

Kilfinan Community Council AGM 24th June 2025

Draft minutes

1. **Present and apologies** Ed Pybus, Vicky Wince, Robin Webster, Nicola Greenall, Catriona Renfrew and John MacColl, for final session. 13 members of the public.
2. **Declarations of interest** NG and EP partner work for ABCAN.
3. **Minutes of previous AGM** The last minutes supplied to the Argyll and Bute Council had been circulated. No current councillors were involved so minutes noted.
4. **Officer's reports and questions from the public**

Convenor's report

The Convenor noted the challenge to get the community council re-established and how pleased he was that we now have a CC in place. There have been four meetings. Progress includes building links with Colglen and other CC's developing work on connectivity, broadband, buses and transport more widely, community resilience planning, looking at clothes recycling, windfarms and roads. The CC engaged with residents on the rally proposals and submitted a detailed response to the A and B Council. The CC is represented on a range of committees and groups. The website is established and developing, there has been positive media coverage. We know there is a real need to raise awareness and get effective communication with our residents.

Secretary's report

There has been a lot of administrative work to re establish the Kilfinan Community Council. A constitution and standing orders have been approved and we are putting in place a register of interests for councillors. The KCC is now represented on a wide range of meetings and forums and I hope that the extensive correspondence we receive is flowing well. We post meeting information and communications on noticeboards in Tighnabruach and Kames, put information on Facebook and our Convenor has developed a website to try to ensure that our communities have easy access to our papers and can contribute to the work of the KCC.

I am grateful for the support of all of the Community Councillors and from the community council's team and Argyll and Bute Council.

Catriona Renfrew Secretary

Treasurers' report.

Balance sheets and accounts full finance report to August business meeting

Kilfinan Community Council was reestablished at an inaugural meeting in February 2025 after a prolonged period of dormancy. It took some time after the inaugural meeting to change the details on the bank account and access information. Due to this we have a number of payments which we have not yet been to made and these are listed below. Updated accounts will be reported to the next community council meeting when those outstanding bills have been paid.

Balance as at 13th June 2025 **£2012.333**

Outstanding liabilities

- Registration with Information Commissioner
- Website costs
- Kames hall hire for 5 meetings
- Stationery costs
- Refreshments for AGM

Vicky Wince Treasurer

- 5. Election of office bearers** the current Office bearers resigned. John Butcher proposed their reappointed, agreed without a vote.

Convenor Ed Pybus

Vice Convenor Nicola Greenall

Treasurer Vicky Wince

Secretary Catriona Renfrew

- 6. Future meeting dates all Kames Hall**

- 26/8 18.00
- 30/9 15.00
- 28/10 18.00
- 25/11 15.00

- 7. Next AGM date** 29th June 2026

The rest of the meeting took the form of an **engagement session** to enable members of the public to contribute the way the Community Council will use the emerging themes from the Local Place planning work, which is coming to a conclusion, to shape the priorities for our work.

Mary Lou and Nicola introduced the session with **background to the local place planning process and the work within the Kilfinan Parish to develop the local place plan. They reported on how positive people felt about living in this area but also the things which people care most about and that they want to see changed. Themes include travel and transport, climate and sustainability, accessible food and ensuring that renewable energy gains benefit the community. Specific issues included: -**

- **Bus services, not available in school holidays and infrequent, electric cars inaccessible due to costs and charging issues.**
- **Development of community hubs.**
- **Renewable energy, community benefit and investment.**
- **Housing innovation including croft creation, middle innings as a development opportunity with a potential social housing element. Wider demand for social housing provision, across the area.**

The comments and views expressed will be brought together with the wider planning work for consideration by a future CC meeting and will provide a continuing platform to prioritise our work and involve our residents.