

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 24 April 2017, 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. Ben Thompson
- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)
- Willie Duncan (Highland Council)

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 27 March 2017 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

The total balance available on 01/04/2017 was £3070.90

3. Police Update

No specific police issue to discuss. Andy Bilton was asked about the outcome of investigations into a spate of break-ins in the Banavie/Badabrie area. He agreed to check and provide an update.

4. Road safety

Update on crossings of the A830

Some members of KCC had met with MSP Kate Forbes. Kate expressed her support for the efforts to create pedestrian crossings at the Banavie swing bridge and Corpach Co-op and asked to be kept updated on any developments. It was suggested that the crossing feasibility study should be encouraged to look at options that did not involve long railings in order not to increase the level of urbanisation in Corpach.

The works to narrow the A830 at Banavie school have now been completed. There was some discussion about how this might be evaluated to assess whether it had met the objectives of reducing speeds and making drivers more alert.

5. Complaints of noise from Annat Point

Cllr. Ben Thompson has spoke to Andy Rogers at BSW regarding specific noise complaints on the 6 and 14 April. BSW have agreed to conduct a noise survey of their operations. Complaints had also been received about noise from Boyd's log handling. It was agreed to ask Graeme Corner from Environmental Health to update KCC on what actions had been taken for the May meeting. (**Action:** RL to contact Graeme Corner to invite him to May KCC meeting).

6. Highland Council Community Warden scheme

Willie Duncan introduced himself as one of two Highland Council Community Wardens for the Fort William area. The main emphasis is on encouraging residents in Highland Council properties to maintain these according to their tenancy agreements but the wardens also work within schools to tackle littering and can address problems of dumping or litter in public areas.

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KCC welcomed the attention on tackling the litter situation in a number of key locations in the vicinity of Lochaber High School. KCC also suggested investigating whether Blackbridge could be encouraged to remove the advertising trailer that has been dumped at the Blar roundabout. It was also noted that dumping at Mount Alexander continued to be a problem. KCC has raised this with SEPA a number of times and it was agreed to follow up to ask for a progress report. **(Action: RL to contact SEPA).**

7. Hustings for local council elections

KCC thanked the three outgoing councillors, Bill Clark, Allan Henderson and Ben Thompson for their work during the previous term. KCC held a joint hustings with Caol CC for the candidates standing for Ward 11 (Caol and Mallaig) in the local council elections on May 4. The hustings took place on Wednesday 26 April at 19:30 in Kilmallie Community Centre. Congratulations to Allan Henderson, Billy MacLachlan and Ben Thompson on their subsequent election.

8. Training in use of defibrillators

JR reported that he was waiting for the local coordinator to suggest possible dates for training sessions in the use of this equipment.

9. Kilmallie Cemetery

KCC had been contacted by a resident to say that the work to clear paths around the cemetery had been completed and it was now looking much better.

10. Donation to Lochaber Food Bank

The recipients of the KCC 'Local heroes' award had requested that this should be donated to the Lochaber Food Bank. KCC received a letter of thanks from the food bank for the £50 donation.

11. New bus shelters in Corpach

KCC had been informed by Highland Council that some bus shelters in Corpach would be replaced with new ones in the purple colour scheme.

12. Loose railing outside the Corpach Co-op

Following complaints about the loose railing outside the Corpach Co-op, it was established that this was the responsibility of the store.

13. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 22 May 2017 at Kilmallie Community Centre.