

North Knapdale Community Council

Minutes of the North Knapdale Community Council meeting held on the 20th August, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Tayvallich Village Hall:

In attendance: Heather Williams, Andrew Wilson, Lynne Milne, Christine Richards, Dougie Philand, Alan Hutchison, Mike Kelly, Norma Kelly, Iain Ritchie, Richard Stein, Fergie Anderson, Ann Anderson, Grant Lees.

1. Welcome: Iain Ritchie welcomed everyone.
2. Apologies: Catherine MacLennan, Sergeant Iain MacNichol, Sandy Taylor, John Grafton, Kate Walker, Graham Walker, Ross Ryan, Andy Grant.
3. Approval of minutes of last meetings: the minutes of the AGM and the May meeting were approved.
4. Police Report:
 - i) There were no incidents in Tayvallich or Bellanoch.
 - ii) On 5th July, reports were received of low water level in the canal. No one could be contacted from Scottish Canals, but the level seemed to restore itself.
 - iii) On 19th July a walker found a bone near Achnamara which may have been human. It was confirmed not to be.
 - iv) Telephone and email scams are still the big concern. A woman near Furnace lost £20,000 when she was persuaded, by persons pretending to be from her bank, to move her money to a 'safe' account to prevent fraud.
5. Matters arising/ correspondence: none.

6. Consultation Report on the Proposal to Close Ashfield Primary School: This has been published. As expected it recommended closure, and it seemed to rule out further mothballing Ashfield School. It did promise to work with NKCC and AVH Committee to work towards a solution that suited Achnamara's plans. It was agreed to find out the outcome of the AVH meeting on the 26th August and for NKCC to help AVHC if it proved possible.

7. Planning issues: Planning has been very quiet.

8. Knapdale North Opportunity Trust: Knapdale South had been in touch for a copy of the NKCC constitution. SKCC have benefits from a wind farm which they need a mechanism to receive.

9. Parking in Tayvallich...: No significant developments to report. The line painting at the shop car park still hasn't taken place.

10. Road issues:
 - i) The flooding on the Gleann a Gealbhan is back. Mrs Richards has cleared the drain on a few occasions, but detritus and gravel continue to run down the hill into the corner causing a blockage. The flooding has again been reported and Councillors Taylor and Philand have undertaken to follow this up.
 - ii) The junction at Cairnbaan is thought to be dangerous as tourists miss the Give Way sign and continue onto the main road without stopping. It was agreed that improved signage and road markings should be considered. Perhaps even a Stop sign, instead.

11. Crinan Canal: management to attend the November meeting: Please submit questions soon.

12. AOCB: Councillor Philand raised concerns over the potential closure of Knapdale Ward. No new admissions are being taken and the NHS is struggling to recruit new staff. Possibly as a result of the threat of closure. This means there is no local provision of dementia care even for respite care.
13. Date and venue of next meeting. Crinan, 19th November, 2019 at 730pm.