling house**

Site To South of Glenfoot House Ardrossan Ayrshire

Ref. No: 22/00352/PP | Received: Tue 05 May 2022 | Validated: Wed 09 May 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### **Alterations to shopfront**

51 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AW Ref. No: 22/00343/PP | Received: Tue 03 May 2022 | Validated: Mon 09 May 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### **Alterations to shopfront**

45-47 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AW Ref. No: 22/00341/PP | Received: Tue 03 May 2022 | Validated: Mon 09 May 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### **Alterations to shopfront**

84 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP Ref. No: 22/00340/PP | Received: Tue 03 May 2022 | Validated: Mon 09 May 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Alterations to shopfront** 75 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AP Ref. No: 22/00339/PP | Received: Tue 03 May 2022 | Validated: Mon 09 May 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### **Alterations to shopfront**

69 Main Street West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9AW Ref. No: 22/00344/PP | Received: Tue 03 May 2022 | Validated: Mon 09 May 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### **Erection of extension to side of detached dwelling house**

6 Faulds Wynd Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire KA23 9FA Ref. No: 22/00336/PP | Received: Tue 03 May 2022 | Validated: Wed 04 May 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

### **EIA request for 49.9MW Solar Farm Development**

Site To North Of Lawhill Farmhouse Ref. No: 22/00209/EIA | Received: Mon 21 Mar 2022 | Validated: Mon 21 Mar 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

**Planning permission in principle for the erection of a high voltage cable manufacturing facility, including detailed planning permission for the construction of a 185m high extrusion tower with associated factories, research and testing laboratories, offices with associated stores, transport, access, parking and landscaping with on-site generation and electrical infrastructure and cable delivery system**

Former Coal Terminal Hunterston West Kilbride Ayrshire

Ref. No: 22/00133/PPPM | **Received: WKCC have responded to this application.**

**Erection of 220 dwelling houses and associated infrastructure and landscaping** Site To North of Summerlea Road And West Of Snowdon Terrace Seamill West Kilbride Ayrshire Ref. No: 21/01174/PPM | Received: Wed 01 Dec 2021 | Validated: Wed 08 Dec 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

## **AOCB:**

**(RD)** requested that the Councillors address the line painting in the village centre with particular attention to the designation of Disabled Parking Places. (TF) has already been in discussion with NAC Roads regarding this problem.

**(IM)** brought up the state of Main Street / Ritchie Street / Yerton Brae and that it needed resurfacing and line painting. this was not in the current NAC budget but would be pursued for future implementation This was agreed also by (TF) and may be the reason that line painting on main Street has not been carried out.

**(KH)** thanked the Councillors for their attendance and welcomed their unanimous support for the community.

**(HT)** Raised the question of the effect that the Solar farm proposal for Lawhill would have on the drainage which might affect the Old High Road. This has been clarified and noted in the minute previously

**(IM)** raised the point that it is impractical for all five councillors to respond to a single query or question, and that if one responds it is circulated to all the representatives. (JL) likewise WKCC will address to all not to a specific Councillor.

## **Forthcoming Meetings;**

**SSG:** 02/06/22---(JL) (GB)

**NCLP** – To be arranged. (JL)

**Meeting closed @8.30pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - 7.00pm**  
**Zoom / Venue to be arranged. (This may even be a hybrid meeting)**