

SOUTH KNAPDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

South Knapdale Community Council Meeting

Kilberry 1821 Church

17th September 2025

19:00

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Brian Steven and John Campbell (Councillors)

2. Record attendees

Carina Spink (Councillor), Ed Tyler (ET) (Secretary), Jarl Van Den Berg (JB) (Treasurer), Kara Paschalides (KP) (Chair), Lisa Stoulton (LS) (Councillor), Hugh Thomson (HT)

3. Establish any Declarations of Interest

None

4. Actions of last meeting

KP wrote and circulated a questionnaire amongst the councillors for comment. She also investigated costs of setting up a dedicated website and physical notice boards. She also spoke to Melissa Stewart about governance, housekeeping and roles and responsibilities. She responded to concerns about speeding on the B8024 and wrote to A and B Roads Department requesting advisory speed limit signs on B8024

LS looked into Community Action Plans.

ET wrote to Energi Kontor (Rowan Windfarm). We have been advised by EK that if a Windfarm is built we would be eligible for funds to distribute to projects in the community if we set up a suitable legal structure to do so.

5. Governance housekeeping/roles & responsibilities

ACTION Those of us who have been co-opted onto the Council need to fill out the relevant forms and pass on to KP, who will send them to Melissa Stewart of Argyll and Bute Council (her role is support Community Councils in the Local Authority Area).

6. High Brenfield (Low Carbon) Windfarm

HT explained the background to Low Carbon's application to build a windfarm above Ardrishaig at High Brenfield. It is of such a scale that it will be decided by the Scottish Government.

ACTION KP to obtain an update from Melissa Stewart and ensure we as a Council are listed as consultees/stakeholders.

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7. Rowan (Energie Kontor) Windfarm

ET went through his Energi Kontor correspondence.
No further action to be taken at this stage.

8. Road conditions/advisory speed limit signs

ACTION KP to write to Melissa Stewart to attempt to get a response from Argyll and Bute Council Roads Department regarding our request for advisory speed limit signs on the B8024. Also to carry out road repairs to the Achahoish spur road.

9. SKCC Outreach and Support to Local Community

(a) Questionnaire

ACTION KP to circulate draft letter/questionnaire for approval and send out to all residents by end of September.

The answers to the questionnaire could form the basis of a Community Action Plan (CAP).

ACTION KP to follow up with Melissa Stewart about what is entailed in formulating a CAP.

(b) Website for SKCC

KP described how she had looked into costs of setting up a dedicated website. She thought that Crystal Hosting would provide the best service.

Action KP to discuss costs with JB and set up website.

(c) Notice boards

Each wee community along the road used to have a notice board but these have since disappeared/fallen into repair. **ACTION:** KP to purchase one for £300 for Kilberry and install it. If it proves a success, others could be purchased for the other communities.

10. AI meeting assistant

ET had set up Otter AI on phone as a free 7 day trial and this meeting was recorded using the App. He has written up the minutes using it and considers it to be a useful tool. It costs about £100 per year. He recommends we use it for future meetings.

ACTION ET to email JB to seek his views as Treasurer re. purchasing a year's subscription

11. AOB

A83 – Rest and Be Thankful. Jarl asked the meeting's opinions about the effects of long-term disruption caused by ongoing works on the A83 at the Rest and Be

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Thankful.

12, Dates for Next Meeting

**Next Meeting: Wednesday November 12th at 6pm to be held at Ormsary Hall.
ACTION – J to book hall.**