

KILTARLITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM-17™ APRIL 2014  
SECRETARIAL REPORT - 31 MARCH 2013 - 31 MARCH 2014

This again has been an extremely busy year. Communications from various Groups have been rapidly increased, and in some cases attachments can amount to 56 pages or more. Instead of printing these documents, they are being forwarded electronically to Members for consideration and comments, to be brought forward as necessary. Websites are becoming more user friendly for the completion of questionnaires, surveys etc, as now requested by Organisations.

The Police Liaison Sessions are proving very successful with the Police and the Community working closely together.

The Community Payback Scheme is also working well with various works being undertaken around Kiltarlity.

There has been an increase in planning applications throughout the year, to which Members have registered objections.

- a) The Fairburn Extension Wind farm (refused)
- b) Achnacloch Wind turbine (refused)
- c) Druim Ba Wind farm (refused) - discussions are ongoing regarding a possible community buyout.
- d) Meteorological Mast - a possible precursor for a Wind farm at Erchless, Breakachy and Farley Estates (ongoing).
- e) Environmental Screening Application at Teavarron for a Wind turbine (ongoing).

Members have been attending the Beaully Community Liaison Group Meetings run by SSE. These have proved to be most informative, especially regarding the ongoing noise issues being experienced at Wester Balblair Sub Station. A recent site visit was attended by Kilmorack, Beaully and Kiltarlity Community Council members. Also, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Helen Carmichael, Cllr Hamish Wood and representatives from the Highland Council were in attendance.

The Garden Waste Service has proved to be a great success with Kiltarlity residents.

Following in-depth discussions by Members, and following a presentation at the Lovat Arms Hotel, Beaully, and a meeting at the Highland Council Offices in Inverness, comments were submitted electronically on the Highland Council's Website regarding the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan.

Members registered their concern regarding the proposed Service Centre Closures by Highland Council, and the ramifications this could subsequently bring.