



# COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013, at Kilmallie Hall

## Present

- **Kilmallie Community Council**
- Mandy Ketchin
- Russell Leaper
- Maggie Mackenzie (Chair)
- Kshama Wilmington
- Jan MacLugash
- **Apologies**
- Jillian Clark
- Bill Clark
- Christine Hutchison
- Allan Henderson
- Eddie Hunter
- Andy Bilton

### 1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of 21/11/2012 were approved.

### 2. Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report was presented. Current monies available are £2258.79

### 3. Speed limits on A830

KCC had made the case for reducing the speed limit west of Corpach from 40mph to 30mph. A review commissioned by Transport Scotland had recommended retaining the current limits. KCC had contacted Derek Paterson the local area commander for Northern Constabulary and he had indicated that the police agreed with the Transport Scotland position. In view of this it was agreed not to pursue the speed limit reduction at this stage.

On a more positive note, KCC had been informed by Transport Scotland that they would be proposing reduced speed limits on the A830 replacing the current 60mph from Corpach to the new Blar roundabout with 40mph and 30mph from the Blar roundabout to the Lochybridge roundabout. KCC strongly welcomes these proposals.

### 4. Christmas lights in 2013

In response to the decision by Highland Council to no longer provide Christmas lights in Corpach and Banavie KCC had sent around a questionnaire to all households. Responses are still coming in and full results will be reported at future meetings. Several people had indicated a willingness to help facilitate future Christmas lights and decorated trees. It was agreed to encourage those willing to help to meet to prepare a plan. (Action MM to discuss with JC)

### 5. Bus stops on A830 at new Blar roundabout

Several members noted their dismay at the locations of the bus stops on the A830 which also have no laybys for the bus to pull into so that any stopping bus will hold up the traffic. This could lead to traffic backing up on to the roundabout itself. However, Transport Scotland had indicated that they did not view the lack of laybys as a safety problem. At the time of the planning application for the details of the new Tesco supermarket KCC and others had pointed out the difficulties that the location of the bus stops would cause, resulting in people having to walk 100m with heavy shopping to catch the bus. The developer had not taken any account of these concerns and the fundamental problems would not be fixed just by creating laybys.

## **6. Road signs at new roundabouts on A830**

The new road signs related to the Blar development use an incorrect spelling of Blar Mor on the English language signs. It was agreed to seek advice on any other issues related to the Gaelic signs and then send a letter asking for the signs to be corrected (MK to write to roads department copied to Highland Council and local Councillors)

## **7. Presentations at future meetings**

KCC will visit the High School to find out more about the community facilities and also hold the February meeting (20 Feb) in the High School.(Action JM to arrange with High School staff)

Anne Nelson from Lochaber Environmental Group had offered to give a talk on composting including community compost schemes. Composting food waste saves on waste collection and land fill costs. The talk is provisionally scheduled for the March 20 meeting (MK to contact Anne closer to the time to confirm)

Lochaber Women's aid had also contacted KCC and offered to attend a meeting to provide more information. This could take place at the April meeting. They have also been encouraged to help publicise their work through an article in the newsletter.

## **8. Annat micro hydro scheme planning application**

KCC had requested details of the plans for a micro hydro scheme at Annat. No specific concerns were identified with respect to the scheme and therefore KCC will not make any representation.

## **9. Waterways Heritage Consultation**

KCC had found out about a consultation by Scottish Canals on their draft Heritage Strategy. The closing date is 21 Jan 2013. KCC had been actively involved in previous consultations regarding the canal and it is disappointing that Scottish Canals had not informed KCC about the Heritage Consultation It was agreed to investigate further and pass on any information to Friends of the Caledonian Canal Lochaber (FOCAL) who may wish to comment (Action MK to examine consultation documents).

## **10. Highlands and Islands media awards**

Kilmallie Community News has been shortlisted with two others for the Community Newspaper category of the Highlands and Islands Media Awards. The winner of the award will be announced on February 1<sup>st</sup> by Michael Russell, Scottish Government Cabinet Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, at the Press Ball in the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness. Members congratulated the newsletter team for this achievement which has been made possible by a large number of contributors, delivery volunteers and financial support from local businesses. A press release will be sent to Lochaber News and Oban Times (Action MK to write release)

## **11. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in the High School. The change from the normal venue will be advertised on the web site (Action MK) and notice boards (Action JM to put up posters, including at Kilmallie Community Centre).

### Distribution

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