

EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in Carradale Village Hall
1st February 2018

MINUTES

Present:

Stuart Irvine (SI) (Convenor), Eleanor Sloan (ES) (Secretary), Robert Strang (RS), Ronnie Brownie (RB), Ian Brodie (IB) Bill Bidmead (BB) Charles McMillan (CM) (Treasurer)

In attendance –

Anne Horn (AH), Robin Currie (RC), Alastair Redman (AR),
PC Harper
120 Members of the public (MoP)

1. Welcome

At 7pm – Stuart Irvine opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

2. Carradale Surgery

Stuart invited Dr Malcolm Elder to take the floor to inform the meeting about the 2018 GP contract and the impact on rural patients.

Dr Elder told us that from April 2018 Phase 1 of a change in GP contracts will be coming into play – and as self-employed doctor, who employs staff and runs his own practise under a national contract – this will change the way his practise will work.

The proposal is to reduce the hours that Doctors spend doing other parts of patient care and employ other health care professionals to take on these roles – allowing doctors more time with patients. It is believed that this will adversely affect rural and inner city practises. It is generally not felt that our rurality will not allow these proposals to work successfully.

Phase 2 will be implemented in about 3 – 5 years.

There is a 5 week window for community response to this proposal, a short life working group has been put together by the Scottish Government as a result of concerns over this contract.

We would like to feed into this working group – and the best way to do this is –

- engage with the patient group – do this via the surgery
- contact alliance Scotland and voice our concerns –
www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/events/gp-engagement
- EKCC to write to MSP's
- Patients to write to MSP's

3. Apologies

Apologies from Trish Collins

4. Minutes of last meeting – 07/12/17

Minutes were proposed by Robert Strang seconded by Ronnie Brownie.

5. Treasurers report

Balance on 20/12/2017 was £1615.95

6. Hall to school path

The plans have been submitted for the development of the path and funding is being arranged for it and it hoped to be completed by May 2018

7. Planning

An application for a house build at Waterfoot by Tony Leighton was agreed by all councillors.

8. Kerb stones and Port Righ pavement

RC was told this is a problem for the education department

9. Water problem at man-hole cover at harbour

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No progress – **SI to contact Scottish Water.**

10. **Road signage**

Signage point 1 – an additional sign at the top of the quay brae – reminding drivers that there may be pedestrians on the road – **Anne Horn to chase up** –

Signage point 2 – change of speed limits at various points in village – **AH to get update**

11. **AOB**

- Electric Car charge point – IB said that Energy Trust Scotland are going to do a feasibility study within the village.
- RS told us about the CARS (Community Asset Register) – this invites groups and individuals to register themselves to help provide assistance or equipment to the emergency services in their area – for more information got to <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk> and search for **asset register**
- East Kintyre Wind Farm Trust – have been approached by Carradale Village Hall – for an extra £6000 towards the hall repairs – all members agreed to this and a retrospective application will be submitted in May.
- The Play Park have also been successful in fundraising £37,000 towards the play park and are now ordering the equipment and installation- it was agreed by the EKWFT to put aside £5,000 for them as a contingency amount for any unseen costs – again this will be submitted as a retrospective application in May.
- Street light at Port Righ – this will be discussed by ABC in the late Spring.
- A member of the public from Port Righ – said she would like street lights all along the road at Port Righ
- Pot Holes – as always the best advice for this is in the first instance – inform the council, and if the holes are not getting filled then the EKCC can approach ABC regarding this issue.
- Shelagh Cameron suggested the use of hard plastics in road building and repair – Shelagh will forward the link to this initiative to all the local councillors. Everyone agreed it is a good idea.
- ES asked who is responsible for the repairs to the beach access road on the bay – after the last gate – the land belongs to Colin Burgess – **SI agreed to speak to him about it**
- ES reminded the meeting that Stuart Irvine is planning on retiring from the council and there will be a vacancy for an council member/advisor, if anyone is interested could they please email Eleanor with some information about themselves and their reasons for being interested in joining EKCC – midsummer.bracken@hotmail.com
- Shelagh suggested that the surgery group may want to contact Scottish Rural Action for support, or the Rural Parliament.
- Anne Horn – thanked the folk of Carradale for their support to the families and people of Tarbert after the tragedy on 18 January.

12. **Date of next meeting**

7pm – 22/03/2018

Stuart closed the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for attending.