

# North Knapdale Community Council

Achnamara · Bellanoch · Crinan · Cairnbaan · Tayvallich

Minutes of the public meeting held at Tayvallich Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 7.45pm

## Attending:

Hugh Semple (Chairman), John Clark (Vice Chairman), Fiona MacArthur, Jilly Wilson, and 18 members of the community

### 1. Apologies

Tim Hedley, Bennie Bridgland, Frances Ryan, Gordon MacMillan

### 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 Feb 2007 at Cairnbaan

The minutes were proposed by Fiona MacArthur, seconded by Rhona Blythe

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

Peter Slann enquired as to whether anyone had attended the meeting of the Mid Argyll Partnership. No-one from NKCC had been able to attend, and the minutes has not yet been received. Other matters arising dealt with below.

### 4. Correspondence

- A notice of an Argyll & Bute Council meeting at Kilmory on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. This meeting to elect various members and to discuss other administrative matters
- Letter from Argyll & Bute Council Operational services inviting comment on a proposal for speed limits on sections of the road at Cairnbaan. See more under Local Issues.

(Planning & Roads were moved further down the agenda)

### 5. Local Issues

- **Achnamara** - none
- **Bellanoch** - none
- **Cairnbaan**

#### ○ Proposal from A&BC for speed limits

A letter received from A&BC Operational Services invites comment **by 29<sup>th</sup> May** on their proposal to limit the speed to 40mph on two sections of the road at Cairnbaan: In front of the housing developments adjacent to the main road, and on the section of road leading from Cairnbaan to the main Oban Road. For clarification, a map of the proposal is to be put on the village notice boards.

After much discussion, it was determined that NKCC's response should be as follows:

- The community considers 40mph to be too fast, particularly on the long stretch adjacent to the houses. 30 mph would be more appropriate
- Also, the community want a "twenty's plenty" at the section of road where school children cross to get the school bus.
- At a previous meeting, Councillor Bruce Robertson said that funds had been set aside for footpaths on this section of road – we would like to know what progress is being made with this.

Other traffic calming measures were discussed, including speed bumps, and a narrowing of the road at the school bus stop.

**ACTION: KNCC TO RESPOND TO LETTER AS ABOVE**

- **Cairnbaan contd.**

- **Piece of Ground Adjacent to Cairnbaan Bridge House**

After the issue of parking on this piece of ground was raised at the last meeting, Tim Hedley has held meetings with the Bridge House owner; and with the Community Land Unit. No-one has title to the land between the canal and the road here, although the Bridge House owner has lodged a claim for the land *adjacent to his property only*, and had marked it out, as is the practice. He has offered to create a new parking area for the community – at his own cost – on part of the remainder of the unclaimed ground. It would then be up to the community to claim this piece of ground if they so wished. After some discussion, the following was decided:

- NKCC will accept the house owner's offer.
    - NKCC will request a written declaration from the house owner of the agreement he proposes.
    - NKCC will seek further advice from the Community Land Register with regard to lodging a claim on this piece of ground (liability issues?)

- **Crinan**

- No new business.
  - Although, the road at Crinan Cottages remains an issue. Some work has been done, but the underlying problem has not been addressed. Tim Hedley has continuing talks with the Roads department.

- **Tayvallich**

- No new business.
  - Although, stretches of the Tayvallich – Keills road still badly need attention

**Post-meeting note: many potholes were filled on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007, and sections of the road appear to have been marked for repair.**

**6. Roads**

- Unfortunately, the councillor dealing with Roads (Tim Hedley) was not able to attend the meeting. Several issues have been discussed above, and Tim has a running file with issues raised. Anyone with further issues should contact Tim on 830205.
- Chris Todd brought to the meeting's attention the existence of a website called **neighbourhoodfixit.com**. Funded by the government, you can report, view, and discuss local problems like **CONDITION OF ROADS**. The site then sends a report directly to the local council. The problem stays on the site until it is 'fixed'. Mr Todd had some success with this site on reporting a dangerous pothole – it was fixed!
- A general point about the lack of brush cutting was made by Colin MacInnes. Every year, the community cuts away dangerous growth themselves as A&B Council does not attend to it. Particularly bad spots include the Chip Quarry and other parts of Scotnish; the corners at Leac na Ban; the corner before Gallachaille; and the Keills/Taynish junction.
- Donald Carmichael asked the meeting how many people had incurred damage to their cars due to the condition of our local roads. More than half of those present raised their hands. The possibility of lists/petitions was raised but, ultimately, it was decided that the current procedure of reporting issues at meetings and to Tim Hedley was sufficient. However, one point of action emerged from discussion:

