

Minutes for Meeting held after AGM at 19:15 on Monday 27 June 2022 In Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

John Hutchison – Chair
Carol Anne Campbell – Treasurer & Acting Secretary
Gwyn Moses – Vice Chair
Ann Moffat – member
Colin Wood – member
3 Members of the public

Note: The meeting had been advertised as accessible by Zoom but it did not prove possible to make a connection on the Community Centre's system.

1) **Apologies** - Russell Leaper, Cllr Liz Sagers, Police liaison - Leigh Brown

2) **Declaration of interest**

None

3) **Approval of previous minutes**

Approved. Discussion on previous points. 30 mph wheelie bin stickers are now seen to be used, no info on 20mph signs as yet. Although there seems to have been agreement between public bodies, there has not yet been a public consultation on A830/A82 roads speed order changes and therefore this has not been concluded.

4) **Police Update and Road Safety Issues**

No police liaison officer so no police update.

Speaker from Lochaber Biodiversity Action Group brought plans from BEAR to KCC's attention in that they are looking to widen footpath/cycleways on the Blàr Mòr. LBAG advised they have sent in comments requesting that the biodiverse verge is not disturbed and instead funds would be perhaps better spent extending the cycle path westwards at Annat. Because of the proximity of the ditches and limited verge width it was noted that only half a metre of widening would be possible which seemed of little overall benefit compared with the loss of the important habitat. KCC will send in letter of support - CAC, JH to action

5) **Treasurer's Report**

Attached below

6) **Update on Belford Steering Group and Blàr Mòr developments**

Blàr Mòr - In July, 28 houses are due to be released to Highland Council. Highland Council decided not to release any for sale in this first phase, 6 will be reserved for blue light professionals. The 5 phased completion should be in early 2023 and the report from Helen Cameron also states there will be welcome packs in the homes. JH feels that there should have been a separate accommodation block built for hospital staff instead of taking it from the general population allocation.

Belford Steering Group - Approval of the Initial Agreement is expected on Weds 29 June. Discussion still needs to be had about the rehabilitation unit and how it operates. Lochaber Times are now carrying a monthly column of updates. CW asked about the possibility of park and ride and further bus time/stops - possibility of rail bus that he had seen in operation elsewhere.

7) Update on Community Fridge

Continues to be busy and is taking more than a ton of food a month. Now collecting from M&S and Tesco on a Wednesday night and also receiving from them on a Friday and Sunday night. Have applied to the Co Op Community fund to be one of their causes to support for next year, still to hear. Have also applied to collect from Co Op in Caol and are waiting to hear. 1 Year Anniversary Event on 20th August 2pm - 6pm Kilmallie Community Centre - clothing swish, cooking demos, input from LEG.

8) Climate change – community contribution to achieving climate change related targets

Noted that through community fridge and newsletter KCC continues to promote positive changes.

Discussion on relieving the impact of cars on A82, especially with the new hospital on the Blàr, people coming from town might have problems. Carrying on from CW discussion of railbus, GM suggested extra rail shuttles between Glenfinnan and Roybridge and perhaps a mini bus shuttle from town. JH said that Frank Roach of HITRANS has been promoting this idea. JH advised he will ask Arianne Burgess, MSP, about CO2 monitors to check the environmental impact on A82.

9) Ideas for practical community projects

DD suggested tidying up of notice boards and surrounding areas at Kilmallie Community Centre, and postbox and phone box at the shops. CAC to contact Royal Mail and BT about cleaning up the postbox and phonebox. JH noted and thanked DD and CW for sorting and sealing polycarbonate on KCC noticeboard.

10) Any other business

GM advised that the transport forum, which has run for the last 20 years, had had funding from HC withdrawn and so had disbanded. There will be two outreach meetings per year to replace it, organised by Highland Council..

Nominee to 2040 stakeholders group - CW with GM to substitute.

Discussion on Kilmallie Church and its future to be on the next agenda. Look into the possibility of having meetings there in future.

11) Date of next meeting

22/08/22 - 7.15pm hopefully hybrid meeting

