

**Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 28 May 2018 at Kilmallie Community Centre**

**Present**

**Kilmallie Community Council**

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

Gavin Mennie (Breedon)  
Sgt Ross McCartney (Police Scotland)

**Highland Council**

Cllr Denis Rixson

**Apologies**

Cllr Ben Thompson  
Carol Anne Campbell

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 23 April 2018 were approved with minor editorial corrections.

**2. Treasurer's report**

The total balance available on 01/05/2018 was £2346.20

**3. Police Update**

Sgt Ross McCartney reported the usual seasonal rise in road traffic accidents related to increased vehicle numbers. There had also been an increase in alcohol related driving offences. Two local officers are being trained in road accident investigation to reduce the need for officers to travel from other areas to investigate road accidents.

**4. Proposed extension of Banavie Quarry including a time extension to the existing quarry, revised workings and progressive restoration**

Gavin Mennie from Breedon outlined the future plans for the quarry and summarised the views expressed during a consultation even that held been held at Banavie Rugby Club on May 7. Around 50 people had attended the event. Breedon intend to submit a planning application in autumn 2018 to continue operations until 2043 and to extend the area of the quarry. Key concerns from the community were the speed of lorries, noise and dust. Effective restoration of the back face to reduce the visual impact is also considered a priority issue. More recently, Breedon had requested further night working in response to requests from BEAR for overnight supplies of asphalt. The request was for 29 nights of work during June and July. The quarry planning conditions do not allow night working and so this only goes ahead if there are no objections from local residents. Following objections, there will be no further overnight work without further consultation with residents. KCC is represented on the quarry liaison group by RL. GM noted that all local residents were welcome to attend the liaison group meetings. The next meeting will be on 3 August and will include a tour of the quarry. It was agreed to discuss the timing of liaison group meetings at the next meeting.

**5. Further consultation related to pedestrian crossings on A830 at Corpach Co-op**

It had been agreed at the April meeting that further consultation was needed to respond to Transport Scotland on their proposed changes to parking and the bus stop to facilitate a pedestrian crossing at Corpach. This consultation will be held at the KCC meeting on 27 August. (**Action:** RL to invite David Devine from Transport Scotland to that meeting).

## **6. Update related to noise from Annat**

KCC had been informed that Highland Council had served a Breach of Condition Notice on Boyd Brothers (Haulage) Ltd in relation to working outwith their permitted operational hours. The terms of the notice require them to comply with the terms of their planning permission by 11 June and specifically stop all works and uses of the jetty between 2200 and 0600 Monday to Saturday inclusive of loading and unloading of vessels and docking of vessels; and all works and uses of the jetty between 2200 on a Saturday and 0600 on a Monday inclusive of loading and unloading of vessels and docking of vessels. KCC welcomed this notice and encouraged reporting of any working outside of these hours which may be used in any further enforcement action by the Council.

## **7. Consultation on Blar Mor masterplan and proposed housing developments on the Blar**

Highland Council had informed KCC of their intention to submit a planning application for a large housing development on the Blar. Prior to this they will be holding a consultation event on 11 June at Kilmallie Community Centre.

## **8. Engagement with neighbouring Community Councils**

Three members of KCC had attended a meeting of the Association of Fort William Area Community Councils (FWACC) in April. Another meeting is planned for 4 June but the agenda was not yet available. It was noted that there were some issues where it was advantageous for Community Councils to work together (e.g. improvements to public transport and services) and others where there would be differing views. Any decisions taken by KCC with respect to actions by FWACC need to be agreed first by the members of KCC.

## **9. Banavie War Memorial**

JR reported that a group of volunteers had tackled the scrub around the war memorial to clear a potential path line that should allow for easier access. The path would still need to be levelled and surfaced.

## **10. Parking close to garages in Clerk Drive, Corpach**

KCC had been informed of some concerns over a letter from Highland Council regarding parking in Clerk Drive blocking access to garages leased by the council to residents. DR had investigated and only 7 of 29 garages are currently being used. It was agreed that no action was required unless further issues were raised by residents.

## **11. Strategic Transport Pre-Appraisal**

MK had attended a workshop on 3rd May in Fort William as part of an ongoing study into transport issues in the area. Discussions from the workshop will be used to confirm the list of problems to be tackled and to inform the development of Transport Planning Objectives and possible solutions. The report of the workshop had just become available.

## **12. Next meeting**

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 25 June 2018 at Kilmallie Community Centre. This will include the Annual General Meeting in addition to an ordinary meeting.