

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 23 January 2017, at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

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

Andy Rogers (BSW)
Oliver Stephen (BSW)

8 members of public

Apologies

- Cllr. Allan Henderson
- Cllr. Bill Clark

1. Approval of previous minutes

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

2. Treasurer's report

The total balance available on 01/01/2017 was £3134.30

3. Police Update

Andy Bilton noted that Donald Campbell, the Area Inspector, was retiring at the end of January. AB would be taking over this position as an interim measure. There had been a number of break-ins to houses in Banavie and Badabrie. The police were expecting a result from their enquiries to be announced soon.

4. Complaints of noise from BSW sawmill

A number of Corpach residents attended the meeting to complain about noise from the sawmill. Andy Rogers from BSW gave a presentation about the way that the sawmill works and the stages of the process that generate the most noise. Noise propagating from the site will come from the outdoor conveyors rather than the indoor machinery. One conveyor has been identified as particularly noisy and may be replaced. The conveyors operate from 0600 to 0100 but many residents reported a repeated low-frequency dull thumping noise outside of these hours. The cause of this noise could not be explained but did not appear to correlate with the presence of ships at Boyd's pier. Several residents noted that the overall noise environment appeared to have got much worse in the last 12-18 months. AR said he would visit close to the homes that reported the noise in order to try and identify the source. Those affected commented that it had been a useful and constructive discussion. It was agreed that KCC should review any progress on addressing the noise issues again in a few months.

5. Consultation on boundary changes

A majority of KCC members had produced a statement which was presented by Lyn Kilpatrick on behalf of KCC at a Boundary Commission consultation event in Inverness on 5 December. RL noted that he did not agree with the KCC position and recommendations. Subsequently, KCC held a consultation event on 14 December which was attended by around 30 people.

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6. Road safety

(a) Update on crossing of the A830

KCC had contacted Transport Scotland regarding the pedestrian survey conducted at the Banavie swing bridge in October, but the results were not yet available. Annette Hobson had also reported a very frightening near miss while crossing the A830 during road works due to single file traffic on the wrong side of the road. This further highlighted the need for a crossing. It was agreed that KCC should contact Transport Scotland to continue the dialogue about a crossing. (**Action:** RL to contact TS)

(b) Parking on B8004 in Banavie

Complaints had been received about cars blocking the pavement in Banavie from the Moorings Hotel to the end of the pavement at the brow of the hill. Local residents had co-operated by ensuring that their vehicles were fully on the road and not affecting the pavement. These vehicles do force traffic to the opposite side of the road but also act as traffic calming and so the overall impact on road safety is not known. AB noted that the police had not received any complaints and were not aware of any serious safety issues along this stretch of road.

7. Comments on Scottish Canals proposals for camping pods

Scottish Canals had re-applied for planning permission (16/05529/FUL) for camping pods at Gairloch similar to those built at Laggan Locks. Similar structures have been proposed for Banavie. KCC wrote a letter in support of the community at Gairloch who had unanimously objected to these proposals, recommending that permission should not be granted.

8. Comments on planning application for a house on crofted land outwith Settlement Development Area in Banavie

KCC had objected to planning application (16/05537/PIP) on the grounds that it would result in loss of important croft land and was contrary to the Local Plan. For the new Local Plan to have any credibility, the planning process needs to show that the consultation process has been respected.

9. Communicating with Highland Council Planning department and weekly lists

Highland Council had informed KCC that they would no longer be email weekly planning lists. KCC does find these useful and had expressed disappointment. So far these emails have continued.

10. Transport Scotland's rail infrastructure strategy consultation

JR had hoped to attend a consultation event in Fort William, but due to problems with registration had been told he was not able to. KCC expressed disappointment that participation in such a consultation had been restricted.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 27 February 2017 at Kilmallie Community Centre.