



## Minutes of Kilmallie Community Council meeting 19.15 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Present:

Carol Anne Campbell (Minutes),	Cllr Allan Henderson
Christine Hutchison (Chair)	6 Members of the public
Mandy Ketchin,	Sgt Deborah McCartney (Police Liaison)
Jan MacLugash, (Treasurer)	Lochaber Times reporter

1 Apologies: Russell Leaper, Jim Ramsay, Cllr Ben Thompson, Cllr Dennis Rixon, Sgt Ross McCartney (Police Liaison)

2 Declarations of interest – none

3 Previous minutes proposed by MK and seconded by JML.

4 Police update with Deborah McCartney filling in for Ross. Advised re Hillview drive, that it's only illegal to park on pavement if causing an obstruction, and that this was included in their newsletter article. Ten people have been issued with speeding/traffic violation tickets in recent months. Christine advised that a speed check had been done in Hillview Drive and vehicles were under 20 mph. Highland Council have advised that they erect 'twenty's plenty' signage in new financial year, which is an advisory limit.

5 Treasurer's Report.

Balance £1273 at 1st Feb - Hall fees x 2 still to come out + insurance.

Gwyn will take Passing Glimpses in to sell in his shop, Gallery in the Fort. Next newsletter will be 8 pages compared to 24. Not enough money or people to do a full newsletter, so will cost £295 this time, Dec issue was £585. Jan is continuing to call sponsors. Alan H advised that a small budget has been put aside and CC's can put in for £500. MK advised basic budget does not even cover normal expenses never mind newsletter.

6 Update from January meeting re Waste Transfer Unit.

Good well attended meeting, good coverage in newspapers. Duncan Kelly took message that no-one wanted waste unit and Alasdair Ferguson released press statement advising he would request HC to look elsewhere. Alan H advised HC is still looking for another site. He also advised there was no clarification what would/would not be accepted from green bin into landfill, and that Lochaber is not big enough for a waste to energy plant. Roddy asked about waste uplift going to 3 weeks, Alan said HC would not accept that. Thanks to A Ferguson for bringing to KCC's attention.

7 Update on Banavie School crossing patrol.

Concerns raised that no crossing patrol officer at Banavie school. Update from Norma Young, officer on sick leave, parents emailed. Member of staff doing morning and afternoon shifts, parents have also helped out.

## 8 Update on installation of Puffin Crossing in Corpach.

Sharon Wells from Coop emailed KCC with concerns over parking space for deliveries, they were offered 'No Parking' cones. Christine advised her to get in touch with their H&S department and KCC not heard anything since. Christine had emailed Calvin Sharp commending on a good job while works going on. Ribbon cutting 8th March and BEAR Scotland to ask a local girl to cut ribbon as she drew pictures. Dougie suggests having someone who would benefit from crossing to also cut ribbon. He also suggested that the bus stop is too far away and would prefer in original location but not as designated bus stop so still car spaces. KCC has already agreed to the position after public consultation and it's also easier for buggies, infirm etc to go from pavement to bus. Gwyn advised only 1 significant delay during works. Christine will email requesting wildflowers instead of grass.

## 9 Update on Corpach Station building.

At the recent Transport Forum meeting, Benny MacDonald shared details of emails received from Carol Barclay of Network Rail. On 9th Jan, Route Asset Management Team confirm building unsafe to enter, suspended deck unstable due to rot, so best solution to demolish but no funding at the moment. On 29th Jan, it was advised that Building Teams had no internal plans only an external footprint. They deem demolition best course of action as too costly to renovate. It also has asbestos cement roof. The building is not listed - agreed in principal to demolish and realised this would be disappointing for any prospective tenant. Ian Langley was co-ordinating information to Sea Cadets as they were interested.

## 10 Questions and contributions from the public.

Dougie Dykes asked about the deep water feasibility study as there has still been no response, KCC to chase up Alistair Nicholson. Asked how to we take port authority forward. The FWACCs has recommended that the 2014 study should be revisited and the Area Councillors decided to look into further.

Roddy Mainland spoke about Community Services and Dean Kennedy who manages the groups. Over the winter a group has worked in the Old Kilmallie cemetery to clear central wall of ivy. He asked that we recognise the work that has been done, get before and after pictures, and comment that an amazing job has been done. Alan H advised could contact Community Services to send letter, KCC could put in June newsletter, and Lochaber Times also would do an article.

## 11 Any other business.

\*We were reminded that the quarry liaison group meet tomorrow afternoon – their planning application for Carr's Corner has not been determined.

\*KCC may write to Holly Guilebrand expressing support for Climate Change protest.

\*Email received to secretary inbox from HC planning advising a new submission for Blar housing. Further comments by 10/11 March.

\*Christine received email re Highland CC Elections in November 2019.

Next meeting 25th March

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