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KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes for Meeting held after AGM at 19:15 on Monday 24 October 2022 In  
Kilmallie Community Centre & online via Zoom**

**Present**

John Hutchison – Chair  
Carol Anne Campbell – Treasurer & minutes  
Gwyn Moses – Vice Chair  
Ann Moffat – member via Zoom  
Cllr Liz Saggars via Zoom  
1 Member of the public  
Lochaber Times via Zoom

**1) Apologies** - Russell Leaper

**2) Declaration of interest**

None

**3) Approval of previous minutes**

Approved. Discussion on previous points.

It was noted that the public consultation on A830/A82 roads speeds should go ahead before the end of the calendar year - the review will take place from the Croit Anna to Annat.

Belford Steering Group - Motion presented to Highland Council this week.

THC Motion : "Council will write to Scottish Government requesting that the building of the new Belford Hospital is included in the current programme of capital projects. That an update of the report will be provided at an early meeting of the Health, Social Care and Well being Committee"

RL by email - Corpach Ice House - "At our last meeting we discussed the Ice House in Corpach and the public right of way to the foreshore and agreed that we should look into the current situation.

I was not able to get close to the ice house because it is surrounded by derelict fish farm equipment. It is also substantially more overgrown than even a few years ago with quite large trees growing out of the structure. The vegetation is to such an extent that it cannot be seen anymore. Access to the slipway and foreshore is still possible (picture 4) but difficult. Once at the shore it is no longer possible to walk along the beach because it is blocked by discarded fish farm barges.

The Canmore site (<https://canmore.org.uk/site/108644/fort-william-corpach-icehouse>) has some pictures from 2016 and things have greatly deteriorated since then in terms of the access and the large trees growing on the building.

The public right of way that should run past the ice house is now completely blocked.

It is a Category C listed building and there is a responsibility to look after it, so I think we should take this up with the Planning Authority and suggest they visit the site.

Under section 49 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 Planning Authorities can undertake urgent works necessary for the preservation of an unoccupied listed building (or unused parts of an occupied listed building)"

JH also visited the site and it was agreed KCC would get in touch with the Planning Authority.

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

No police liaison officer so no police update.

## 5) Treasurer's Report

Attached below

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

JH - Noted that Cllr Liz Sagger takes no part in discussion

Little has effectively changed since our last meeting.

FW 2040 has written to NHSH about devoting more resources and to DFM SGovt to bring funding forward.

LCA has invited Boyd Robertson and Pam Dudek, Chair and CEO of NHSH to meet them.

The Lochaber Times has carried little since our last meeting and "needs a new angle" and the motion going to the Highland Council on Thurs 27 Oct should provide that.

The NHSH Press Office failed to get the Project Team column in LTimes for last week's edition though it appears on their website and will be published this week.

Heather Cameron is reviewing the parking need. Her previous assessment was based on a notional 40 rooms, 20 treatment areas and 50 staff. From our own assessment done with the Belford Manager at the beginning of the year, we know that there is actually a need for 150 staff spaces and so we understand that this is currently being reassessed.

Regarding the Highland Council's planning application for Phase 2 Housing, to the W of the hospital site, the Council hopes to persuade the CCs of Caol, FWIT and Kilmallie to withdraw their objections with an undertaking to build Phase 2 in a sequential way that will leave the land closes to the hospital till last, in the hope that the hospital's needs will be known by then. This isn't acceptable.

There are several other things about the Phase 2 layout that are defective, eg. no plan for bus routing, vehicle charging points, interconnections with phase 1, green space and the like. The CCs have recommended that the application be withdrawn, discussed and resubmitted.

The OBC is due to be submitted and approved by Nov 2024. So the Stakeholders' Group will be meeting for another two years before we get to that point, all being well.

## 7) Update on FW2040

GM - Meeting started with talk by Alistair Nicholson, chair of 2040 board, giving overview of major projects. Lots of comments on Blar development, including lack of coherent planning by Highland council or anyone else. I mentioned Highland Council not sticking to their own planning conditions such as not setting up of a consultation group in a timely manner.

New Belford

Not good news on timing, main contractor for design etc to be appointed March 23, design to be completed by July 25, 13 months later than planned.

