

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 28 August 2017, at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

- Christine Hutchison (Chair)
- Mandy Ketchin
- Russell Leaper
- Jan MacLugash
- Jim Ramsay

- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)

Apologies

- Cllr. Ben Thompson
- Cllr. Billy MacLachlan
- Carol Anne Campbell

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 26 June 2017 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

The total balance available on 01/08/2017 was £1565.29.

3. Police Update

Police Scotland had received a number of comments on the traffic congestion through Fort William during July and August. On many days and particularly in the afternoons the volume of traffic exceeded the critical threshold for it to run smoothly. Although it is the increase in traffic related to summer tourism that pushes the volume above the critical threshold, much of the traffic is local with many single occupancy vehicles. A number of suggestions were discussed for reducing the volume of local traffic. Kilmallie Community Council will be represented at a meeting of the Fort William Traffic Congestion working group which will take place on Monday 18 September 2017. In response to a question regarding fatal accident investigation equipment, AB noted that the collision investigation kit that was kept in Inverness cost in excess of £1million and so it was not feasible to have such kit permanently in Fort William. However, when Police Scotland was created there was an increase in Traffic Police in the area and Fort William does now have a trunk road policing unit.

4. Complaints of noise from Annat Point

There have been further complaints of noise from Annat Point. BSW had moved a mobile chipper within the site which has reduced one source of noise for some residents. However, further action is needed to address ongoing noise issues. Kilmallie Community Council has kept in touch with Environmental Health but they are still gathering information. Ardgour residents are also affected by the noise and a meeting with Ardgour CC was suggested.

5. Dumping at Mount Alexander

Several visits to the area around Mount Alexander that is being used as an unofficial dumping site reveal that situation continues to deteriorate with recent dumping including quantities of building waste such as paint, silicone sealant and fuel additives. These are potentially toxic and likely to pollute the watercourse running into the River Lochy. The site seems to be quite active and fresh material is being dumped frequently. It appears that diggers are sometimes used to cover over the

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dumped material. SEPA are aware of the issue and believe there has been an improvement with regards to the visual appearance of the site, but this may just be because dumped material has been buried. It was agreed to try and meet with SEPA officials to gain a better understanding of why they had not been able to address the dumping and identify what could be done (**Action:** RL to contact Linda MacLeod)

6. Defibrillator at the Community Centre

Some work is needed to secure the box for the defibrillator. JR will also continue to try and arrange training in defibrillator use for anyone who is interested.

7. Kilmallie Christmas Lights committee

The committee will be holding a fund raising race night on 14 October. The event for the switching on of the lights will be on 17 November. Volunteers are still needed to help put up the lights.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 25 September 2017 at Kilmallie Community Centre.