

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, at Lochaber High School

**Present**

- **Kilmallie Community Council**
- Christine Hutchison
- Mandy Ketchin (Chair)
- Russell Leaper
- Jan MacLugash
- Kshama Wilmington
- **Other community members (2)**
- **Highland Councillors**
- Allan Henderson
- Ben Thompson
- **Apologies**
- Bill Clark
- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of 20 August 2014 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's report**

Current monies available are £2778.95

**3. Road safety on A830**

KCC welcomes the erection of vehicle activated speed signs. These are not yet fully operational and we look forward to seeing them working.

Any problems with the 20mph signs at Banavie Primary or Lochaber High Schools should be reported direct to Transport Scotland Traffic Customer Care Line on 0800 0281414.

A recent near miss between a 5 year old child and a car at the Banavie School junction highlights ongoing concerns for children crossing the A830. RL had spoken to Bob Mitchell of Transport Scotland who stressed that a crossing at that location would not be considered because of the overall low pedestrian traffic. Transport Scotland still intends to conduct a pedestrian survey around the Co-op to assess pedestrian traffic in that area.

KCC understands that new 30 and 40mph speed limits across the Blar have been approved but not yet implemented. It was agreed to ask Bob Mitchell what the expected time scale for implementation would be (Action: RL).

KCC had also been in touch with Miller Developments asking them to work with Transport Scotland to address the signage issues at the Blar roundabout (see Kilmallie News, March 2013) at no cost to the taxpayer. It is currently ambiguous what the speed limit is for traffic heading west across the Blar.

In order to progress the 'Safer, Slower, Smilier' it was agreed to invite Transport Scotland to a future meeting (probably January 2015).

**4. Lochaber Sports Association (LSA) indoor training facility**

The planning application for the LSA building beside the High School is now ready to be submitted. LSA have posted leaflets to ensure all adjacent properties are aware of the proposals. A special supplement to Kilmallie Community News also gives full details of the development.

**5. Planning application for extension to Moorings Hotel, Banavie**

Planning application 14/03165/FUL for a two storey extension to the Moorings Hotel including a tea room and public toilets is available for comment until 30 September. Disappointment was expressed at the design which was considered not to be in keeping with the adjacent canal. Historic Scotland had commented on a previous application that had since expired in relation to reducing the impact on the setting of the canal. However, since permission had been granted for the previous application Historic Scotland had not objected. It was agreed that KCC would not make any representation in this case but would contact Historic Scotland noting a number of recent proposals for unsympathetic developments that impact on the setting of the canal and drawing attention to the need to take the cumulative impacts into account. (Action: RL)

**6. Picnic tables at Banavie Playpark**

The picnic tables that were sponsored by KCC some years ago are now in a poor state of repair. It was agreed to contact the Friends of Banavie Park with the offer that KCC would repair or replace the tables (Action: RL).

**7. Cold calling in Corpach**

Concerns have been raised about people who have been offering to surface drive ways who have been knocking on doors in Corpach. The name of the operation appears very similar to a well established company but has no connection with that company.

**8. Next meeting**

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Wednesday October 15 at Kilmallie Community Centre

Distribution

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