

**Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 24 October, at Kilmallie Community Centre**

**Present**

**Kilmallie Community Council**

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

Two members of the community

- Cllr. Allan Henderson
- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)

**Apologies**

- Cllr. Ben Thompson
- Cllr. Bill Clark

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 26 September 2016 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's report**

The total balance available on 01/10/2016 was £4579.05.

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

Widespread concern over both local and long-distance bus services led to the establishment of a Bus Users group as part of the Lochaber Transport Forum. A particular concern in 2015 were cuts to the bus services between Fort William and Inverness. Some services had been reinstated in 2016 including the Sunday morning and evening Fort William to Inverness. KCC had received an assurance from Citylink in September that these would continue throughout the year. However, they were cut again at the beginning of October. Despite the buses not running, they still appeared in some Stagecoach timetables. Citylink/Stagecoach are currently considering whether they will honour their commitment and reinstate these services. In the meantime, the timetables now appear to be accurate. The Sunday services had been very well used with the buses often being completely full. AH noted that it was not acceptable to maximise profits by only running buses in the summer when there was sufficient demand for the service to be economically viable year round.

**4. Update on pedestrian crossings of A830**

Transport Scotland are planning a pedestrian and traffic survey on 25/10/2016 as part of the consideration of a pedestrian crossing at Banavie swing bridge.

**5. Noise from Co-op**

JR had discussed complaints of noise from unloading vehicles with the staff at the Co-op. It was reported that the situation had improved to some extent.

**6. Consultation on proposed boundary changes to UK parliamentary constituencies**

The UK Parliament has decided to reduce the number of constituencies from 650 to 600. In Scotland this means that 59 constituencies will be reduced to 53. Proposals for new boundaries are open for comment until 11 January. The current proposals would split the KCC area between constituencies called 'Inverness and Skye' and 'Argyle, Bute and Lochaber', using the Caledonian Canal as a boundary. These proposals ignore much of the history and geographical connections within the area. It was agreed to investigate a more appropriate boundary that might still meet the criteria for population numbers. It was also agreed that a better name for Inverness and Skye would be Inverness, Skye and North Lochaber.

**7. Next meeting**

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

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