

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 22 February, at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

- Carol Anne Campbell
- Christine Hutchison
- Mandy Ketchin (Chair)
- Russell Leaper

Highland Councillors

- Bill Clark
- Allan Henderson

- Caren McPate (Oban Times)

Apologies

- Jan MacLugash
- Ben Thompson
- Andy Bilton

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 25 January 2016 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

The total balance remains at £3973.71

3. Update on access issues with public slipway at Corpach

KCC objected to the application for retrospective planning permission (16/00282/FUL) by Boyd Brothers for a rubble jetty of approx. 800 tonnes of fill on the foreshore at Annat immediately adjacent to the public slipway. KCC was concerned about the potential environmental impact related to material and sediments being washed into the sea and also that the use of the slipway by the Lochaber Small Boat Owners Association has been made impossible by material washing from the jetty onto the slip. This is the only public slip in the area and is an important local resource. Planning permission should not be granted without clear actions that will maintain the slipway in a useable state. At the time of the meeting, the ePlanning website listed 10 objections to this retrospective planning application. SEPA did not initially object but have now made an objection on similar grounds to KCC.

4. Update on actions related to cuts to bus services between Fort William and Inverness

KCC had submitted a comment document to the Lochaber Transport Forum noting the difficulties that the cuts to the 919 Citylink bus services between Fort William and Inverness have caused. In particular, anybody staying or working in Inverness for the week can no longer come back to Fort William for the weekend because there is no bus on a Sunday evening. No one can visit relatives in Raigmore for the day on a Sunday. Anyone trying to get to Inverness for meetings on a Monday morning now has to leave at 12:15 on Sunday. This is not possible for people coming from the islands or other more remote areas. (**Action:** RL to raise issue at LTF meeting on 23/02/2016)

5. Road safety.

(a) Follow up on requests for pedestrian crossings of A830

KCC is gathering reports from anyone who has difficulty crossing the A830 and would benefit from a controlled crossing at the Banavie swing bridge, Primary school or by the Co-op. (**Action:** CAC to finalise and circulate questionnaire)

(b) Update on flashing speed limit signs

Flashing 30mph signs were installed in Corpach a year and a half ago but were never connected. BEAR have now promised that these will become operational in the week beginning 22/02/2016. KCC members looked forward to these working but expressed disappointment at the time taken for these to be connected. BEAR also indicated that they were aware of the problems with the 20mph signs at the High School but were waiting on quotes for replacements which would then need to be approved by Transport Scotland. There have been problems with these signs for some years and it was agreed to keep reminding those responsible that their failure to connect or maintain important safety equipment was not acceptable.

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6. Steering group for new build Fort William hospital

A meeting regarding a steering group for the Fort William New Build had been announced for 25/02/2016 organised by NHS Highland. It was noted that the agenda and composition of the group remained rather cryptic and it is not clear what is intended to be discussed. (**Action:** CH will attend the meeting and report back).

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 28 March 2016 at Kilmallie Community Centre.

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