

Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 24 August 2020 by remote video link

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

Carol Anne Campbell
John Hutchison (Chair)
Russell Leaper
Ann Moffat

2 members of the public

Highland Council

Cllr Denis Rixson
Cllr Allan Henderson

Apologies

Cllr Ben Thompson
Colin Wood
Gwyn Moses
Ross McCartney

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the remote meeting on 27 July 2020 were approved.

2. Temporary change in chair

Colin Wood had indicated that he needed to take a break from Community Council activities for a few months for personal reasons. It was agreed that John Hutchison (vice-chair) would take over as chair for this period.

3. Establishment of a liaison group to address complaints of noise and pollution from Annat

KCC had received an update from David Mudie (Area Planning Manager). Following a number of complaints related to the use by Boyd Bros of a log chipper in early July, Environmental Health officers attended the site and undertook noise monitoring. It was found that the noise emissions from the industrial wood chipper and ancillary operations (such as log splitting and subsequent movement leading up to chipping) had caused a noise nuisance at surrounding residential premises. While the chipping activities ceased, the Council served an Abatement Notice; the scope of which covers recurrence. There had also been complaints in June regarding a mobile chipper on the BSW site and it was estimated that the noise was likely to breach the planning condition limit. This work ceased when the manager was alerted to the issue and noise mitigation work was undertaken on the butt reducer and the conveyor line during July.

The hope is still to establish a liaison group to try and address similar issues in future, before they cause problems.

4. Update on Lochaber Health & Social Care Redesign Steering Group

There has been considerable concern about the announcement that the work of the Lochaber Health & Social Care Redesign Steering Group has been put on hold. The group has

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already done a large amount of work and there is a risk that this could be lost if progress stalls and then new people are appointed. It was agreed that the Covid-19 pandemic should not be used as an excuse for a lack of action, particularly on health related matters. This is an issue where the association of Community Council's in the wider area could work together to press for action.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 28 September at 19:15 by remote video link. Please contact secretary@kilmallie.org.uk to join the meeting.

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