**ACTION: KNCC TO REQUEST A COPY OF A&B COUNCIL'S SPECIFICATION FOR POT HOLE REPAIR**

## 7. Planning

02/2007	Carsaig House Dounie Road Tayvallich Argyll And Bute PA31 8PN	Alterations and extension to dwelling house
13/02/2007	Inchjura Dounie Road Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PN	Erection of timber shed for use as outdoor classroom and two timber nature observation platforms
13/03/2007	Land West Of 8 Crinan Cottages Crinan Argyll And Bute	Site for erection of one dwelling house - Policies Contravened - Departure - Mid argyll Local Plan
20/03/2007	Creag A Mhadaidh Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PT	Erection of livestock shed
21/03/2007	Torbeg Tayvallich Argyll And Bute PA31 8PN	Erection of extension
27/03/2007	Tralee Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PN	Erection of porch
27/03/2007	Replacement Pontoon System Crinan Harbour Crinan Argyll And Bute	Installation of replacement pontoon system
27/03/2007	Land At Cnoc Mor Achnamara Argyll And Bute	Installation of 2 no. transmission dishes and associated equipment cabins
30/03/2007	Smithy Cottage Bellanoch Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SN	Formation of entrance porch, replacement roof covering to rear and minor alterations
30/03/2007	Smithy Cottage Bellanoch Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SN	Formation of entrance canopy and replacement roof covering to rear and internal alterations
18/04/2007	Achnamara Cottage Achnamara Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PX	Alterations and extension to dwelling house
23/04/2007	Tayvallich Village Hall Tayvallich Argyll And Bute	Erection of store for village hall
30/04/2007	Land North Of Tayvallich Primary School Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8PW	Site for erection of dwelling house and installation of septic tank

No comments, with the exception of the last application. Address originally given as 'land east of cemetery', and incorrect. NKCC has requested copies of these plans and they will go in the Tayvallich coffee shop when received.

## 8. AOCB

### Health

Rhona Blythe reported on various local Health matters:

- The 'new' integrated Care Centre is working well, and the changes to NHS 24 does not appear to have caused any issues in our area.
- Shuttle buses run regularly to the hospital from the centre of Lochgilphead, and local village buses also detour there. Mon/Wed/Fri for Tayvallich; Tue/Thu for Achnamara; every day for Bellanoch & Cairnbaan.
- We are now part of the Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (CHP); a division of NHS Highland. Public Partnership Forums (PPF) meetings at a local level will be open for anyone to attend. Health care issues will be communicated through these PPFs - from community to NHS Highland and the CHP, and vice versa.
- A detailed guide to local health & social care services is being produced.

- A Public Health Network meets 2-3 monthly in the Lochgilphead community centre. An open day on March 27<sup>th</sup> offered free health 'MOT's
- Most of this, and other, health information is published in the local paper.

### CMNP

KNCC has received copies of the responses to the consultation for the establishment of a Coastal & Marine National Park. A copy will be available in each community, and is also available on the internet at –

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/04/17092536/0>

See the individual and organisation responses at –

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/03/01090919/0>

Our area is still included in the favoured site, and the document suggests that the response from Argyll was more positive than negative!

### TAMWORTH PIGS IN TAYVALLICH

The pigs being kept on Gong Hill land at Carsaig, and that have been the subject of complaints; have been given written authority to remain from SEPA as they comply with all requirements

### 9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45pm at Achnamara Village Hall

### 10. Local Plan hearing/Inquiry regarding H/AL 12/21 in Tayvallich (this item moved down the agenda in order to allow non-Tayvallich attendees to leave)

H/AL 12/21 is the only outstanding area of dispute in our communities with regard to the new local plan. It is an allocation of 14 houses in the field above the existing MacLeod development between Tayvallich & Carsaig.

**The current situation** is that NKCC - as one of three objectors who chose to represent their case at PLI – has been advised that this will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> June from 9am in Tayvallich Hall. We have also been given the option of having a less formal meeting to attempt a resolution. Despite previous advice, the more formal structure of a PLI will allow more flexibility if argument, with the opportunity for each side to state their case and then cross-question.

A statement of case had been drawn up giving the NKCC and A&BC position (copy attached), and it is our opinion that much of A&BC's stance can be defeated by its own policies.

**The next steps** are the submission of 'pre-cognition' - the text of what we will say on 7<sup>th</sup> June (and to be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> May). And then we need to gather a team together to be present at the PLI to give the community argument.

**NKCC has been working on this for some time**, and its presence on the agenda is to update the community on progress, and to canvas opinion on who should represent the community. Three of the local councillors are unable to devote sufficient time to the issue, and Hugh Semple will, therefore, be the 'voice of reason'. However, he needs back-up support. After much discussion, it was decided that Hugh would be backed up by John McArthur, and Chris Purslow. John has lodged his own objection, and has spent much time already investigating options. Chris is an architect with good experience of dealing with planners. Other suggestions for the team were rejected, although it was also considered that Hugh could draw on any number of local people to help him build his case

**ACTIONS: NKCC TO CONTINUE WORKING ON ITS CASE FOR THE PLI ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**PETITION TO BE SIGNED BY AS MANY PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE AS POSSIBLE**