

Dunadd Community Council

Community Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2024 at 7.30pm in Ford Village Hall.

Present: George Stewart (GS) Convener, Jo Cole (JC) Vice Convener, Willie Beattie, (WB), Jim Malcolm (JM).

In attendance: Jan Brown (JB) Argyll and Bute Councillor, Jan Wright (JW), Simon Wright (SW).

Secretary: Hazel Fuller (HF) to be included in all correspondence.

1. **Apologies:** David Bracken, Sue Creech, Grace Macleod, David MacInnes, Sue MacLean (SM), Di Roberts (Treasurer), Sharon Webb (Kilmartin Museum).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting on 30th May 2024 agreed as correct. Proposed JM, seconded JC.
4. **Role of secretary going forward:** West Loch Fyne CC have advised that they would be interested in a joint secretary role. David Smart was going to prepare a funding application for A'Chruach Community Fund but has now stepped down as a Community Councillor. **Action: It was suggested SM be approached to consider taking this forward?**
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**
 - 5.1 **Traffic problems:** DR was going to present an outline plan for a way forward but is absent due to illness. **Action: DR to report at next meeting.**
A&BC responses to previous queries attached as Appendix A
6. **Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Police report:** Email received from PS Matthew Shaw, attached as Appendix B
 - 6.2 **Treasurer's report.:** GS read out current balances.. DR has requested a further tranche of funding from Foundation Scotland to top up the micro-grant account.
 - 6.3 **Planning report:**
Kilmichael Land Management Plan. JM commented that it was very well set out and effective. The meeting agreed.
 - 6.4 **Kilmartin Quarry extension:** no update
7. **Updates:**
 - 7.1 **Kilmartin Museum:** An update was emailed prior to the meeting and is attached as Appendix C
 - 7.2 **Dunadd Community Enterprise.** No representative present.
8. **Correspondence:**
 - 8.1 **C38 update:** See Appendix A
 - 8.2 **Micro-grant applications:**

a) Kilmartin Community Initiative is requesting £250 to support a trial of solar Christmas lights for Kilmartin as the current electricity supply from the old church will shortly be disconnected. Approved by all

b) Ford Scottish Women's Rural is requesting £250 as a contribution towards hall hire and speaker expenses for the coming year. Approved by all.

c) Kilmartin Community Initiative is requesting £250 to replace defibrillator pads that have been used recently. It is vital that there are 2 sets of pads for each Defibrillator at all times. The pads are suitable for adults and children and will not need replacing (unless used) before 2026. Approved by all.

8.3 Kilmartin play park: ACHA have a new member of staff dealing with the play park, JB confirmed ACHA will go to Scottish Govt for funding as they are updating their strategy. ACHA have cut the grass.

9. Public questions: None

10. AOCB: None

Date of next meeting:

7.30pm, Thurs 19th September 2024. Kilmartin Parish Church.

Appendix A

1. Feedback from roads team re bins –

Got this back - Dear Councillor Brown

The owner of the road has been advised of the requirements needed to bring the road to an adoptable standard.

In most cases this is often resurfacing of the road or potholes filled etc to ensure there is no damage to the refuse vehicles.

2. Dear Councillor Jan Brown,

Thank you for notifying us of the issue concerning the overgrown shrubbery covering the signs entering the village of Kilmartin. We have raised an instruction to have the shrubs cut back that are covering the signage. We aim to attend and cut-back these bushes within the next 3-4 weeks.

3. Response re footfall increase in Kilmartin Dear Councillor Brown

They are aware of the increase however it still does not qualify. As a comparison the crossing at the co-op in Tarbert also doesn't qualify and the volume of footfall is likely to be higher there. More information can be found here <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5df0e29fed915d15f42c4820/dft-traffic-signs-manual-chapter-6.pdf>

As the Museum has a car park etc it is deemed there is safe pedestrian access when visiting.

Kind regards

Roads and Infrastructure Services

4. Feedback from C38

At present, there are no restrictions on the use of this road, through any Traffic Regulation Order for the carriageway or any bridges between Kilmicheal and Barmolloch Farm. The northern section, up to the forest exit points at Kirnan and Fearnoch has been upgraded in recent years through the Roads Capital improvement programme. For information, further Capital funding is allocated in the 2024-25 programme for improvements at Loch Leathan towards Barmolloch. The remainder of the exit route on C38, to A816, is subject to regular inspection and maintenance through the annual revenue maintenance programme. To preserve the network from excessive damage and enforce safe use, a voluntary agreement with the timber industry, through the Argyll Timber Transport Group is in place. A copy of the C38 TTMP is attached for clarity, dated 2019 but is still the current agreed method for haulage out to A816. We keep this under review but at present we do not consider this route in need of substantial further investment, or adjustment to the operating conditions. We trust that this clarifies the current situation, but Stuart or myself, can discuss any outstanding matters with you as required.

5. Feedback from the extension to 30MPH leaving Kilmartin

The task is still on the list to be carried out however we have a large back log and due to budget constraints only have one officer working on these requests for the whole of Argyll and Bute. We apologise for the delay.

