

# **Kilfinan Community Council Covering the villages of Tighnabruach, Kames, Millhouse, Ardlamont, Otter Ferry, Kilfinan and Portavadie.**

## **Draft minutes Kilfinan Community Council meeting at Kames Hall**

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 18.00**

- 1. Present and apologies** John Butcher, Victoria, Wince, Ed Pybus, Nicola Greenall, Catriona Renfrew, Nikki Brown, apologies John Mc and Robin Webster.
- 2. Minutes of November 2025 meeting.** Agreed
- 3. Declarations of interest.** NG and EP partner work for ABCAN. JB, CR, VW are neighbours to North Otter Forest.
- 4. Matters arising: -**
  - **Bins update on request to Council.** CR to go back council to try to progress.
  - **Broadband update.** No progress with Scottish Government Team. CR to follow up with Argyll and Bute Council and Jenni Minto. Also to check with other CCs.
  - **Collaboration with Tighnabruach Development Trust (TDDT)** EP reported on improved communication in place, potential of joint work on roads and children
  - **Kilfinan Community Forest Board no answer CR to follow up.**
  - **Training for community councillors.** Noted.
  - **Cruach Mhor windfarm.** EP meeting Colglen to discuss community benefits.
- 5. Local place plan final draft.** Paper circulated. Agreed to change wording on bus services, have three categories of actions. Community, joint between A and BC and KCC and planning/land use actions for AB and C. Agreed to include each action in the grid, which will become the action and monitoring plan. Final version to come to next meeting for formal approval.
- 6. Forestry group terms of reference** agreed, Ormidale woodlands plan circulated comments to EP.
- 7. Resilience planning update.** TDDT have purchased equipment for the church hall in Kames. Agreed KCC will promote discussion in Otter Ferry and Kilfinan about potential hubs. Meeting in place for SSEN. EP to draft communication update to wider group.
- 8. Children's issues update.** Paper attached from EP meeting with A and B C. Early years have since handed off proposal to widen nursery access. Agreed to ask for joint meet KCC/TDDT meet with early years team at the Council. EP to action.
- 9. Health and Social Care Services** CR proposed setting up a process to get community views on health and social care services. CR to draft a proposal, engagement with the health centre should be the first step.
- 10. High Brentfield windfarm application** EP noted the difficulty in commenting for KCC. NG highlighted the level of community benefit as the big issue, and we need to continue to raise that.

- 11. Follow up to roads session.** Agreed that the report from Keith Tennant sets out excellent progress. We should format into a community communication and publicise through Facebook to get community views particularly on speed limits CR. TDDT are picking up issues with the path from end of green lane into village and the layby at Ostel Bay. EP to engage with TDDT and Colin Young, lead for active travel.
- 12. North Otter Forest response** agreed. EP to submit.
- 13. Rally Update.** paper circulated, agreed to pursue meeting with council to discuss failure of MCC to engage with KCC concerns. Route issues flagged since April 2025 have not been heard and specific proposals to reduce disruption have not resulted in any changes. Agreed that Hugh O'Neill clarification that pedestrian access will not be restricted by the road traffic order is helpful. CR to acknowledge his response. We should also raise these issues at the 2/2/26 meeting with MCC.
- 14. Petition on Community Council powers** paper attached. Agreed that our main issues are councillor engagement and mixed responses from Council officers to issues KCC have raised. Agreed we need should engage with other Community Council's to see if they share the same issues and we can agree a unified approach.
- 15. ABCAN update** NG reported that additional funding is enabling projects on growing food in gardens and alternatives to sewage going into the sea. There is also capacity to encourage active travel by looking at increasing our path network. NG has been asked to sit on the Rural Water Group, including development of a website, and there is funding to develop a local energy scheme proposal and a food waste project. NG is looking at a community newsletter on resilience issues and an online community diary, might incorporate TDDT and Glenan newsletters.
- 16. Farming clusters** Smallholding, crofting and farming clusters are being established with one in our area, facilitated by Nicola Greenall and Marylou Anderson. They can be contacted or further information is available on Cowal Southwest Farming Cluster Facebook page.
- 17. Meetings**
- **Ferry Stakeholder group** EP noted issues with Portavadie ferry and lack of consultation on changes. CalMac must engage with Community Councils. EP to follow up.
- 18. AOCB**
- agreed finance motion which will enable opening of a new, digital bank account VW.
  - JB raised issue of Made in Kyles having continuing access Tam's Tools shop. EP thinks resolved. JB to check specifics
- 19. Future meeting dates for 2026.** Agreed Kyles church hall might be a more suitable venue, with more space for members of the public. CR to check availability.
- **24th February 15.00**
  - **31st March 18.00**
  - **28th April 15.00**

- **26th May 18.00**
- **30th June and AGM 15.00**