



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of KCC Meeting on Monday, 22nd January 2018 in Kilmallie Community Centre at 7:15pm.

Present

Christine Hutchison (Chair)
Jan MacLugash (Treasurer)
Carol Anne Campbell
Jim Ramsay
Mandy Ketchin

Cllr Allan Henderson
Cllr Ben Thompson

Isla Campbell (Local
Policing Inspector for
Lochaber

Apologies

Russell Leaper (Secretary)

ACTION

1 **Declarations of interest** None.

2 **Minutes of last meeting** Approved, proposed by Jim Ramsay, seconded by Jan MacLugash

3 **Billy MacLachlan** All KCC members expressed sadness in noting the recent death of Cllr Billy MacLachlan after a long illness, and acknowledged with very grateful thanks Billy's support of KCC and his work on behalf of the community.

4 **Police Update** Isla Campbell attended on behalf of Police Scotland due to PC Ross McCartney's unavailability. She had no immediate issues to report.

Police can help with publicity about flytipping issues at Camaghael.

Police

5 **Noise at Annat, and smell from Duiskey** CH reported on useful meeting she and RL attended with Graeme Corner (Environmental Health Officer) before Christmas. Ardgour CC also attended. Simon Hindson, Planning Enforcement Officer attended via phone link. It was agreed there should be a further meeting once GC has received BSW's noise emission info, and report on their engineering works to reduce noise emissions by improving containment at source. This is expected mid-January. GC also agreed to correspond with Boyd Bros regarding noise emissions.

Following complaints from the community, KCC also raised at the meeting the issue of smell from Duiskey plant. GC said that SEPA have a stronger legal basis to deal with complaints than Environmental Health because it is a planning condition of the site. So all complaints should be directed to SEPA. KCC agreed to write to SEPA to register community concerns.

CH

6 **Naming of new units at Camaghael** KCC had received a request from Highland Council for views about the proposed naming of a new development. It was agreed to respond to say 'The Old Baling Plant' was preferred to simply 'Baling Plant'.

7 **Treasurer's report** Report tabled. Total balance at 01/01/18 was £3760.01

Chair – Christine Hutchison
Secretary – Russell Leaper
Treasurer – Jan MacLugash

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8 Contributions from public

None

9 Any other business

9.1 JR reported Christmas lights being arranged to be taken down soon.

9.2 Disabled access over lockgates at Corpach was discussed and welcomed. KCC confirmed willingness in principle to submit application for Highland Council Discretionary Funding on behalf of Scottish Canals, but all design, specification, procurement and contract management would need to be responsibility of Scottish Canals. From Katie Hughes' email correspondence it did not seem that this was likely to be forthcoming in time for an application in this financial year.

9.3 Councillors confirmed KCC could still apply for Discretionary Funding towards newsletter, even if we also applied for disabled access over lockgates.

9.4 Kate Forbes MSP contacted CH to check on progress with pedestrian crossings. Transport Scotlad are preparing further design proposals following the concerns expressed by KCC over crossing locations and loss of parking.

9.5 A resident in Lady Margaret Drive had expressed concern to CH that she had been unable to get her car out of the drive for a week due to poor road gritting in the recent icy weather.

AH explained we have eight main routes, and eight lorries to cover the whole of Lochaber. 'Main routes' comprise our Primary and Secondary roads. Routes take approximately 3 hours in conditions of frost, ice or light snow. Route lengths vary but for example Strontian to Lochailort return trip is approximately 100km. Treatment time can say double when we experience significant snowfall and or drifting.

'Other' routes are treated after the main routes are treated, in the time available. Drivers' time is further accounted for, for example, by breaks, vehicle safety checks, loading, adjusting equipment (eg torqueing wheel nuts, replacing plough rubbers), clearing salt blockages, down time for garage repairs to deal with vehicle faults or breakdowns, vehicle washing and cleaning, fuelling, paperwork, communication, assisting police/vehicles belonging to members of the public that have become stuck/are blocking the road, etc. Pavements generally fit in after all this work.

AH offered to send us a Highland Council leaflet with further information on gritting route priorities. AH

9.6 Also noted:

- rapidly deteriorating state of North Road surfacing with extensive deep potholes
- Highland Council proposal to consider trialling Universal Basic Income
- no further news of Boundary Commission proposals following KCC representation
- CH to check whether KCC still needs to write in support of Friends of West Highland Line proposal for additional trains

CH

10 Date and venue of next meeting

Monday 26th February 2018. Kilmallie Community Centre at 7:15pm.

Distribution

By email to all KCC members, Cllr Allan Henderson, Cllr Ben Thompson, Elizabeth Toal (HC), Lochaber Archive Centre, PS Isla Campbell, Caol CC, I&TCC, and individual community members as requested.

Paper copy to Corpach and Banavie notice boards