



# COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:00 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
at Lochaber High School

## Present

- Maggie Mackenzie (Chair)
- Kshama Wilmington
- Jan MacLugash
- Christine Hutchison
- Mandy Ketchin
  
- PS Andy Bilton (Police Liaison) (part meeting)
- Cllr Eddie Hunter (tour only)

## Apologies

- Russell Leaper
- Cllr Allan Henderson
- Cllr Bill Clark

## 1 Tour of community facilities at High School

Grateful thanks to Isobel MacKenzie, Deputy Head of Lochaber High School, who gave KCC a tour of the impressive school facilities that are available for hire by the community. She also explained that work is about to start on Phase 3 of Lochaber 21, an ambitious £11M project of new building and refurbishment to provide school and community facilities fit for the 21stC. For more details see Newsletter 41 (Mar 2013) page 7.

## 2 Police Community Liaison report

2.01 Andy Bilton explained that the single police force comes into force on 1/4/13. This will result in two major changes from the public's point of view

- 101, a single non-emergency contact phone number, taking you to a central call centre rather than getting put through to your local police station
- the desk at our local police station will be manned 8am - 8pm, not 24hr as at present (ie police will be on duty 24hrs, but the station desk itself will not be manned).

2.02 Building work has begun on the new Fort William police station on the Blar, with a turf cutting ceremony being held on 25 Feb.

2.03 The Fort William station will be a central hub for a Road Police Unit, staffed by a sergeant and 12 police officers. This will hopefully reduce local delays caused by road accidents as police will be able to get to the scene more quickly.

## 3 Declarations of interest

MK, JM and KW all declared a non-financial interest in relation to items 6.05, 11, 13 & 14.01 in that they all lived adjacent to the canal.

## 4 Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of 16/01/13 were approved, proposed by JM, seconded by KW.

## 5 Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report was presented. Current monies available are £2234.79  
Outstanding invoices need to be chased.

MM

## 6 Matters arising from last meeting

6.01 Christmas lights – delighted that 7 people had come forward from survey with offers of help. Agreed to invite them to next meeting (second on agenda after LEG) and to book the back room for them if they wish to continue with a separate discussion afterwards.

MM/JM

6.02 Road signs at new roundabouts – still to be actioned

MK

6.03 LEG presentation at March meeting, and Lochaber Women's Aid presentation at April meeting – invitations to be confirmed

MK

6.04 Annat micro hydro scheme – KCC wrote to Planning confirming no wish to make representations.

- 6.05 Scottish Canals Draft Heritage Strategy – it had not been possible to review the document within the few days available.
- 6.06 Congratulations to the newsletter team on being Highly Commended in the Highlands and Islands Media Awards 2012.
- 7 Resignation**
- 7.01 Record of very grateful thanks to Jillian Clark, who has resigned from KCC due to work pressures. We are very grateful to her for her initiative in getting KCC reconvened, and her work as our first Chair – without Jillian’s ‘call to arms’ KCC would not now exist.
- 7.02 It was agreed to convene a separate meeting to discuss strategy for increasing membership. MM
- 8 Correspondence received**
- 8.01 Two emails had been received about dog fouling and horse fouling of pavements and paths It was agreed to investigate the Green Dog Walkers’ Scheme, and also to give publicity to the issue in the newsletter. MM/MK
- 8.02 Primary School Joint Campus planning consultation – noted. Agreed to display on noticeboard and website JM/MK
- 8.03 Highland Piping Survey – agreed to put in newsletter MK
- 9 Report on ALCC meeting 26/1/13**
- MM, CH and MK attended. Useful meeting, incl presentation from Police by Derek Paterson. Disappointing that the meeting didn’t address the issue of volunteers and provision of services.
- It was agreed to ask to be added to the minutes distribution list of other local CCs. MK
- 10 Lochaber Community Plan**
- Info received from Flora McKee. KCC will publicise on noticeboards, website and newsletter. JM/MK  
MM and others will try to attend the Consultation on 23 March All
- 11 Scottish Canals/UHI study – boosting tourism on Caledonian Canal**
- Secretary to write requesting consultation MK
- 12 Highland Council survey on Community Councils, (see email 22/1/13 to sec)**
- MK to re-forward the electronic version round all members for consideration. MK  
12 April deadline. Possibly discuss at same meeting as strategy for increasing membership. All
- 13 Scottish Canals’ request for Presentation to a KCC meeting**
- Agreed to write to local office to welcome the initiative and suggest meeting additional to usual schedule so it is not rushed by other agenda business. MK
- 14 Any other business**
- 14.01 Scottish Canals’ Great Glen Paddle event noted, awaiting more info of what the proposed all-night activities involve. MM/MK
- 14.02 Fields in Trust correspondence noted. Sec to circulate scanned copy for consideration. MK  
There may be opportunities for land in our area. Chair to try and ascertain ownership of Kilmallie Gardens land. MM
- 15 Date and venue of next meeting**
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7:15pm at Kilmallie Community Centre

#### Distribution

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