Appendix B

OFFICIAL

Dear all,

Following publication of the latest Police Report we have had varying feedback from a number of Community Councils (some preferring the new style, some against it) and I wanted to contact you all to address some of the points raised.

Why the change? As explained in previous correspondence, the new format was adopted to fall in line with what is produced in the rest of Argyll & Bute, to ensure the same level of service is provided within the policing area of L Division;

- **I don't know what beat number applies to my area?** Within the next incarnation we'll look to provide a key for which Beat Area applies to which Community Council, but the beat numbers have not changed and your Community Council area will be as it has been since these reports were first issued;
- **Why can't we have more detail on crime?** Previously the releases into the press were included along with a crime breakdown. By including the press releases in this report we are effectively duplicating the publication and the work to do so. The information is already within the public arena via local news outlets. With regards to the crime breakdown – this is done in a different way, with a broader subsection reviewed, understanding the demand for the whole area we cover. This has the benefit of then providing greater detail for review at the respective Area Planning Groups;
- **Why weren't our issues raised at the bottom of the sheet?** This will be done on a month by month basis. For that month (May), the two issues raised were the ones that were directed to the team by Community Councils (including Councillors on their behalf). If we don't know about it, it won't be detailed. Please feel free to contact either myself or PC Dewar (copied in on this email) with queries and we will do our best to address them. It was suggested that this section might be better incorporated into the main body of the report rather than standing alone – I'll look to review that moving forward;
- **Why don't we get attendance at our meetings?** Each week PC Dewar contacts and sends out applicable invites for each Community Council to the Duty Sgt that will be on shift working at the time of the meeting. They can only attend when demand of calls permits. Calls for service from 999 and 101 have to be prioritised. Further to this, attendance is compounded by meetings often clashing with one another and being scheduled during our peak call times. This is why myself and PC Dewar have furnished our contact email addresses so, as Community Councils, you have a local SPOC to contact for any concerns you might have. To be clear this isn't to report crime – use 999, 101 or the Online Contact Form - but to review community issues or to seek advice. We will quickly seek to reply to any correspondence and guide accordingly. By having the Q&A section within this new format, we share the learning from these questions, to help strengthen the knowledge base of what is happening and what we can do to assist in certain circumstances;
- **The Police that attended my meeting didn't know my local issues.** The officers that answer your 999 calls have a dual role – Response (999 responders) and Community Policing. This latter role is at the direction of the Community Inspector and Sgt that cover the MAKI and OLI Policing areas. The officers attending will not be cognisant of every initiative and every event taking place within the wider policing area. They are there to listen to your concerns, answer questions where possible and should any further work be required or they have questions that can't be answered, they will feed this back to PC Dewar and myself for further action;
- **Could we have more useful links/contacts?** We'll look to add to this list as the note develops;
- **Why can't we have a more tailor-made report with greater detail?** The short answer to this is capacity, but also proportionality in information sharing. You'll have noted in historic reports that our area covers multiple Community Council areas. To do a bespoke report for each community council is not practicable. Should you wish further information on a specific area in crime then let us know what and why that information is required. Any sharing we do has to be proportionate, legal and for a reason, not just because someone wants to know. Where there is a crime trend we will have identified it and will be talking about it, be it in the press, directly with Councillors or detail it within the report. Equally, where a Community Council has recognised an issue and believes more bespoke work should take

place or heightened information is required for a legitimate purpose, we would encourage them to engage with us and we can review the request;

- **The report is just a tick box exercise.** I've been lucky enough to work in a number of Policing areas and can advise that many do not provide any information or engage in any positive way with Community Councils, being reactive not proactive in their communication. We are fortunate in the MAKI and OLI area that the Area Commander and Area Inspector put great store in developing these communication channels, hearing your voice and seeking to act on what is said. Please use this platform in the way it's intended, a gateway for you to have direct access to your local Police. I work from Lochgilphead Police Station between 0700 and 1700 hrs and am always happy to discuss issues face to face. Our community resource is what you choose to make of it. For those nearer to Oban and Campbeltown Police Stations, I can arrange face to face engagements accordingly.

With the above in mind, I encourage feedback that you might have and am more than willing to meet to discuss any ideas or concerns you have. I look forward to hearing from and continuing to work closely with you all.

Appendix C



Kilmartin Museum update to Dunadd Community Council – 18-07-2024

- Learning Centre letting – we have booked a builder to come and install the additional door to allow the Learning Centre to be let, but works have yet to be completed.
- Coach Parking – if coaches that drop visitors to the Museum have parked inappropriately in the village the coach company has been contacted and it has been reiterated to them that coaches need to park at Carnassarie or Lady Glassary car parks after drop off.
- The gate into the glebe field from the back of the Museum has now been installed.
- The library books have returned to Kilmartin from storage, but still need to be reinstalled in the library.
- All artefacts have now been returned to Kilmartin Museum.
- The official re-opening event will be rescheduled in the Autumn.
- We will be organising a drop in session for the community to give feedback on the museum sometime during the last two weeks of August. Further details will be made available when we set a date.