

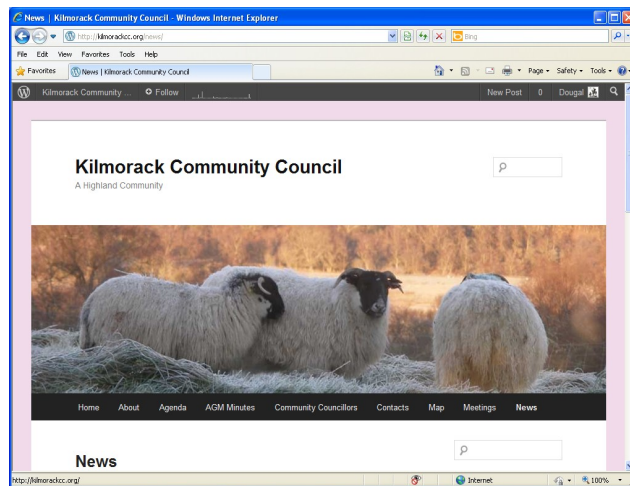
# KILMORACK TIMES

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## LAUNCH OF NEW WEB SITE

Kilmorack Community Council is pleased to announce the launch of a new web site to keep the community up to date with what the Community Council is doing. It will contain the recent Minutes of all Meetings, dates of Meetings and contact details of your councillors. It also has a News page for items that are current. There is an option on the contacts page to make any comments that you feel relevant. The address is: <http://kilmorackcc.org>



### Beaully Toll Barriers

We are pleased to announce that we have just received funding from the ward discretionary fund to replace the

damaged barriers by the War Memorial across from Beaully Toll with a wooden wicket fence. Work will commence shortly and will smarten up an otherwise unsightly area.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The last year has again been a busy one for the Community Council, we continue to build on the good relationships we have with local residents and businesses in the community and to inform them of developments and concerns occurring in

and around the area that may directly or indirectly affect them.

During the last year various committee members have been actively involved in representing the Community Council on the Aigas Community Forest and the

Balblair Quarry Liaison Group and have also attended various meetings held by Highland Council.

Following this years Community Council elections certain members notified of their intentions to stand down and the

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- Cemetery Bus Stop
- Glen Affric Parking
- Snow and Ice
- Druim Ba
- Beaully/Mossford
- Fairburn extension
- Inner Moray Firth Plan

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### Kilmorack Cemetery Car Park & Bus Stop

Plans are afoot to resurface the car park at the cemetery and install a wooden Bus Shelter

### Parking Charges – Glen Affric

We have raised objections to the imposition of Parking Charges in the FCS car parks in Glen Affric and will shortly be meeting with FCS to discuss this further. There is a petition against the charges on [www.glenaffric.org](http://www.glenaffric.org)



Beaulie River

### Druim Ba Wind Farm Proposal

The Inquiry into the Druim Ba Wind Farm Section 36 Application will take place at Kiltarlity Hall from the 26th June 2012. The Reporter appointed by the Scottish Ministers is Dan Jackson BA (Hons) MRTPI of the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals.

*"Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is necessity; that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life."*

— John Muir

## HEALTH SERVICE INTEGRATION

Community Council members attended a presentation of this new scheme. In it the elderly will be looked after entirely by the NHS whilst the young and disabled will come under the care of Highland Council Education and Social Services. This should be of benefit as each entity will be dealt with in

house and the difficulties of getting agreements across different organisations will be much reduced. Unfortunately this does not address the shortage of care staff in this area.



### Fairburn Wind Farm Extension

SSE has launched a consultation with regard to the extension of the Fairburn Wind Farm with up to thirty six additional turbines. There will be more detailed plans available in October and further consultation will take place then. The site of the proposed extension is in the centre of Glen Orrin close to the Allt Goinbhre Burn which forms the boundary of the KCC area. From initial views it would seem unlikely that it will have any visual impact on Kilmorack. We have requested a consultation meeting at the Kilmorack Hall.

### Beaulie/Mossford Undergrounding and Beaulie/Denny Mitigation

We have met with SSE and they have explained the works scheduled for the Braes. The Altyre path and the Beaulie Toll path will be going to planning by the end of April. Disruption for the undergrounding will be extensive but short lived. SSE will be holding an open day at the Lovat in Beaulie to explain the details to the Community. Date to be confirmed.

