

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 17th April 2013, at Kilmallie Hall

Present

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

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of 20/03/2012 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report was presented. Current monies available are £2161.01

3. Lochaber Women's Aid

Allison MacDonald described the work of Lochaber Women's Aid (LWA) in helping women and children who had been victims of domestic abuse. The organization has an office on Belford Road and offers advice and support including helping to find accommodation. LWA also has an education programme in both high schools and primary schools and has been giving presentations in south Lochaber schools. Allison noted on the difficulties of trying to arrange presentations in some schools. All present agreed on the importance of the work and the need to start education programmes at a young age. KCC can play a useful role in publicity through the website, newsletter and notice boards. It was noted that the Scottish Government had just launched the Community and Families Fund which may be a useful source of funding for aspects of LWA's work.

4. Strategy for new members

There are currently six members of KCC and it is hoped to fill two vacancies to bring the number up to eight. The lack of younger members was noted and it was agreed to specifically encourage younger people to become involved.

5. Response to hill fires

The hill fire on Banavie Hill on the night of April 1st caused serious concern to many people as it came very close to properties in Banavie, Corpach and Badabrie. KCC wrote to local press to express our appreciation for the work of the fire and police service through the night. The police have informed KCC that there were no suspicious circumstances and it was believed to be a wild fire.

6. Blar Mor developments

Work on the Blar Mor to construct a new police and ambulance station is ongoing. However all other developments have stopped with announcements in the local press that the expected Tesco supermarket will not be built before 2015 at the earliest. Concerns were raised that the £400,000 Developer Contribution due to be paid to Highland Council for community facilities was tied to the opening of the supermarket. Given that the community has already suffered from the loss of natural assets and considerable inconvenience due to the development, KCC is urging Highland Council, Councillors, Community Councils, local groups and individuals to

work to ensure that Tesco and Miller honour their commitment, and pay the community the Developer Contribution immediately.

7. Kilmallie Christmas Tree & Lights Fund

A group has been established to fund raise towards Christmas lights. The group will be known as Kilmallie Christmas Tree & Lights Fund with Paul Brian as Chair, Sue Hood as Treasurer and Andy Wilmington as secretary.

8. Lochaber Housing Association 25 years Community Fund

It was noted that funding for community projects was available from LHA. KCC have notified the Kilmallie Christmas Tree & Lights Fund, Corpach in Colour and Banavie in Bloom of the potential to apply for these funds.

9. Working hours at Corpach Harbour

Some complaints had been received about noise from loading logs on vessels at Corpach Harbour after 22:00. No more information was available and it was noted that noise nuisance from companies operating outside of their permitted working hours needs to be addressed at the time.

10. Noise from car exhausts

The police had received complaints about cars with exceptionally loud exhausts being driven in Corpach. The police have informed KCC that one driver from the Corpach area has just been issued an ASBO on his vehicle because of this.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on May 15th, 19:15 in Kilmallie Community Centre

Distribution

By email to all KCC members, Cllr Bill Clark, Prov Allan Henderson, Cllr Eddie Hunter, Elizabeth Toal (HC), Lochaber Archive Centre, Maureen McColl (ALCC)

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