



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH  
**KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017,  
at Kilmallie Community Centre**

**Present:**

Carol Anne Campbell (CAC)  
Mandy Ketchin (MK)  
Christine Hutchison (Chair) (CH)  
Jan MacLugash (JMCL)  
Jim Ramsay (JR)

Bill Clark - Councillor (BC)  
Allan Henderson - Councillor (AH)

4 members of public (Charlotte Sutton, Gillian Clark, Margaret Macintyre, Dougie Dykes)

**Apologies:** Ben Thompson, Andy Bilton, Russell Leaper

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's report**

Total balance available is £3134.30 at 01.02.17

**3. Police Update**

Andy Bilton not present - so no update.

**4. Road safety:**

Emails had been circulated regarding road crossing and difficulties crossing at Banavie Swing Bridge. Still no result of pedestrian crossing survey from October 2016. David Devine from Traffic Scotland has asked to come to March meeting. Amy Phillips also emailed but not come back to us. Russell emailed requesting what criteria required for crossing. One of Drumnadrochit crossings is being changed to Toucan crossing, we wondered why this was changing. David Devine advised would look at Corpach island crossing as the signs have been missing for a long period of time. KCC to invite Arthur Cowie to the March meeting. Publicise on Facebook once confirmed.

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### **5. Update on Noise Complaint from BSW:**

Craig MacMillan has sent BSW copies of noise levels he has recorded, but heard nothing back. Letter from Andy Rogers advised noise survey to be carried out by BSW and advised this would be carried out on noise from BSW but that there were other noises from the area that are not caused by them. CH asked BSW that KCC would like survey carried out when chipper in operation. Email received from Achaphubuil saying the noise disturbance there is also very bad. CS had called BSW around 1am one morning as noise bad, as requested at last meeting, and advised they were working till 1am.

BC noted that Boyd Brothers were also noisy and CS wanted it noted that noise goes on through the night but is worse before 1am. It was suggested that a liaison group may be an idea between BSW, Boyd, Planning and members of public. BC advised that at Banavie Quarry, a similar liaison committee was set up, that informs the surrounding community when there were going to be particular issues. Advised Environmental Health could be brought in if the groups not willing to take part or enforce recommended sounds levels.

It was noted that there are many people affected by this, and suggested again KCC get equipment that can be loaned to community. CS suggested getting a survey done. JR to contact Planning and Environmental Health depts. and request they set up sound equipment to record in some complainants' houses. MMcI said that Boyd Brothers are an issue with noise and lights. Lights on every night, large spotlights. AH advised that it is very specific about what light pollution is allowable and advised GC / MMcI to email him and he would get in touch with a consultant who is very knowledgeable of these circumstances. It was felt that this could be done to everyone's satisfaction, as has been done at the Quarry, who inform community if they have to work late/make more noise etc. It was also suggested audio diaries could be collected from the public. CS advised that she has an app called decibel 10th for recording sound.

### **6 Questions and Contributions from the Public.**

DD said that green dog poo bags very obviously dumped at the Canal side. Suggested a small article in the Newsletter requesting public put bags in bin.

### **7. AOB**

Andy McKenna and John Gillespie have suggested a joint community council meeting with Kate Forbes - request more details.

JR asked where we had got to with Local Heroes. There were two nominations, prize to be divided equally between two and CAC to make certificates.

### **8. Next meeting.**

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Kilmallie Community Centre.

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