

Draft minutes Kilfinan Community Council meeting 30th September 2025.

1. Present

Ed Pybus, Nicola Greenall, John Butcher, John McColl, Vicky Wince
Apologies Robin Webster

2. Minutes of August 2025 meeting. Agreed.

3. Declarations of interest. NG is employed by Abcan as is EP partner.

4. Matters arising –

Bins update on request to Council. Negative response received CR to ask Councillor Sinclair to intervene.

Roads session with Council update from Area Committee. Councillor Blair committed to progress but nothing in place so far, CR to follow up. EP proposed that we have a focus on roads, including speed limits for our November meeting. We can publicise this and invite people to write in with issues and to attend the meeting. Community councillors can also use their networks. We would invite A and B Councillors and roads officer to attend CR. We already know there are community concerns about resurfacing needed, pavements and speed limits.

Community Resilience. Emergency Planning session is booked 3/10/25 report will come to the next meeting EP. Correspondence from a resident highlighted ambulance delays and communication issues. We will consider this at emergency planning session and let resident know that. CR

LAG members. List was circulated with the meeting papers. Agreed that it is disappointing the group does not include any CC representative. CR to raise concerns with A and B Council.

Broadband update. The national project team have indicated that late 2026 maybe deadline for superfast access. This is not acceptable, CR take up offer to attend a future KCC meeting and ask for more detailed information.

Mull Car Club update on complaint. No further action required.

Rally economic analysis: Councillor Sinclair was to obtain further information from Council Officers. CR to chase

Pontoon TDDT. TDDT have agreed to take responsibility. Noted that it would be useful to get TDDT agendas and minutes in advance so we are sighted on potential crossover issues. EP to contact TDDT chair to discuss ways to collaborate.

Road debris and overhanging trees. Include in developing roads discussion. CR

5. West Cowal Habitat Regeneration Project: Iain Dow, Woodland coordinator attended and gave an interesting overview of the project working across Argyll, with two areas identified as priorities, West Cowal, covering the KCC area, and Knapdale. The aim was to tackle issues damaging the rainforest including species invasion and

deer control. Ian highlighted opportunities around forestry and deer management with synergy of challenges to rain forest with challenges for rural communities. ACT have succeeded in getting funding for Glendarual deer larder. Ian emphasised close work with existing larders, employment and training opportunities **Ian to flag when planning application lodged so that KCC can respond**. CCs should be interested in deer management given forestry, accidents, community impact, food security, there is a positive opportunity of reducing deer numbers. Ian described the work of the Cowal Deer management group (CDMG). **KCC would like to be represented on the CDMG and on larder group**. JB expressed an interest.

Ian described issues with damage special biodiversity around the Kilfinan Burn area and lack of response from landowners and forestry managers. **Agreed that KCC can lobby on these issues, Ian to provide details**.

KCC are a statutory consultee on forestry plans **agreed KCC should set up sub group and look for support from Forestry Scotland. EP**. Ian to provide a short flier that we could use to publicise the work of the project.

6. Local Place Plan proposal. NG updated, proposal is to launch the local place plan producers' market for 28 days consultation to be finalised by end January. **KCC members need to have the opportunity review draft plan before launch. NG to come back with suggestions**

7. Improving our villages: discussion next meeting linked to Local Place Plan CR

8. Speed limits and road safety. dealt with under item 4.

9. Forestry Consultation. Dealt with under item 5 EP

10. CC scheme of establishment consultation feedback and next stage.

Opportunity for KCC to contribute. Agreed we would suggest Community Councils use business email address for official business, noted how confusion can arise if personal emails are used to represent CC positions. CR to raise.

11. AGM 2025 draft minutes. Noted

12. Rally update

The meeting endorsed our interim response and noted that MCC had submitted their route proposals to UK Motor Sport before the meeting with KCC. These had no changes to reflect the issues raised in the consultation for the KCC area. The recommendations in the discussion paper were agreed:-

- Liaise with Colglen Community Council to establish what action they propose to take given their objections to repeated stages on the same routes have not been accommodated.
- Complain to UK Motorsport that MCC have failed in the requirement to engage with communities in developing route proposals.
- Write to A and B Council setting out how KCC have tried to engage with MCC but to no effect and seeking their intervention.
- Develop alternative route proposals using our criteria.

Email response from A and B Council on the Road Traffic Act had been circulated by EP. Agreed that the response did not clearly answer the question we had put about

pedestrian access and we need to ask for a direct and clear answer so that we can convey that to residents on closed roads. CR to draft response to AB and C.

13. Meetings

- **Area Committee.** Noted

- **TDDT.** Noted

14. Planning applications CR to check how they can be obtained

15. Parish Online: subscription £60 per annum for mapping software agreed,

16. AOCB

17. Future meeting dates all Kames Hall –

28/10 18.00

25/11 15.00

Meeting dates for first half of 2026 times to be agreed

27th January

24th February

31st March

28th April

26th May

30th June and AGM