

# MINUTES

## OF THE NORTH KNAPDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING 13th FEBRUARY 2007 AT CAIRNBAAN HOTEL AT 7.45PM

### **Present**

Hugh Semple (Chairman), John Clark (Vice Chairman), Bennie Bridgland, Fiona McArthur, Frances Ryan, Jilly Wilson, Tim Hedley, Cllr Donnie MacMillan, Cllr Bruce Robertson, and **xx** members of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

Pete Donaldson. The chairman noted that Pete has been unwell and tendered his resignation. He wished him a speedy recovery and thanked him for his contribution to the work of the Council. The chairman also noted that there was now a vacant position, and more importantly a vacancy for secretary.

### **2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

Two corrections to the previous minutes were noted:

- Member of the public apologies received for previous meeting were from Mike & Monica Stuart, and not John Clarke.
- Under AOCB, Malcolm Bridgland was incorrectly identified as Malcolm Bidmead

Subject to the above corrections, the minutes were proposed as a true record by Frances Ryan, and seconded by Bennie Bridgland.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

### **4. Correspondence**

- **Notice of Meeting of Mid Argyll Partnership 20 February 2007** To discuss various local community issues. NKCC are looking for someone to attend this meeting.
- **Notice of Argyll & Bute CHP Public Engagement Workshop 16 Feb 2007.** Rona Blythe will attend this workshop and report back.
- **Consultation Questionnaire from National Planning Framework.** Regarding community views on local public access paths. A road show is to be held at Lochgilphead Community Centre on 20 February 2007. Hugh Semple will attend and report back.
- **Results of the Clyde and Hebridean Ferry Service Consultation.** Available for anyone who want to read it, but no mention is made of the various proposed routes between Jura and the mainland. [Tim Hedley noted that the passenger service from Craighouse to Crinan Harbour has been 'shelved' due to lack of funding].
- **Copy Letter from Crinan Boats Ltd to the Scottish Executive in response to the Coastal and Marine National Park (CMNP) Consultation.** Their letter on similar terms to the general response of NKCC, but with more focus on commercial implications and concerns.

## 5. Planning

The following applications were noted:

### 1 December 2006

Simon Morrison - Extension to Rear of Dwelling House, 1 Kennovay Cottages Tayvallich

### 22 December 2006

Mr & Mrs Shannon - Installation of domestic wind turbine High Gallachoille, Tayvallich

Iain & Margaret MacCallum - Erection of Agricultural Storage Shed Braeface Farm, Bellanoch

Mr & Mrs Gordon Blair - Erection of dwelling house and garage and installation of bio disk treatment plant, Land North East of Tigh na Glaic, Crinan

### 12 January 2007

Mr & Mrs R Braithwaite – Non-material amendment Land North of Auchentenavil, Tayvallich

Mr & Mrs Irvine – Erection of Dwelling House – Land North East of Sunnara, Achnamara

### 9 February 2007

Mr & Mrs A Howie – Erection of extension – amended proposal 2 Kennovay Cottages, Tayvallich

There were no comments on any of the above applications

### Other Applications at Crinan

Mr & Mrs M Murray – Site for erection of two cottages Land West of 8 Crinan Cottages, Crinan

### No particular comments

British Waterways – proposal for erection of toilet & shower blocks

**Planning officers have suggested alternate site for proposals – extension to existing buildings.**

### Other Planning Issues

Barrie Carmichael asked when the site at Creag Fasgadh will be tidied up. As this is the chairman's house, he responded personally. A building warrant has not yet been issued for the work desired and Mr Semple was under the impression that work could not commence until then. He was advised today that he can make a start on ground work before the warrant is issued and this is now scheduled to commence at the end of the month. The new build house on the site currently shares water with the original house. This is a temporary measure and the roads department have now sanctioned the work required for the installation of separate water supply and waste water removal.

