



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH  
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012, at Kilmallie Hall

**Present**

- **Kilmallie Community Council**
- Jillian Clark
- Christine Hutchison
- Mandy Ketchin
- Russell Leaper
- Maggie Mackenzie (Chair)
- Jan MacLugash
  
- **Other members of public**
- Janis Strachan
  
- Bronwen Strachan
  
- **Highland Councillors**
- Allan Henderson
- Eddie Hunter
  
- **Apologies**
- Bill Clark
- Andy Bilton
- Kshama Wilmington

**ACTION**

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of 18/04/2012 were corrected with the deletion of the sentence under item 7 'THC advice to KCC is to approach businesses for contributions to a KCC community fund' since this advice had come from other sources and not Highland Council.

**2. Declarations of interest**

With regard to the Scottish Canals consultation, JM noted that she helped to organise the Friends of the Caledonian Canal Lochaber (FOCAL) group who have also made representations regarding the consultation. JM, MK and RL also noted that they live directly beside the canal and could be affected by any developments.

**3. Treasurer's report**

JM reported a donation to KCC from the Lochaber Marathon Committee. A letter of thanks had been sent and members expressed their appreciation for the donation.

**4. Presentation and update from Ferguson Transport**

KCC welcomed Alasdair Ferguson from Ferguson Transport which is based in Corpach and maintains a fleet of over 50 vehicles and 120 trailers transporting goods including forestry, agriculture, aluminium and fish farm products. Overall the fleet travels around 3,750,000 miles a year. The base at Corpach also includes maintenance facilities for other local vehicles including being a tachograph calibration centre.

The aim is to develop the transport business but not to increase the amount of road transport. To this end the company now operates two ships and has plans for an inter-modal transport hub at Corpach, linking rail, sea and road. This will require capital funding support from the Scottish Government but a single train a day on the West Highland line linking Corpach to Grangemouth could substantially reduce traffic on the A82.

KCC members welcomed initiatives to reduce lorry traffic on the roads which is a particular concern through Corpach but also on the local network in general including the A830 Mallaig road.

**5. Association of Lochaber Community Councils (ALCC)**

KCC has been contacted by ALCC to discuss the future of the Association. In the past ALCC had brought Community Councils together to work on issues of mutual concern such as the threatened closure of facilities at the Belford Hospital. It was agreed that it was important to maintain formal links between all the Lochaber Community Councils through an Association that would allow quick and easy joint action if required. However it was not felt necessary to hold additional meetings. It was agreed to contact ALCC and express support for maintaining the Association through a web presence and email correspondence. KCC will offer to host ALCC web pages as part of the KCC site.

RL

## **6. Follow up on consultation event on master planning for Caledonian Canal**

Representations from KCC to the Scottish Canal's consultant John Duff regarding the consultation process for the canal have so far been largely ignored. Several members of KCC had attended the consultation event on 19<sup>th</sup> of April. At that event Jeremy Scott had offered to act as a contact person for KCC. KCC has since written to Jeremy repeating previous requests for a full record of the consultation and asking that arrangements for future events should be acceptable to all community agencies.

## **7. Access to Corpach beach and possible beach clean up**

Janis and Bronwen Strachan attended the meeting to highlight the difficulties of access to the beach at Corpach via the level crossing opposite Drumfada Terrace. The existing path is very overgrown and virtually blocked by a stack of cuttings. It was agreed to try and find out who owns the land and also to raise this with the local Access Forum through Alastair Stewart the local access contact.

There is also a considerable amount of litter on the beach. It was agreed to investigate this more and decide whether KCC should initiate a community beach clean up.

## **8. Traffic flow on A830 through Corpach**

The speed of traffic along the A830 through Corpach remains an ongoing concern. It was agreed to ask for radar systems linked to warning signs to indicate to drivers that they had exceeded the 30mph limit. Further traffic flow monitoring may be necessary to decide the optimum location for such signs. It was also agreed to investigate extending the 30mph limit towards Annat Point to include the section of the A830 currently with a 40mph limit. However it would be useful to gauge the level of local support for this extension before making official representations.

## **9. Graffiti on Corpach road sign**

It was noted that the sign for Corpach had recently been subject to graffiti. KCC will follow up with Highland Council officials to see how this could be removed.

## **10. Web site**

KCC had been approached by Kilmallie Community Company asking for a page on the web site. This should be straightforward to arrange and closer links with the Community Company were welcomed. It was also agreed to set up a kilmallie.org.uk email address for enquiries regarding Kilmallie Hall.

## **11. Future KCC projects and activities**

Much of the work of KCC in the last year has been to establish good lines of communication with the community through the web site and newsletter as well as reacting to issues as they have arisen. It was agreed to think about pro-active projects that would benefit the community and send suggestions to the Chair for further discussion.

## **12. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be the AGM. It is planned for 20<sup>th</sup> June in Kilmallie Hall.

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