

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

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

- Carol Anne Campbell
- Christine Hutchison (Chair)
- Mandy Ketchin
- Russell Leaper
- Jan MacLugash
- Jim Ramsay
- Cllr. Allan Henderson
- Cllr. Bill Clark
- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)

Apologies

- Cllr. Ben Thompson

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 27 June 2016 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

The total balance available on 01/08/2016 was £2541.95. KCC is very grateful for a grant of £200 from Lochaber Housing Association towards the printing costs of the newsletter.

3. Co-option of new member

Jim Ramsay from Corpach was unanimously accepted as a co-opted member of KCC.

4. Dumping beside River Lochy

KCC was pleased to note that car which had been dumped beside the River Lochy has now been removed. There was some discussion of ways to secure access from the canal towpath to prevent unauthorised vehicles but still allowing easy access for horses and bicycles. **Action:** RL to set up a meeting with local Access Officer and John Stafford of Scottish Canals to discuss options.

5. Overgrown vegetation and access to Corpach Nature Trail

KCC had received a comment about overgrown vegetation blocking footpaths to the nature trail above Lady Margaret Drive, Corpach. This is on land owned by Highland Council adjacent to the woods owned by Kilmallie Community Company. The current situation is that Highland Council do not have budget to tackle vegetation unless there is a safety issue. However, AH said he would follow up if the complaint was sent directly to him.

6. Access Issues

Concerns had been raised about maintaining public access to the ice house at Annat and locked gates blocking access for horses at Fassfern. **Action:** RL to follow up with Access Officer

7. Road safety.

- (a) Meeting with Transport Scotland regarding situation at Banavie School junction. JM and AB had attended a meeting with Transport Scotland to discuss options for improving safety at the Banavie School junction. The key focus is on reducing vehicle speeds. The current suggestion is to narrow the carriageway from the current 11m to 8.5m. Transport Scotland did not see the need for a crossing because of the crossing patrol at school times but it was noted that Highland Council are not obliged to provide a crossing patrol.

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(b) A meeting with Transport Scotland regarding crossings for the A830 at Banavie Swing Bridge and Corpach Co-op was scheduled for 23/08/2016. JM and CH attended for KCC.

8. Noise from Annat Point

KCC had received a complaint regarding night time noise that had been attributed to the saw mill. No further details were available but could be followed up on if the problem persists.

9. Party in the Park event

The Party in the Park event at the Neptune's Staircase car park in September 2015 was aimed at raising funds for the Banavie Play Park and had been very successful. A similar event planned for 2016 had been cancelled because communication with Scottish Canals indicated that a collaboration to develop the playpark facilities was unlikely to progress. KCC expressed regret for the lack of progress after so much community effort and hoped that Scottish Canals may still engage more positively.

10. Caol link road proposals

KCC had been contacted by Caol Community Council about a possible meeting to discuss the proposed Caol link road. There were different views about the merits of the current proposals but also a clear message from Highland Council that there was no realistic chance of funding in the foreseeable future.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 24 Sept 2016 at Kilmallie Community Centre.