

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 18 November 2015, at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

- Carol Anne Campbell
- Christine Hutchison (Chair)
- Russell Leaper
- Jan MacLugash

Apologies

- Bill Clark
- Mandy Ketchin
- Andy Bilton
- Allan Henderson

Highland Councillors

- Ben Thompson

1. Formation of new term of KCC following elections

The previous KCC was dissolved on 17 November. The newly appointed members of KCC are Carol Anne Campbell, Mandy Ketchin, Christine Hutchison, Russell Leaper and Jan MacLugash. Mandy Ketchin was elected chair, Christine Hutchison as vice-chair, Russell Leaper as secretary and Jan MacLugash as treasurer.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 21 October were approved.

3. Treasurers Report

The total balance available was £4387.71. This included £785 available in the Community Fund.

4. Concerns from Lochaber Small Boat Owners Association (LSBOA) over access to Corpach slipway

Bobby Mathers secretary of LSBOA described problems with access to the public slipway which had effectively made it unusable. This is the only public slipway in the area and also provides a launching point close to the canal entrance. The vehicle access to the slipway is very muddy and considerable amounts of rubble had washed on to the slip due to the dumping of material beside it. LSBOA lease the slip from Clydeport. It was agreed that KCC would also contact Clydeport to ensure that this important facility remains in a usable condition with suitable access for locals and visitors to launch and recover boats.

5. Road safety. Follow up on requests for pedestrian crossings of A830

KCC continues to support the establishment of a pedestrian crossing at the Banavie swing bridges and also at the Co-op in Corpach. There is currently an audit of the A830 being undertaken by the Lochaber Disability Access Panel to review issues including drop-kerbs and any other features that may make road crossings difficult. It was noted that any approaches to MSP Dave Thompson would need to be made well before the Scottish Parliament elections in May.

6. Cuts to bus services between Fort William and Inverness

KCC was very disappointed to learn of the cuts to the Citylink bus services between Fort William and Inverness particularly as there is no alternative public transport on this route and so people rely entirely on the bus service. There had been no consultation regarding these cuts. KCC provided a briefing document to the Lochaber Transport Forum outlining the concerns and urging Highland Council and the Lochaber Transport Forum to apply as much pressure as possible on Citylink to restore these services, and to ensure that any proposed changes in future are subject to proper consultation.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 25 January 2016 at Kilmallie Community Centre. Future meetings will be on the fourth Monday of the month. Provisional dates for 2016 are 25/01/2016, 22/02/2016, 28/03/2016, 25/04/2016, 27/06/2016, 22/08/2016, 26/09/2016, 24/10/2016 and 28/11/2016.

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