



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held at 19:15 on Monday 26th February 2018,
at Kilmallie Community Centre**

Present:

Christine Hutchison (Chair) (CH) Ben Thompson – Councillor
Carol Anne Campbell (Minutes) (CAC) Ross McCartney, Community Liaison Officer – Police Scotland
Mandy Ketchin (MK) One member of public
Jan MacLugash, Treasurer (JMCL) Neil Bo Finlayson, Lochaber Times

1. **Apologies:** Russell Leaper, Jim Ramsay and Councillor Allan Henderson

2. **Agree Agenda**

Agreed, with the addition of:

- a) Pedestrian Crossings on A830;
- b) Hustings for Highland Council By-Election;
- c) Reduction in CC Funding - include within Treasurer's Report

3. **Declarations of Interest** None.

4. **Approval of previous minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of meeting on 22nd January were proposed by Jan and seconded by Carol Anne.

5. **Police Update**

Ross McCartney introduced himself as our new police community liaison officer, having moved from Paisley. Ross suggested Katie Duncan, who is the community relations officer, attend a future meeting to introduce herself – she deals with and tries to resolve tensions in communities.

6. **Treasurer's report**

Total balance available is £3520.07.

There was some discussion on the recent announcement by the Highland Council that community council budgets were to be cut in half and how that would affect the running of the CC. It was noted that the CC would now be run on approximately 30p per member of community. Ben Thompson explained how the councillors came to the decision and also the options for distribution, eg. could become instead part of a discretionary fund. All CC members agreed this was a difficult task but were nevertheless very disappointed.

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7. Update on Noise from Annat Point

CH had emailed and phoned Graeme Corner asking for an update but had no reply.

CH advised that the objectors to the Liberty planning application had had site meetings at Annat, Canal Basin & Kilmallie Cemetery amongst others. This was to see and discuss the potential impact of Liberty's future planning applications for development in Corpach. CH voiced concerns over the West Plan having been held back due to future planning applications from Liberty. It was agreed that Liberty be invited to the next KCC meeting, which would be open to the public as usual, to discuss the proposals they have for the Kilmallie area and what impact the works may have. Brian King, Plant Manager, advised as contact. CH suggested that this be a joint meeting with Ardgour CC and this was agreed.

8. Update on Smell from Duisky

CH apologised that she had been unable to take this forward so far but would do so shortly.

9. Banavie War Memorial

CH reported that she had received a complaint about illegibility of the names and she had written to Emma Tayler. Alf Leslie of Highland Council would approach a stone mason for an opinion on works needing carried out and we are awaiting a response. Alf Leslie has a small budget and had asked about accessing the ward discretionary budget.

Catriona Davison, curator at Glencoe Folk Museum, contact us about finding info about two Cameron brothers from Strone killed in the War – agreed to include in the Newsletter.

10. Kilmallie Community Gardens

The Community Council expressed thanks to the individual who had rejuvenated the community gardens.

11. Update from the Fort William Congestion Group

Ben Thompson advised that Transport Scotland has suggested a short term improvement at Nevis Bridge to improve the flow of traffic as this has been identified as a trouble spot/bottleneck. AECOM have been given the job of suggesting what that improvement could be and there have thoughts on a solution which needs action from British Telecom to progress. AECOM is carrying out Pre Stag Appraisal from Annat, to Torlundy and the southside of Fort William – the results of this will be due in the middle of the year. It is expected that long term approaches/solutions will emerge in due course. There is potential in this report for better rail links etc. The Fire & Rescue Service had brought up issue of retained firefighters not being able to make it to the station at peak times. Ben Thompson advised of a drop-in on March 8th at Fort William library to meet AECOM.

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12. Update from the Belford Communications & Engagement Group meeting 22 February

CH advised that the Group was preparing Q&A number 2. It was agreed to invite Maimie Thompson, NHS, to our June meeting.

13. Questions and Contributions from the Public: None.

14. Any Other Business

Pedestrian crossings on A830 Update: KCC had received an email from Transport Scotland suggesting a different crossing point at Corpach. Agreed to revisit at the next meeting.

Hustings for Highland Council By-Election: To be jointly hosted by KCC and Caol CC. Nominations by 1st March with election on 5th April.

It was noted that there had been good coverage of the Mount Alexander fly tipping problems in the press. Ben Thompson mentioned an improved way of reporting fly-tipping, now on the Council website.

Roddy Mainland is suggesting a Drumfada Community Group.

It was noted that all public toilets are up for review, to either shut, charge or improve. This could affect Kilmallie Community Centre. Members spoke about the planning consent for the Moorings Hotel improvements where the toilets were supposed to be accessible to the public.

Ben Thompson advised that Corpach Marina has been funded at £1.4 million

15. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be on Monday 26th March at 7:15pm.