

EAST KINTYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Carradale Village Hall - Thursday 1 October 2026 at 7.00 pm

1. Welcome

TC welcomed everyone and read the opening statement.

2. Present

Ian Brodie (IB), Trish Collins (TC), Audrey Willan (AW), José MacKinnon (JM) and Elinor Prince (EP).

Members of the community attended in person and via Zoom. No Argyll and Bute Councilors were present.

3. Apologies

Robert Strang (RS) and Russell Kay (RK).

Previous minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed by IB and seconded by JM.

4. Treasurer's Report

The balance was reported as £2,160.66, of which £1,497.11 was ring-fenced, leaving a working balance of £663.55.

5. Matters Arising

Tormhor pavement map/update: An update had been expected from ACHA. A map of Airds had been received from Dougie McFadzean (DMF), but this was not the map that had been requested.

FLS road clearance after forestry lorries: The clearance work had been carried out. Members considered the road to be wider and much improved, although still somewhat rough.

Road sweeping, road debris and vegetation: No substantive update was recorded and the matter remains outstanding.

ACHA land ownership map: Still awaiting the requested information.

Broomfield houses/vulnerabilities - ACHA follow-up: No update was recorded.

EV charging points - A&B Council clarification: Two fast chargers are proposed for Shore Road. No timescale has yet been provided.

B842 condition: No update was recorded.

Tosh's Park street lighting: No update was recorded.

Village signage review: Work remains in progress.

TC will chase the outstanding Matters Arising items.

Members also discussed ACHA carrying out improvements elsewhere which benefit both ACHA tenants and private owners, and queried why a similar approach could not be taken at Tormhor. TC will raise this with ACHA.

Port Righ Road was raised separately. Members noted that vegetation remains very overgrown and is considered dangerous. TC will continue to pursue the issue.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence from Paul Houghton MRTPI of Houghton Planning Ltd regarding Torrisdale Car Park was discussed. Mr Houghton advised that he had recently been retained by Harvey Libster to prepare a fresh planning application and an application for advertisement consent for the car park and associated signage. The previous planning application had already been withdrawn and the advertisement consent application was withdrawn on 30 September to allow a full review.

Mr Houghton said that, as part of this work, he wished to speak with the Community Council and the local community about what had happened and what should happen going forward. He stated that he would approach matters with an open mind and had been given a wide remit to seek a way forward.

He also advised that Mr Libster had received an enforcement notice and that his first step would be to appeal it to Scottish Ministers. He described the intended appeal as a technical appeal concerning what the notice requires Mr Libster to do and the timescale for doing so. Preparation of the fresh planning application would continue while the appeal progresses.

Mr Houghton offered to attend a regular or special Community Council meeting, or a virtual meeting, to discuss the matter. He is expected to attend the next EKCC meeting on 5 November. Members noted that the matter is likely to be of significant interest to the community.

The issue of Japanese knotweed is being pursued separately from the planning matter; TC has asked for this to be dealt with independently.

7. Planning

NA

8. Harbour

Work is continuing on the house at the harbour, although progress has been slowed by issues relating to planning and contamination.

9. Wellpark

The pavilion electricity bill has been revised down and a credit of £700 was noted on the account. Members are considering what can be done with the pavilion going forward, including making it more usable and generating income. The roof is likely to require maintenance.

10. LDPG Update

No update was recorded in the meeting notes.

11. CCT Update

RK's written update was noted. The CCT members' vote on the garage site recorded 45 YES votes (53%) and 40 NO votes (47%). The YES votes were Option A: 28, Option B: 6 and Option C: 11.

MOWI has verbally offered funding towards purchase of the site. Written confirmation is still required, including confirmation that this would be new funding and would not reduce existing community funding.

Concerns have been raised about possible historic fuel contamination. CCT has approached an environmental specialist to establish the likely cost of a survey and any potential remediation.

12. EKWFT

Alasdair Bennett gave the EKWFT update. Applications are open and close on 22 October.

13. EKREG

No update was recorded.

14. Amenities/Roads

Matters were covered under Matters Arising earlier in the meeting.

15. A.O.C.B.

Multipurpose pitch / playpark: KG asked about progress on the multipurpose pitch. No progress was reported. TC advised that the matter could be considered through the Playpark Committee, of which KG is a member.

New goalposts have arrived. KG will put them up and store the old goalposts at the rear of the pavilion.

Community Mandate: TC introduced the proposed East Kintyre Community Council Community Mandate and read out the areas of responsibility. It was agreed that the mandate should be published on the EKCC website.

The following responsibilities were agreed:

Role / member	Responsibility	Minute record
Convener	Planning and development; MAKI Area Committee; liaison and reporting	IB proposed; AW seconded
Vice Chair	Roads, infrastructure and pathways	TC proposed; JM seconded
Treasurer	Pathways and financial oversight	AW; EP seconded
Councillor Prince	Carradale in Bloom	TC proposed; AW seconded
Councillor Strang	Wellpark maintenance	IB proposed; AW seconded
Councillor Brodie	Windfarm matters	As set out in the mandate

CCT / development plan meeting: AW advised that EKCC will invite CCT to a meeting shortly to discuss moving forward with the development plan.

Next meeting: Thursday 5 November 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall, Carradale Village Hall.

Actions arising

Owner	Action
TC	Chase outstanding Matters Arising items.
TC	Raise the Tormhor improvements issue with ACHA.
TC	Continue to pursue the Port Righ Road vegetation issue.
TC	Continue to pursue Japanese knotweed separately from the planning matter.
EKCC Sec	Publish the Community Mandate on the website.
KG	Put up the new goalposts and store the old goalposts behind the pavilion.
EKCC / CCT	Arrange a joint meeting to discuss the development plan, garage site and EV charging coordination.