Problems have been joint planning with STEM centre, such as joint heating system and roads planning. It was noted that three community councils have put in objections to the planning application for the housing. Other problems are the bus route next to the health centre - the term ransom strip was used.

The prime consideration is the clinical brief for the hospital which will hopefully be finalised soon. Questions were raised about maternity provision, not so much for FW people, but those in Ardnamurchan etc who have well over an hour to get to FW, never mind Raigmore. At the moment it is likely to be a midwife led unit and not a consultant obstetrician led unit.

Agreed a letter would be written from the group, similar to the Linnhe Alliance letter.

2040 update

Report going to Lochaber committee on 7th November

Likely to be bid made to Community Regeneration Fund for a town centre regeneration manager for 2 years to come up with ideas for improvements. Major part will be the water front.

2040 event

At Caol community centre, 2 Nov 2022, 3-5pm and 7-9pm

About 20 tables taken so far

Next meeting probably mid January, internet dropped for 5 minutes, but I think transport Scotland are being invited to discuss transport issues.

## 8) LCA Meeting

JH- Only Ward 21 Cllrs attended though Liz Sagers had tried to do so.

Getting officials from public bodies to arrange meets with community folk in the evenings.

Pressed for a review community councillors code of conduct.

HLH on Young Peoples activities.

Coire Glas – disposal of rock and tunnel arisings

LCA has invited Boyd Robertson and Pam Dudek, Chair and CEO of NHSH to meet them about Belford progress.

Corran Ferry

Support for a Traffic Management Brief for Glenfinnan.

Next Agenda : Community Planning

## 9) Update Kilmallie Community Fridge

CAC - We have been accepted by the Co Op Community Fund for the next year from 23rd October 2022 to 21st October 2023 - this means that when using your Co Op card in Caol or Corpach, you can choose Kilmallie Community Council as your cause to support, with any funds raised going to Kilmallie Community Fridge when the funding period ends. We also had a successful food preservation workshop on the 16th of October and raised £54.66 through evenbrite tickets sales which were on a pay as you feel scale. Hope to get Clare back for future events.

We continue to be very busy with the last month measurements showing it being our busiest month so far in terms of food received and users.

CAC would like to explore two funding opportunities with close closing dates:

Cost of Living Fund - up to £10,000 - no closing date but advised apply asap

Shed - Purchase of and Construction - to allow us to expand to remit of the Community Fridge to help those most vulnerable in the community. Giving us access to more foodstuffs - approach Cfine/Fareshre re getting pallets of surplus foods delivered directly to us.

Food - to allow us to purchase food items to make nutritionally balance packs for those affected by cost of living crisis.

Advised that as KCC cannot hold assets, explore other ways to move this project forward. CAC to contact Kilmallie Community Council and Kilmallie Community Centre for joint meeting to talk about community benefit.

Hubbub Food Hub Grant - £6000 - closing 7th November.

To establish as small community food growing garden or edible greenspace at Kilmallie Community Centre. This would give community access to food and grow community - could be a seed to plate project bringing food and people together to eat a meal from the harvest.

Again to discuss this in joint meeting.

## 10) Climate Change

Nothing more at the moment though noted that the Community Fridge contributes to this.

## 11) AOB

Remembrance service 13/11/2022 at Banavie Memorial - discussion on whether Community Council should lay a wreath as brought up by MOP - no decision made, as not all members present - CAC will email group.

Allt Mor - was discussion with regards to the apparent arson of the old abandoned farmhouse at Allt Mor, with earlier this year the barn on the property also having been targetted. There seemed to be no fire engine called, or police involvement, although Ronald Cameron did report it the next day - as his gate was also thrown into the canal at the same time. There was worry that this had occurred in our community with little investigation. RL

contacted Leigh Brown who is looking into it.

MOP CH Advised that there is to be a meeting at the Duncansburgh Church to decide what to do with Kilmallie Church, on Wednesday November 2nd @ 7pm. (it was noted that this clashed with the FW2040 consultation)

## **12) Next Meeting**

28/11/22 - 7.15pm hybrid meeting

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