

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 25 April, at Kilmallie Community Centre

**Present**

**Kilmallie Community Council**

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

Annette Hobson

- Lewis Pate (Nevis Landscape Partnership)
- Corpach Marina Group

**Apologies**

- Andy Bilton
- Bill Clark

**Highland Councillors**

- Allan Henderson
- Ben Thompson

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 28 March 2016 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's report**

The total balance available on 6 April 2016 was £3405.71. The total surplus for the year ending 31/03/2016 was £224.59.

**3. Road safety.**

**(a) Questionnaire responses related to pedestrian crossings of A830**

Over 70 responses to the questionnaires have now been received. It was agreed to keep the questionnaire open for a few more weeks and then submit results to relevant organisations including Lochaber Disability Action Panel.

**(b) Update on flashing speed limit signs**

After months of waiting and a number of emails and phone calls from KCC, it appears that the 20mph signs at the High School and the 30mph vehicle activated signs in Corpach are now functioning. KCC had also written to Transport Minister, Derek Mackay, suggesting a central government fund and direct accountability for addressing similar issues across Scotland.

**4. Consultation on community proposal for Neptune's Staircase and West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan**

KCC intended to run a consultation event to gather views about a community proposal for viewing points along Neptune's Staircase following the resounding rejection of the Scenic Routes proposals. There is also an ongoing consultation regarding the West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan. This could also be discussed at such an event, in addition to the Highland Council event on 18 May. Comments on the WHILDIP are due by 10 June. The consultation event could also include consideration of proposals for a marina at Corpach (see item 6). It had proven difficult to find an appropriate date to combine the consultations. Hence it was agreed to hold an event just on the WHILDIP at the next KCC meeting on 23 May.

**5. The work of the Nevis Landscape Partnership**

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Lewis Pate gave a presentation about the work of the Nevis Landscape Partnership which partners with Forestry Commission Scotland, John Muir Trust, The Highland Council and Scottish Natural Heritage. The aim of the partnership is to improve the protection of the environment in the area around Ben Nevis and Glen Nevis through collective management and community engagement. A £3.9M grant from Heritage Lottery Fund has enabled a range of projects including path building, native woodland and a range of educational events. KCC welcomed the initiative which continues to make a substantial contribution to the area and provides a wide range of community opportunities through the events.

#### **6. Proposals for a marina at Corpach**

Six members of the Corpach Marina group attended to present revised proposals. KCC had commented on the previous proposals in July 2015 outlining aspects that would be welcomed and aspects that people were unhappy about. KCC welcomed the changes to reduce some environmental impacts which were of particular concern, including extensive dredging and piling. The scale of the proposal has also been reduced from 80 berths to 50. However, KCC has received several letters of concern regarding the scale of the current proposal which will still have a substantial impact on the foreshore and setting of the canal. In particular, there will be considerable impacts on neighbouring properties and the iconic view of the canal entrance will be lost to a car park. An important benefit to the local community would be provision of a public slipway given the problems with the current public slipway at Annat. In response to questions about whether the scale of the project could be reduced to address the main concerns the proponents stated that they believed funding bodies were unlikely to support a less costly project which just included a slipway and a small number of berths for local boats and vessels entering and leaving the canal.

#### **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 23 May 2016 at Kilmallie Community Centre.