



# COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of KCC Meeting on Monday, 23rd April 2018 in Kilmallie Community Centre at 7:15pm.

## Present

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

Cllr Allan Henderson  
Cllr Denis Rixson  
PS Nick Hough

## Apologies

Russell Leaper (Secretary)  
Jim Ramsay  
Cllr Ben Thompson

3 members of public:  
Dougie Dykes  
Elspeth McKenzie  
Colin Wood

ACTION

**1**      **Declarations of interest**  
None.

**2**      **Minutes of last meeting**  
Approved, with two additions:

- Item 4, para 3, last sentence, added “at Corpach” so now reads “Concerns were raised about the storage of large quantities of potentially explosive gas at Corpach, close to centres of population”.
- Item 4, extra para as follows:  
Alastair Nicholson of HIE confirmed that Boyds were fronting an Engineering Study to see whether a deep water facility can be built at Corpach. HIE and Liberty would support the costs of the study.

**3**      **Police Update**

NH reported on a drugs operation last month that covered all licensed premises in Fort William incl Corpach. Any information received by police on drugs use is gratefully received, especially if it is provided immediately to enable a search warrant to be issued.

**4**      **Update on pedestrian crossings**

4.1      RL has written further to David Devine, Transport Scotland, reply awaited.

4.2      Agreed to hold a community consultation (to be publicised in next newsletter) to obtain views on preferred option for Corpach (relocation of bus stop versus greater loss of parking) and to invite DD. Essential to notify shop as a key stakeholder. CH

Uncertainty about whether we have received any drawings of the option that relocates the bus stop. We need to check with RL, and if not request from DD

4.3      KCC had received email from Paul Biggin suggesting modifications to swing bridge railings might alleviate sightline issues at canal. Agreed to ask DD to look into this. CH/RL

4.4      NH offered police support for any measures that increased road safety. He suggested additional road markings might help. (He had written a report for Grange Road residents to support their road safety concerns).

4.5      AH has been working with Mark Ruskell MSP and others to establish a default 20mph limit in residential streets (though can't at present be applied to trunk roads).

**5**      **Noise at Annat, and smell from Duisy**

5.1      CH reported on useful meeting she and RL attended with Graeme Corner (Environmental Health Officer) and Simon Hindson (Planning Enforcement Officer on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Tony Boyd from Ardgour CC also attended. SH is overseeing a breach of planning conditions and is setting up noise meters, 2 at Corpach and 1 at Achaphubuil. BSW are erecting an acoustic barrier after which further checks will be made.

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

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- 5.2 CW raised concerns about air pollution from BSW (smoke from drying kiln blows across road to the park). KCC to pass this concern on to Graham Corner. CH
- 6 Banavie Quarry planning application for extension**  
KCC have been informed of an upcoming public consultation in connection with Banavie Quarry's Proposal of Application Notice for extension of the quarry. Date not yet confirmed. There will also be a presentation to the Quarry Liaison Group.
- 7 Fort William Strategic Transport Study (Pre-Appraisal)**  
Agreed MK would represent KCC at Stakeholder Workshop on Problems, Opportunities, Objectives and Solutions on 3rd May, to encourage innovative ideas to promote public transport, cycling and walking solutions. MK
- 8 West Highlands & Islands Local Development Plan and 2040 Vision**  
Noted that Highland Council's Lochaber Area Committee's decision on 11 April did not accommodate the representation from local community councils. CCs must now await the decision of the Scottish Government's Reporter on the WHILDLP, and await any news of a date for the proposed brief consultation on Highland Council's 2040 vision for the Fort William area (which includes much of Kilmallie). Liberty's activities are the main new driver for change, and expected to impact significantly on the Kilmallie community both directly in our area and indirectly within the wider Fort William area. KCC feels communities can expect little if any opportunity for participation in decisions that are being made by Scottish Government and Highland Council.
- 9 Association of Fort William Area Community Councils (FWACC)**
- 9.1 CH reported first meeting took place 9<sup>th</sup> April, attended by members from 5 CCs – Fort William, Inverlochy & Torlundy, Caol, Ardgour and KCC. Next is due 4<sup>th</sup> June at Caol Community Centre, which Dot Ferguson, Area Manager has been asked to attend. Issues include the WHILDLP and 2040 vision, impact of Liberty on local area, transport, inclusion in Community Planning Partnership, new hospital etc.  
AH is supportive of Community Harbour Authority and suggests could reach to Corran – a good topic for FWACC consideration. CW noted Road to the Isles 2018 initiative for Marine Tourism which could also link in.
- 9.2 Constitutional basis of group still to be established, including quorum, representation, and public attendance. Agreed Spean Bridge and Gairloch should also be invited to join.
- 10 War memorial**
- 10.1 CH reported phone call on 12/04 from Alf Leslie, Community Services Co-ordinator for War Memorials, who now has a quote from a stonemason for just under £1000, and is hopeful that the work can go ahead soon.
- 10.2 JR is hoping to work on a better access route with 2 others. KCC are grateful for their efforts. CW offered a list of volunteers who might be able to help too.
- 11 Treasurer's report**
- 11.1 Report tabled. Total balance at 01/04/18 was £2979.20, expected to dwindle sharply due to heavy cut to our admin grant by Highland Council.
- 11.2 Agreed to ask Joy Biggin if she would kindly verify our accounts again for the AGM Treasurer's report. JM
- 11.3 Agreed to stay with Zurich for public liability insurance. JM
- 11.4 Draft application for Ward Discretionary funding for newsletter to be circulated for approval, awaiting some figures. MK.JM
- 11.5 CW's offer to become a newsletter sponsor was accepted with appreciation.
- 12 Contributions from public**  
None
- 13 Any other business**
- 13.1 Follow up from last meeting's presentation from Liberty
- 13.1.1 Duncan Mackison (of Highland Estates representing Liberty) had responded to our question about whether the proposed alloy wheels required a gas supply brought by sea, as follows: "No, gas by sea is not required for the factory to open. We will have our own gas terminal on site that is fed by road tanker for all site needs. If however a local network was built we would be keen to use that instead."

- 13.1.2 Noted report that Scotia Gas have been carrying out a door to door survey to establish level of householder interest in mains gas supply.
- 13.2 CW reported concerns from Clerk Drive residents who had been notified by Highland Council not to park in front of their houses as it hinders access to lock-ups on other side of road. Agreed that informal accommodation of all everyone's needs was preferable if it can be achieved. DR offered to try to resolve. DR
- 13.3 Noted upcoming consultation on major new housing development on the Blar
- 13.4 Noted letter from Ian MacInnes, BBC journalist keen to gather stories about local communities.

**14 Date and venue of next meeting**

Monday 28th May 2018. Kilmallie Community Centre at 7:15pm.

**Distribution**

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