

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 26 September, at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

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

Apologies

- Mandy Ketchin
- Cllr. Ben Thompson
- Cllr. Allan Henderson
- Cllr. Bill Clark
- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)

Two members of the community

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 22 August 2016 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

The total balance available on 01/09/2016 was £3953.05.

3. Update on Corpach marina

KCC had been planning to arrange a consultation event to seek views on the plans for a marina at Corpach. However, the marina group informed KCC that they wished to finalise their plans and submit a planning application before 6 October. An information event was also planned for 6 October to present the plans to the community as a requirement for a licence from Marine Scotland. KCC had received a number of letters expressing concern about the plans. It was noted that a consultation event that allowed these concerns to be discussed prior to finalising the plans might have allowed a proposal that would attract fewer objections.

4. Questionnaire from Highland Council on charging costs for use of public toilets

A questionnaire had been circulated by Highland Council regarding how much people would be prepared to pay to use a public toilet. Several members felt public toilets were an essential service and there should be no charge. Given the difficulties of charging and the cost of installing turnstiles it was questioned whether the scheme would actually make any money. In addition there is a risk that money containers may encourage break-ins. **Action:** RL to send these concerns to Highland Council

5. Consultation on removal of public phone boxes

BT have proposed to remove the public phone box at Crown Cottages in Banavie. There have been no calls made from this in the last 12 months. Given the lack of use it was agreed there was no real case to try and preserve the phone.

6. Proposals for advertising signs on roundabouts

KCC had objected to a proposal by Highland Council to place advertisement signs on roundabouts on the grounds of safety, road side clutter and the visual impact on the area.

7. Corpach road sign.

The sign for Corpach for traffic heading west along the A830 is no longer straight giving a poor impression on entering the village. This was raised at the meeting by a resident from Corpach. It was agreed to ask BEAR Scotland for permission to straighten this. **Action:** RL to contact BEAR

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8. Formation of Bus Users Group and first meeting on 28 Sept.

The Bus Users Group had arisen from the Lochaber Transport Forum because of so many concerns over bus service both with the local area and longer distances. **Action:** CH to attend the meeting

9. Update on pedestrian crossings of A830

Transport Scotland officials had met with KCC, Lochaber Disability Action Panel and members of the community for site visits on the A830 at the Banavie swing bridge and Corpach Co-op to discuss the need for pedestrian crossings. Although Transport Scotland recognise the difficulties for people crossing the A830 they noted that combined pedestrian and vehicle volumes at the Co-op were lower than the guideline value which would require a crossing. It was agreed to conduct a pedestrian survey at the Banavie swing bridge

10. Noise from Corpach Co-op

A resident of Montrose Mansions attended the meeting to complain about the noise of deliveries to the Corpach Co-op in the mornings. It was agreed that the first approach should be to discuss this with the manager of the store. **Action:** JR to talk to staff at the store.

11. Next meeting

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