



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 21st January 2015
at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Mandy Ketchin (Chair)
Jan MacLugash (Treasurer)
Christine Hutchison
Kshama Wilmington

Apologies

Russell Leaper
Cllr Allan Henderson
Cllr Ben Thompson

PS Andy Bilton
Cllr Bill Clark

Geoff Heathcote
Carol Anne Campbell
Emma Crichton (Oban Times)

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- 1 Approval of previous minutes**
The minutes of 19/11/14 were approved.
 - 2 Declarations of interest**
None
 - 3 Matters arising**
Nothing from previous meeting
 - 4 Treasurer's report**
Treasurer's report was presented. Current monies available are £2370.35.
 - 5 Police update**
 - 5.1 Nothing to report from AB,
 - 5.2 Discussion re parking on pavement: article going in to next newsletter. AB confirmed people should report to police immediately, otherwise they can't action. Police can uplift cars if causing an obstruction.
 - 6 Tesco and the Blar**
 - 6.1 KCC regrets loss of the potential £400k developer contribution following Tesco decision to pull out. and considers that from the granting of planning permission, the sale of the land and the environmental damage, to the present position, the proposals for the Blar did not receive sufficient scrutiny. KCC's call for Tesco/Miller to honour the developer contribution as a moral rather than legal obligation was unsuccessful. Proposals to build new hospital on Blar are actively being aired again.
(Point of Info after meeting: the part of the site zoned for hospital is different from the Tesco site).
 - 7 West Highland Local Development Plan Review process**
This is a very important process as it sets the framework for development in the area for the next 10-20 years. The first part of the process starts at the Joint Ward Forum on 9 February. KCC are looking at ways of introducing wider community participation.
 - 8 Procedural Planning issues**
Planning Dept are continuing to attribute planning applications to wrong CC areas. Over 30% of KCC applications have been incorrect in last year. This affects search results on eplanning and may result in important correspondence not reaching the right community councils. Agreed to raise this (again) with Planning Dept.

9 Membership of Scottish Rural Action

Agreed that KCC should join, no cost, with CH as contact.

10 Banavie War Memorial

Report held over to future meeting.

11 Community Fund

KCC receives occasional requests for financial help with small local community based projects. At present there is no specific allocation of KCC funds for such purposes. Highland Council officials have chosen to place strict restrictions on the way that CCs can spend their annual grant which inhibits KCC from using the HC grant to support community projects. However the grant may be used to provide an annual honorarium to the CC secretary. RL has never requested or been paid this in his time as secretary but has now suggested it as a way of establishing a community fund. This is not an ideal solution because any money he receives will be liable to income tax.

It was agreed that the secretary should be paid an honorarium of £300 for 2014/2015. KCC expressed thanks to RL for offering to donate it back to KCC for a Community Fund, less any income tax payable. KCC members have further offered voluntary contributions to cover the income tax and so the full £300 will be available to kickstart the Community Fund.

HC has advised KCC that honoraria for past years may also be backpaid in similar way. This is for further discussion.

BC advised that HC Ward Discretionary grant money is still available to claim for this financial year for specific projects, up to 31/3/15.

12 Any other business

12.1 Concern was expressed about condition of the pavement outside Co-op, with potholes a danger to pedestrians, especially elderly and disabled. Agreed to write to BEAR to request action.

12.2 Concern was expressed about litter outside the Co-op. Agreed to ask Co-op Manager for info on whose responsibility it is to deal with litter. Also litter bins are not being emptied regularly enough by Highland Council..

13 Date and venue of next meeting

Wednesday 18th February, 7:15pm 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. Caol CC, I&TCC, FWCC.

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