

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at 20:00 on Monday 26 June 2017, at Kilmallie Community Centre**

**Present**

**Kilmallie Community Council**

- Carol Anne Campbell
- Mandy Ketchin
- Russell Leaper
- Jan MacLugash
- Jim Ramsay
  
- Cllr. Allan Henderson
- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)

Three members of the community.

**Apologies**

- Christine Hutchison
- Cllr. Ben Thompson
- Cllr. Billy MacLachlan

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the 2016 AGM on 27 June 2016 were approved.

**2. Chair's Report**

RL presented the attached chair's report on behalf of CH. KCC thanked CH in her absence for this report and her work as chair. One member of the community noted the importance of community councils and that there were several areas in Lochaber that currently do not have a community council. He expressed his appreciation for the work that is being done by KCC.

**3. Treasurer's report**

JM presented the annual accounts and thanked Joy Biggin for auditing these. These will now be sent to Highland Council in order that they can process the annual community council grant. There had been a deficit of £1004.81 for the year, mainly related to the costs of printing the newsletter. This will require either reducing the total pages of the newsletter or raising more funds.

**4. Election of office bearers**

The current office bearers all indicated that they were willing to continue and there were no other nominations. Christine Hutchison was unanimously elected as chair, Jan MacLugash as treasurer and Russell Leaper as secretary.

**5. Meeting schedule for 2017/18**

It was agreed to continue to meet on the fourth Monday in each month except July and December. Provisional meeting dates are therefore; 28/08/17, 25/09/17, 23/10/17, 27/11/17, 22/01/18, 26/02/18, 26/03/18, 23/04/18, 28/05/18, 25/06/18 (AGM).

## Chair's Report 2016/2017 (June 2016 to June 2017)

Christine Hutchison

KCC held 10 meetings during this time all in Kilmallie Community Centre. We welcomed a team from Thomas Telford Corpach Marina, Andy Rogers from BSW, David Devine from Transport Scotland, Willie Duncan, Community Warden, The Highland Council and Graeme Corner Senior Environmental Health Officer from the Highland Council. We were very disappointed when Mandy Ketchin stood down as Chair for personal reasons. Mandy had led KCC in a well-structured way with lots of skill and thoughtfulness. Fortunately she has stayed on as a member which has been a great help to all the members. Jim Ramsay has been co-opted on to KCC - we welcome Jim and appreciate his enthusiasm and skills. KCC now has 6 members and so we could co-opt another member to get our membership to 7.

Our activities over this last year have mostly fallen into the following categories:

- . Pursuing local issues including litter, grass cutting, untidiness at cemetery, noise from Industrial estate, bus timetable changes
- . Communication and engagement with the community via:
  - . four packed newsletters with special topic supplements, produced and delivered completely by volunteers and distributed free of charge to every home and business in Kilmallie
  - . our website - full of information and an archive
  - . our Twitter and Facebook pages
  - . our noticeboards and suggestion boxes
- . Specific projects such as:
  - . continuing our Slower Safer Smilier campaign
  - . our Community Fund - a donation to our Local Heroes which doubled a donation from a member of our community
- . Responses to and involvement with consultations including
  - . West Highlands and Islands Development Plan
  - . Thomas Telford Corpach Marina
  - . Westminster Government Constituency Boundary Changes
  - . Hustings for Local government Election
- . Attendance at other meetings and events:
  - . Lochaber Transport forum
  - . Lochaber Bus User's Group
  - . Steering Group for new hospital
  - . Comms and Engage sub-group for new hospital

Our thanks are due to many people:

- . our Ward Councillors, Bill Clark, Allan Henderson and Ben Thompson, before the Local Authority Election and Allan Henderson, Billy MacLachlan and Ben Thompson since the election for attending meetings and help with our concerns
- . PS Andy Bilton, Liaison Officer for KCC for attending meetings and giving regular police updates
- . all our newsletter sponsors, contributors and delivery teams
- . and to all the individuals and community groups who make Kilmallie a great place to live - we try to acknowledge their achievements and efforts in the newsletter

As has been said before - the best way to achieve an effective Community Council is for as many people as possible to be actively involved and this has been shown by the participation at our consultations and attendance at some of our meeting. I hope this will continue. Help KCC to help Kilmallie.

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