

Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 26 November 2018 at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

Carol Anne Campbell
Christine Hutchison (Chair)
Russell Leaper
Jan MacLugash
Jim Ramsay

Highland Council

Cllr Denis Rixson
Cllr Ben Thompson

Apologies

Cllr Allan Henderson
Sgt Ross McCartney (Police Scotland)
Mandy Ketchin

Two members of the public

1. Declarations of interest.

None

2. Approval of previous minutes.

The minutes of the meetings on 24/09/18 and 22/10/18 were approved

3. Treasurer's report

The available balance on 01/11/2018 was £2316.73.

4. Police update

Sgt McCartney was not present and so there was no update from the police but it was agreed to contact him regarding speeding and parking on the pavement in Hillview Drive. There have been complaints regarding speeding and a request for an advisory 20mph sign. There had also been reports of cars parked blocking the pavement. It was noted that the police had requested such parking to be reported while the vehicle was still there in order to allow officers to investigate. It was also agreed to ask Sgt McCartney for an article for the newsletter describing the law about parking on the pavement.

5. Proposal for footpath linking Banavie school to canal

KCC had been contacted regarding proposals for a pedestrian access between Banavie School and the canal towpath. This would provide a safer and more pleasant walking route to the school than the current access road. It could be accessed from both Corpach and Banavie. This would allow parents to park safely and to complete the last part of the journey on foot. The landowner, Scottish Canals and Highland Council have been contacted and support the idea in principle. One concern that was raised is the lack of a safe crossing of the A830 at Banavie Swing Bridge. This is an issue that KCC continues to try and persuade Transport Scotland to address.

6. Update from planning on Blar 'masterplan' PIP permission (18/03647/PIP)

The report of the South Planning Applications Committee (PLS 080/18) on the discussions on 23/10/18 granting permission for 18/03647/PIP noted some of the concerns of Kilmallie Community Council but did not consider the issue of CO₂ emissions associated with the disturbance of peat. Highland Council are obliged to address greenhouse gas emissions under Section 44 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act, paragraph 205 of the 2014 Scottish Planning

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Policy, and paragraph 5.2.2 of the HWLDP. These requirements were all ignored by the Committee. KCC will continue to urge that a proper assessment of likely greenhouse gas emissions is conducted in order to allow for an informed debate on each detailed planning application. Concerns were also raised that each development on the Blar would be subject to an individual planning application but there was no mechanism to ensure that any developments were properly integrated with each other. BT noted that housing in other areas, such as Glasgow, was required to meet a gold standard for sustainability but the proposals for housing on the Blar would not meet such standards.

7. Update from FWACC meeting

Other Community Councils had reported similar difficulties to KCC in engaging with Highland Council officials. It was noted that the next meeting of FWACC would be a public meeting on 11 December with Scott Delgano from the development team of the planning department to follow up on feedback from the FW2040 workshop.

8. Update from Transport Forum on train services

The West Highland Community Rail Partnership has been asked to submit evidence of the demand for an improved overall train timetable to be introduced in 2020. It was agreed to make a submission from KCC highlighting the services which had been identified as most important for the Kilmallie community. Improved services could also help to reduce vehicle numbers and congestion on the A82 and A830. DR highlighted the need to coordinate the train timetable with any new ferry services from Mallaig.

The WHCRP are also following up on future use of the station buildings in Corpach which belong to Network Rail.

9. Corpach deepwater port feasibility study

An action from a previous meeting had been to follow up with HIE whether there had been any progress on the feasibility study for a deep water port in Corpach. RL was told verbally by Alastair Nicolson that there was no progress to report.

10. Lorry traffic through Corpach

Further concerns were raised about the amount of lorry traffic through Corpach. In particular, that the Coire Glas development could increase this traffic. However, BT noted that nothing was likely to happen with this development in the next five years. BT also commented that he had experienced delays on the A830 due to the Banavie Swing bridge operating before 0900. He will follow up on this with Scottish Canals.

11. Banavie War Memorial

CH reported that there had been 60-70 people at the Remembrance Service at Banavie War Memorial. The lettering had been done in time for the service but the monument had not been cleaned. She has contacted Alf Leslie to follow up on this.

12. Christmas lights

KCC welcomed the display of Christmas lights and thanked the team for putting these up.

13. Next meeting

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 28 January 2019 in Kilmallie Community Centre.

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