

Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 25 November 2019 at Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

Carol Anne Campbell
John Hutchison
Russell Leaper
Gwyn Moses
Ann Moffat
Colin Wood

Highland Council

Cllr Allan Henderson
Cllr Denis Rixson

5 members of the public

Apologies

Donald Grant

1. Formation of new Community Council

AH opened the meeting on behalf of Highland Council and thanked the previous members of Kilmallie Community Council for all their work. He welcomed the new Community Council and asked for nominations for chair. Colin Wood was appointed chair and then took over the running of the meeting. Russell Leaper was appointed secretary, Gwyn Moses, treasurer and John Hutchison as vice-chair.

It was noted that three of the immediate neighbouring CCs to Kilmallie had not been able to form (Caol CC, Glenfinnan CC and Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry. KCC had worked with all of these CCs over the previous few years. These CCs may form in February 2020 if there are sufficient nominations.

2. Ongoing work from previous community council

A number of issues were still ongoing from the previous community council, including:

- a. Repairs to Corpach Noticeboard
- b. Duisy smells
- c. Corpach port noise and light pollution
- d. Removal of stile leading to canal towpath at Muirshearlich
- e. Speed limits (A830 Banavie and Corpach, and 20mph limits in Corpach)
- f. FW2040 and comments on various projects
- g. Blar Mor developments
- h. Changes to the Community Council scheme with respect to insurance
- i. Youth membership and participation

All these issues will be taken up at future meetings.

KCC had also been regularly represented on a number of local groups. It was agreed to continue with the following main representatives:

- i) Transport Forum (Gwyn Moses)
- ii) Loch Linnhe stakeholders (John Hutchison)

Chair – Colin Wood colin@linnheholidays.co.uk
Secretary – Russell Leaper secretary@kilmallie.org.uk
Treasurer – Gwyn Moses gwynmoses@gmail.com
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iii) Banavie Quarry liaison group (Russell Leaper)

It was noted that the Lochaber Health & Social Care Redesign Steering Group was being re-organised and it was agreed to wait until this had happened to decide on representation.

Colin Wood will also join the Kilmallie Community Company as a director and Kilmallie Community Council representative.

3. Newsletter, web site and social media

The current newsletter is very much appreciated and valued by the community and it was agreed that continuing with a newsletter should be a priority. CAC volunteered to take on the role of editor. The newsletter is currently delivered to every home and business in Kilmallie by a team of volunteers, the paper is also donated but printing costs need to be covered. The current grant from Highland Council does not meet the basic operating costs (website, insurance and meeting room hire) and so all the newsletter costs have to be covered by donations. CAC also agreed to manage the web site and Facebook posts. JH will manage KCC posts on Twitter.

4. Kilmallie Community Centre

The AGM of the Community centre is on 24 November (Colin Wood will attend for Kilmallie Community Council). The Community Centre had requested the transfer of the car park from Highland Council as a Community Asset Transfer in order to allow fundraising for car park repairs. This had community support but the decision had been deferred because Highland Council officials had expressed concern over the sustainability of the Community Centre in terms of the voluntary effort needed to keep it running. This highlights the need for more people to help out with the running of the centre and a clearer demonstration of wider community involvement.

5. Next meeting and future meetings

The next meeting of KCC will be at 19:15 on Monday 16 December 2019 in Kilmallie Community Centre. After that it was agreed to meet on the 4th Monday of every month excluding July, pending confirmation that the hall was available. Provisional dates are

27/01/2020

24/02/2020

23/03/2020

27/04/2020

25/05/2020

22/06/2020