



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH  
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 21st May 2014  
at Kilmallie Community Centre

**Present**

Maggie Mackenzie (Chair)  
Jan MacLugash  
Christine Hutchison  
Mandy Ketchin  
PS Andy Bilton (part meeting)  
Cllr Ben Thompson

**Apologies**

Russell Leaper  
Kshama Wilmington  
Cllr Allan Henderson  
Cllr Bill Clark

Members of public (part meeting)  
Mairi Sharp (Banavie Parent Council)(BPC)  
C-J Peden (BPC)  
Ernie MacLugash

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**1 Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of 16/04/14 were approved, proposed by JM, seconded by MK.

**2 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Thompson: Glen Loy oakwood (Glen Loy resident)  
Jan MacLugash: Scottish Scenic Viewpoint (adjacent resident)

**3 Slower Safer Smilier campaign**

A lot of supportive comments received so far, and have been collated.

MS and CJP made very strong case on behalf of Banavie Parent Council (BPC) for the need for improved safety measures near Banavie School, which KCC will add to campaign proposals.

MK/RL

- urgent need for reliable lollipop assistance (parents are not allowed to volunteer at present if there are absences). (If lollipop lady is absent, Head contacts police for help, but they are not always available to stand in).
- a crossing at Banavie school is essential for eg lunchtimes and after school activities.
- continual problems with 20mph signs not working at correct times at Banavie; they don't come on at all for children who finish at 2.45pm
- 20mph signs at High School seem not to have been working at all since Christmas.
- crossing road from Shiel bus in morning is a particular concern (near miss accident where child was nearly hit)
- a lot of people ignore the 20mph signs anyway

It was noted that Inverlochy junction has a pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights as well as a lollipop service.

AB advised it would be helpful to confirm what time the 20mph signs are set to come on at present: KCC to investigate with Bob Mitchell, also are they auto or manual switch-on?

KCC

It would also be useful if BPC can monitor what times the signs do come on in practice, and when they don't.

BPC

BT also offered to raise the issues with Bob Mitchell. BT offered to explore eg Community Challenge Fund as a possible funding source for a community lollipop service run by parents, rather than by Highland Council at present.

BT

AB reminded everyone that if you see example of dangerous driving to get vehicle reg no and notify police immediately.

KCC gave BPC copies of Slower Safer Smilier supplements and questionnaires for them to distribute to Banavie parents who haven't already seen them.

BPC

Other BPC ideas included

- involving local artists to make sculptures to help calm traffic
- more roadside flowers to emphasise that area is residential
- all sorts of things that children could do through Active Schools Co-ordinators and summer activities
- seeking backing from eg BSW and Fergusons too

- KCC attending a Banavie PTA meeting KCC/BPC
- KCC need to promote the campaign at the High School. KCC
- In support of our campaign, KCC to register a Freedom of Information request with the police for info on records of dangerous driving and speeding in Kilmallie. KCC
- Bob Mitchell of Transerv has emailed KCC to say we will be getting vehicle activated speed signs this year (at entry to Corpach in both directions) but no info as to when. AB recommends that we ask for signs that do record actual speed as these seem to be the most effective. KCC
- Bob Mitchell also mentioned they intend to carry out the speed survey for the crossing at Corpach by the summer. The survey will include approximately a 100m length of A830. BM asked for
  - views on when in August or September might be the busiest pedestrian times KCC
  - suggestions about the location of any proposed crossing. KCC

KCC's campaign proposes:

- amendment of draft plan following feedback from community
- build support
- build publicity
- build pressure
- and consider what other action might help to draw attention to issues

#### 4 **Police update**

Police are providing Bikeability sessions at Banavie School.

#### 5 **Armed police in Highlands**

AB re-assured KCC following recent publicity in press about armed police being deployed for normal duties. AB will provide an explanation for the June newsletter.

#### 6 **Scenic Viewpoints competition update**

Keith Mackie, Scottish Canals, has informed us that there were only five entries and none were deemed suitable to take forward. They are looking at other ways forward. We have not seen the entries. MK proposes a community workshop to see if local residents can come up with better ideas. MK

#### 7 **Treasurer's report**

Treasurer's report was presented. Current monies available are £3228.08

#### 8 **Mediation**

Dot Ferguson has confirmed to MM that CCs are not expected to offer mediation services. THC have amended their guidance on neighbour hedge disputes accordingly.

#### 9 **Lochaber Sports Association request**

KCC had received an email request from Jane Blanchard of LSA asking if KCC could apply for Planning Consent on their behalf for new sports facility at Camaghael. Email correspondence has ensued and MM has met with Dot Ferguson to discuss the implications. MM has explained to JB that we would need to see full documentation and we would then be required to publish notice of a special meeting to discuss, before taking decision. JB is currently exploring if Fort William CC can submit the application as originally planned (before LSA realised the site was within KCC area) as this may be more able to meet LSA's tight timescale.

#### 10 **Correspondence**

- 10.1 KCC have received a petition from residents at Erracht objecting to community woodland at Glen Loy. KCC have responded to BT (as one of the signatories) explaining that the informal group (from Glen Loy, Muirshearlich and Banavie) who were at earliest stages of exploring possibilities for community woodland is not affiliated to KCC in any way, though concerns regarding access to the Glen Loy oakwood had previously been raised with KCC.

KCC have offered to host a meeting for all concerned to discuss the pros and cons, at which the Forestry Commission have also offered to talk about opportunities for community ownership and their present woodland management at Glen Loy. On recommendation of BT it was agreed to defer such discussion unless/until Glen Loy residents had had more chance to discuss informally amongst themselves.

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- 10.2 Fort William Action Plan event  
KCC have received info on the output from the recent design charrette. Two members of KCC attended part of the event.
- 10.3 Highland Council Cold Call Control Zone Project.  
KCC will publicise in newsletter and ask for interested volunteers to come forward to promote.
- 10.4 Info on Scottish Rural Parliament received from Association of Lochaber Community Councils.  
See website [www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk](http://www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk).  
There will be an article about it in next newsletter.
- 10.5 Policing Plan received from Police Scotland.  
Its focus on road safety is welcomed. We will refer to it in our Slower Safer Smilier campaign. MK/RL
- 11 Matters arising from last meeting**
- 11.1 CH is progressing the War memorial project to improve access. She has received one quote, but needs more for grant application. She is exploring possible avenues of help with project management. CH
- 11.2 Carried forward:  
  - Discussion about dump at Mount Alexander
  - response to Kilmuir and Logie CC
  - presentation on rural parliament
RL  
MK  
KCC
- 12 Any other business**  
None
- 13 Date and venue of next meeting**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, AGM 7:15pm followed by usual meeting, at Kilmallie Community Centre.

#### Distribution

By email to all KCC members, Cllr Bill Clark, Cllr Allan Henderson, Cllr Ben Thompson, Elizabeth Toal (HC), Lochaber Archive Centre, Maureen McColl (ALCC), PS Andy Bilton

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