## 6. Roads

- **Pot-holes.** Tim Hedley has been in regular contact with Argyll & Bute Council regarding potholes previously highlighted. Some work has been carried out, but the manner in which this is done is still unacceptable. The point was made that if pot-holes were properly repaired the repair would remain for years rather than a few months which is currently the case. Certain locations that have previously been highlighted are still outstanding (e.g. Carsaig Road, Crinan Cottages Road, Keills Road)
- **Temporary Traffic Lights** at Bellanoch. Tim Hedley has been unable to get any definitive answer from A&BC regarding these lights – which must constitute a hazard in their own right. The weights are apparently there to determine whether there is any road slippage. It has been decided that there is not, but no decision to remove the lights has been made! Bruce Robertson undertook to make enquiries about this.
- **Visibility** at the Tayvallich-Keills junction was raised again. No action has been taken about this.

- **Road at Crinan Cottages.** This remains a Hot issue. Some work was carried out last week (promised by last Christmas!), but the road condition remains unsatisfactory, and there is now a constant stream running down the road.
- **Road to Crinan Harbour**  
There has also been a significant increase in water coming off the hill onto this road – even ‘flash flooding’ on occasion. John Clark has spoken twice to A&BC Road Dept engineers regarding this and Tim Hedley has delivered photographs highlighting the problem. Engineers have now agreed to come and have a look

**ACTION      Tim Hedley will continue his dialogue with A&BC  
Members of the community should also continue to report road issues and potholes**

## 7. Local Community Issues

### **ACHNAMARA**

No issues

### **Bellanoch**

No issues

### **CAIRNBAAN**

#### **Piece of ground adjacent to Cairnbaan Bridge Cottage**

Used for years as car parking space by visitors and residents, the current owner of the house has lodged a claim on this land with the Registrar of Scotland. He has laid boulders round the edge to prevent its use by cars. On investigation, it transpires that there is no existing title to the land and it will revert to the claimant if not disputed within 10 years. The community wants NKCC to investigate the rights of the community to claim this land and return it to its previous use. Jilly suggested that Marna Diack from the Community Land Unit may be able to advise (she is based at HIE Argyll & the Islands in Kilmory Industrial Estate)

**ACTION      Tim and Pete have been looking into this. Tim & Hugh to  
seek advice from Community Land Unit**

#### **NKCC Notice board requires attention**

This was noted. Pop-rivets need to be replaced and this will be attended to

#### **Road through Letter Dail and up to West Dail Loch**

At the bottom, this road has pavement on only one side and with the increase in new build houses; there is a question as to whether a pavement should be created on the second side of the road.

Beyond the settlement and going up the hill, the road deteriorates very dramatically.

Jilly Wilson stated that she remembered this being brought up before. Peter Slann who was previously secretary of NKCC advised that the road belonged to the Forestry and they had been asked before to improve the surface.

**ACTION      It was agreed that KNCC write again to the Forestry Commission,  
although the lack of secretary at present may mean a delay.**

### **CRINAN**

No further issues (see Roads)

### **TAYVALLICH**

No issues

**8. AOCB**

**Bruce Robertson** stated that this would be his last attendance at NKCC meetings. He will stand down at the forth-coming elections in May. He thanked the meeting very much for the support he had received over the years. He gave an outline of the new structure we will operate with - most significantly; North Knapdale will become a three member Ward. The Chairman thanked Bruce for his hard work over the last twelve years and for all that he had done for our community. There was a round of applause from the floor.

**Coastal and Marine National Park Update**

The Chairman indicated that our consultation response had been submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> January, had been acknowledged and was now 'in the system'. Now we wait to see what the next step will be

**Argyll and Bute Council Local Plan**

Bruce Robertson said that the Reporter has been appointed. And a meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February gave details about the next stage of the consultation process. Essentially, the Reporter will be carrying out investigations in various manners (by telephone, by private and by public meetings, etc as previously described). There will be Public Inquiries at Crinan and at Tayvallich – probably in May or June of 2007. Argyll and Bute Council is not required to act on the Reporter's recommendations, so there could be a further delay beyond this.


**Correspondence**

As previous secretary of NKCC, Peter Slann expressed surprise at the apparent lack of correspondence reported. It was considered that given the one year hiatus when KNCC was not operating, and the change in secretary details, some correspondence may be going awry. Now that the organisation is active again, correspondence will no doubt increase.

**9. Date, time and place of Next Ordinary Meeting**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 7.45 pm, Tayvallich

These minutes are a true record of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

Signed 

Dated...15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 ..

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