



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 28 September 2020 by remote video link

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

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

Steven Ingram – Scottish Canals
8 members of the public

Apologies

Cllr Allan Henderson
Colin Wood
Cllr Denis Rixson

Highland Council

Cllr Ben Thompson

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the remote meeting on 24 August 2020 were approved.

2. Declarations of interest

JH noted that he was an associate member of Lochaber Rugby Club

3. Police update

There was no police representative present. Several members of the community commented on the speed of vehicles through Corpach and that the problem appeared to be getting worse. Although this had been brought to the attention of the police, there had been no obvious police presence to enforce speed limits. It was agreed to encourage police representation at future meetings and when this is not possible to request a written update on any issues.

4. Treasurer's report

GM reported that the bank balance was £2466. There is still a need to get the **accounts checked** so that the Highland Council grant can be released.

5. Update from Scottish Canals

KCC welcomed Steven Ingram who had taken over from John Stafford as the West District Supervisor for Scottish Canals. An issue that had come up was the dumping of toilet waste from a campervan by the children's play park at the Neptune's Staircase car park. This had been cleared up but Steven noted that he could be contacted on 07769912484 or steven.ingram@scottishcanals.co.uk if similar incidents happen in the future. There had also been complaints about vehicle use and speeds on both sides of the towpath at Neptune's Staircase. Scottish Canals are considering putting in a gate on the south side to stop unauthorised vehicles. KCC would welcome this and any action to reduce vehicle use on the

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towpath which had been resurfaced by Sustrans with public money but was not built to cope with vehicle traffic.

6. Lochaber Rugby Club request for support for Community Asset Transfer of land to the club

KCC had been contacted by Lochaber Rugby Club who are trying to acquire ownership of the pitch, old play park, and car park through Community Asset Transfer. These areas are currently owned by Highland Council. Immediate neighbours expressed some concerns regarding the responsibility for maintaining the culvert and any long-term implications of land being transferred from Council ownership. It was agreed to write to the club to ask what current problems the asset transfer would address and what their future plans are.

7. Hospital and housing developments on Blar Mor site

JH updated on an issue that had arisen in connection with plans for the new hospital and the housing development on the Blar. NHS Highland and Highland Council need to urgently work together to ensure space is created for a through route for buses to link with the Health Centre. KCC has repeatedly highlighted the problems associated with a lack of coordinated development on the Blar and this is one example. If it is not sorted out then buses serving the hospital, medical centre and High School will have to follow an unnecessarily convoluted route. It was agreed to write to NHS Highland and Highland Council to highlight the need to address this issue.

8. Corpach notice board

The glass in the notice board is in a poor state of repair. GM will continue to try and source a sheet of acrylic but noted there had been a shortage in supply because of the demand for screens as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 26 October at 19:15 by remote video link. Please contact secretary@kilmallie.org.uk to join the meeting.