

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 25 September 2017, at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

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

- Cllr Allan Henderson
- Tony Boyd (Ardgour CC)

Apologies

- Carol Anne Campbell
- Andy Bilton (Police Scotland)

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 23 August 2017 were approved.

2. Treasurer's report

The total balance available on 01/09/2017 was £3106.01

3. Complaints of noise from Annat Point

There have been ongoing complaints of noise from Annat Point. Tony Boyd from Ardgour CC outlined the way the noise also affects residents south of Loch Eil. Kilmallie Community Council has kept in touch with Environmental Health but they are still gathering information and did not respond to requests for an update. It appears that some operators at Annat are acting outside of the planning consent and this should be investigated. The area now has a Planning Enforcement Officer who should be invited to future meetings with the operators. Kilmallie Community Council will try to arrange a joint meeting with Ardgour CC, Environmental Health, Planning Enforcement, Highland Councillors and operators at Annat to establish what needs to be done to address the noise issues. CC members expressed their disappointment that there had been little progress during the last six months despite the number of complaints and Environmental Health being aware of the issue. There are wider concerns that further industrial development of the area will make the problems worse.

4. Dumping at Mount Alexander

Unofficial dumping continues to be a problem at Mount Alexander. RL spoke with Jim Frame from SEPA and received an update on the situation. SEPA has written to all the local builders to remind them of the requirements to dispose of waste responsibly. However, further evidence is required to take any action against the builders who are dumping waste. Kilmallie Community Council members will meet with SEPA officials on 18 October to discuss the next steps that might be taken to stop the dumping and clear up the site.

5. Banavie war memorial

Kilmallie Community Council had previously explored grant applications for improving the access to the war memorial but these needed someone with the appropriate technical knowledge

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to take on the task of preparing a detailed application. AH noted that Highland Council grants are only available for work on the memorial itself and not the access. JR agreed to look at a possible new route to avoid the steep steps. He will liaise with Locheil Estates if an alternative route looks possible. It was also suggested that the British Legion may help with funding.

6. Association of Fort William Community Councils (AFWCC)

The Association of Fort William Community councils has not met for some time. Now that Fort William CC has reformed it was agreed that it could be useful to revive the AFWCC.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 23 October 2017 at Kilmallie Community Centre.