## BEAULY-DENNY LINE

We have had discussions with Lisa Kelly of SSE over several matters appertaining to the Beauly-Denny line over the winter. This included the felling of trees over the Christmas break and the re-location of Red Squirrels. Both took place with necessary approvals but we have taken a pro-active stance in assuring that the least disruption and damage is done to the Community. Problems with bringing the Crane, needed to erect the next towers, over the Black Bridge has resulted in re-routing through Kiltarlity. Communications are ongoing and discussions about the under-grounding as part of the mitigation have taken place recently where a number of Community members were present.. Reduction in the wire scape over the Braes will commence at the end of the installation of the Beauly-Mossford underground cable.



### Local Council Elections Thursday 3rd May 2012

Local council elections take place on Thursday 3rd May. You should have received your ballot papers by now. You must be registered by 18th April.

You should also have received a leaflet on how to vote, Remember you can vote for as many or as few candidates as you wish. You do not have to vote for every candidate. As long as one number is on your voting paper you will be counted.

Any questions  
[www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

### Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan

The Highland Council has produced a new plan and there will be an opportunity to discuss this with them at a Public Exhibition and Evening Workshop at Phipps Hall on Tuesday, 24th April 2012 from 2.00pm to 6.30pm.

### Cemetery Notice Board Revamped



*"God never made an ugly landscape. All that sun shines on is beautiful, so long as it is wild."*

— John Muir

### Chairman's Report Continued

Community Council acknowledge the invaluable assistance that Adrian Todd, James Martin and Kay Simon have all contributed to the Community Council and wished them all well in their future ventures, they will all be greatly missed by the Community Council.

The year ahead of us will again be a busy and sometimes a challenging one and I look forward working with my other colleagues and friends on the Community Council.

Steve Byford—Chair



# Kilmorack Community Council

## Mission Statement

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*Kilmorack is situated to the southwest of Beauly at the entrance of Strathglass in the county of Inverness-shire. Bordered by the Beauly River to the south, the railway to the east, Glen Orrin to the north and Erchless Estate to the east. It contains several dispersed communities at Crask of Aigas, Old Town of Aigas, Breakachy, Teanassie, Farley, Broallan, Drumindosair, Dunmore, Leanassie, Torgomack, Ruilick, Ruisaurie, and Wester Balblair.*

*The Kilmorack Community Council operates under the auspices of Highland Council and is elected by the community of Kilmorack. It is there as a contact between the community and the Highland Council to further the interests of that community. All meetings are open to all members of the Community and are usually supported by at least one of our Highland Council Councillors.*

## AIGAS FIRE STORM

Many homes in the Aigas area had a close call when a brush fire swept over the hill damaging 4 square kilometers of land. Four households were evacuated in the early hours of the morning as firemen fought to protect the properties. By lunchtime it seemed to be well under control but after initial success new isolated outbreaks resulted in a helicopter being brought in by HIFRS and FCS which finally doused the fires. No injury or damage to property was caused and we must thank the Firemen for their prompt and valiant assistance. Also we should thank the Aigas rangers and other locals who supported the fire service and helped fight the fires. Whilst the damage is extensive from an ecological point of view fire is, of course, an entirely natural event and regeneration of the ground will hopefully soon be evident.. The dry weather of the last few weeks has meant that the conditions were ideal for

these sort of outbreaks and it is extremely lucky with the wind conditions on the day that the fires didn't get hold in the Aigas Forest. The snow that followed certainly finished off any remnant hot spots but brought a 24hr power cut to the area.



### Wild Fires Warning

A timely reminder that the only firemen that you wish to see are the ones above, **SCOTLAND HAS been put on high alert for wild-fires**, with the Met Office advising that the unseasonably hot, dry weather has raised the Fire Severity Index to "elevated levels". OK, the last few days snow has damped down the ground but underneath the bracken and gorse are tinder dry. Take extra care when out. Make sure the cigarette butts are out and tenants and landowners should exercise extreme caution with muir-burn.