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Date: Fri, 15 Aug 2025 at 14:49  
Subject: Re: Correspondence from Mr Butcher re: the Argyll Rally  
To: Sam Spencer <[samwspencer@outlook.com](mailto:samwspencer@outlook.com)>  
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Hi Sam,

Thanks for your email. I note your comments and will remind councillors of the importance of the distinction between personal and community council communications.

We will attend the Community Council debrief on Monday - unfortunately we have not had chance to have a face to face meeting to discuss the points we wish to raise since we received your invitation, but have agreed an approach by email. Catriona will attend on behalf of KCC. We have agreed that that is appropriate pending the outcome of your complaint, which will be discussed at our August meeting.

Kind regards,

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On Mon, 11 Aug 2025 at 22:18, Sam Spencer <[samwspencer@outlook.com](mailto:samwspencer@outlook.com)> wrote:  
Dear Mr Pybus and Members of Kilfinan Community Council,

We have received the attached correspondence from Mr Butcher regarding the recent Argyll Rally.

While his email seems to have been sent in his capacity as an elected member of Kilfinan Community Council, it appears that the points raised relate primarily to his own property, business arrangements, and personal circumstances rather than to an agreed or formally adopted position of the Council.

For the sake of accuracy and transparency, we believe it is important to note the following:

- Access to Mr Butcher's property, Corra Farmhouse, was restricted for only one special stage— on Saturday afternoon — and at all other times access to the property was maintained.
- The meeting at which this matter is to be discussed is taking place more than eight weeks after the event, which has allowed ample time for any objective and evidence-based assessment to be carried out.
- Mr Butcher refers to "*clear legal advice*" regarding pedestrian access during road closures and suggests this may be a basis for future claims. We seek clarification on whether this legal advice has been obtained on behalf of Kilfinan Community Council as a statutory, elected body, or whether it is advice sought privately. It is important that such statements are not presented as the official stance of the Community Council unless formally agreed and minuted.

While we welcome constructive engagement with all stakeholders, it is essential that personal opinions, individual grievances, or privately obtained information are not presented as representing the official view of Kilfinan Community Council. Doing so risks creating unnecessary confusion and undermining the credibility of any genuine collective representations the Council may wish to make.

We trust that this distinction will be borne in mind when Mr Butcher's correspondence is considered by the Community Council.

Please can you also confirm if a representative from Kilfinan Community Council will be attending the Argyll Rally 2025 Community Council De-Brief meeting on the 18th August at Glendaruel Hall.

Kind regards

**Sam Spencer**

*Clerk of the Course*

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