



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 22nd May 2017,
at Kilmallie Community Centre**

Present:

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

Allan Henderson - Councillor
Billy MacLachlan – Councillor
Ben Thompson - Councillor

Andy Bilton – Police Scotland
Graeme Corner – Senior Environmental Health Officer

Members of public

1. **Apologies:** Russell Leaper
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None.

3. Approval of previous minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of meeting on 24th April 2017 were approved. CH advised that she had noticed that the bollards in Corpach had been replaced.

4. Police Update

Andy Bilton reported on break-ins in Kilmallie from start of year which investigation is ongoing.

5. Treasurer's report

Total balance available is £2356.89. Thanks to JR for getting materials and painting notice boards. Joy Biggin to verify accounts for AGM. JMacL will be seeking sponsors for the newsletter again.

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6. Noise from Annat Industrial Estate:

The KCC is still receiving complaints. Graeme Corner, Senior Environmental Health Officer was welcomed who gave a brief introduction of Environmental Protection Act and how it works.

When BSW moved they made 3 planning permissions that went through EHO. AE Comm were used as noise consultants who are now engaged in a post completion assessment. Noise was originally mapped through prediction software but noise assessment and amenity loss tests now being completed and in latter stages. EHO will assess this for competence and will take times and dates of noise complaints and feed this back to BSW. EHO will issue complainants with diary sheets if required and advised that 11/12 complaints had been received so far. EHO can do their own noise measurements if the business advises that they are keeping within guidelines but complaints still happening. Wood chipper recognised as problem area.

MK suggested contacting all residents. Billy MacLachlan requested clarification on noise complaints; what noise, whether from BSW only, what time this is happening and when the report would be available. BSW have planning consent that allows 24/7 work, but WHO (World Health Organisation) guidelines advise different criteria at night time for sound levels. EHO not sure when the assessment is due. MK talked about baffles but advised most complainants lived above a level where these might work. This is an acute issue at 1/2am etc. (log selector) for possibly 4 nights a week. A 52-year resident had never really felt that the noise was too bad but about 2 years ago noise started getting worse, particularly the mobile chipper problem that happened only two days a week. Andy Rogers aware this is a problem, and the resident hoped that something would be done immediately and is disappointed they are awaiting noise assessment. EHO will firm up timelines and send letters to complainants. He will also contact Andy Rogers re chipper and get back to KCC. CH read out an email received from M Foxley, highlighting the issue from across the water, and Graeme requested this email be forwarded on to him.

7. Hustings

Thanks to everyone who helped and spoke on the 26th April at Kilmallie Community Centre for the Highland Council elections. There will be a General Election Hustings on 25th May at the Nevis Centre.

8. West Highlands and Islands Development Plan - Proposed Plan

The Plan included 18 pages for this area. MK feels that it is important that we hold a consultation again for comments from the public and suggested this take place at the same evening as the AGM on 26th June. MK to email Tim Stott to ask for copies of plans.

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9. Scottish Parliament Member's Bill on 20mph speed limit in Residential Areas

MK proposed and it was agreed that we support most rigorous speed restrictions. Closing date for comments is 7th August 2017.

10 Questions and Contributions from the Public.

Dougie Dykes asked if grass cutting being carried out by the same contractor as last year since the cutting was horrendous. Ben Thompson advised that the work was now back in Highland Council hands.

11. AOB

JR interested to know who is now running Highland Council. He was advised that there are now 76 councillors which needs 39 for majority. In Administration are 28 Independents, 10 LibDem, 3 Labour and 1 Green - with SNP as opposition. All posts have gone to Independent councillors with Andrew Baxter as Lochaber Area Leader.

CH asked about the proposed A82 Summit and whether KCC should have involvement, in itself or a rep from the joint Fort William Area CC group. Agreed need to find out the length of the A82 to be discussed at this summit before deciding.

CH had a letter from the suggestion box requesting that a sign be put up along the Canal Basin, showing the names of the mountains. Passing on to Canal authorities.

Kilmallie Community Centre is holding a gardening event on the 17th of June in the community gardens and requested volunteers.

8. Next meeting.

Next meeting is the AGM on the 26th June with a public consultation on West Plan proposed at 7pm, AGM 8pm and normal meeting 8.15pm.

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