



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 30 January 2023 in Kilmallie Community Centre

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

John Hutchison (Chair)

Russell Leaper

Gwyn Moses

Unable to join because of failure of internet connection

Carol Anne Campbell (Kilmallie CC)

Ann Moffat (Kilmallie CC)

Cllr Liz Sagers

Leigh Brown (Police Scotland)

Apologies

Colin Wood

1. Failure of internet connection

Unfortunately the internet connection failed just before the meeting. Thus it was not possible for those who had planned to join remotely to participate. This also meant that there was not a quorum of community council members and so no decisions were taken.

2. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were approved (including some members by email after the meeting) with the addition of an item about the closure of Kilmallie Church in Corpach.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Treasurer's report and accounts

The balance on 30/01/2023 was £10,310. This includes the grant from Highland Council towards operational costs. This also includes a grant from Hubbub of £5000 towards the food hub/community garden. Members congratulated Carol Anne on the grant (see update on community garden). The accounts for 2021/22 had been circulated and were formally approved by the members at the meeting and later by email by those who could not join because of the internet issues.

5. Update on Food Hub/Community Garden

CAC provided a written update on the Community Garden after the meeting. A small group interested in helping with the project had met and the first seeds had been ordered. Raised beds to the south of the community centre will be built in the next few weeks. Anyone interested should contact Carol Anne. It had been confirmed that the storage shed for the food hub does not need planning permission.

6. Update on Belford Steering Group and Blàr Mòr developments

There had been a meeting of the Blàr Mòr liaison group on 26 January. RL had attended for KCC and noted the concerns that there is an inadequate record regarding what has been agreed related to

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bus routes, cycle and pedestrian links. RL noted the disappointment that community suggestions for planning conditions to reflect what had been agreed were not included and that the planning permission had been granted based on inaccurate information.

JH reported on a meeting held between the NHS Highland Chair & Chief Executive and representatives from LCA and FW 2040 on 8th Dec. At the meeting it was agreed to look at the development of the clinical model, the rehab service, the community services planning group and what additional resources could help improve the rate of progress with the outline business case. Unfortunately, the report back had not yet been received. Community representatives are continuing to press the requirement for additional resources to make the project ready in the event of Scottish Government capital plan slippage. The clinical workshops are slightly behind schedule but NHS Highland is on track for the appointment of the principal supply chain contractor in March. There has however been little progress on the development of better provisions for social care.

7. Local Place Plans

Local Place Plans (LPPs) are intended to be a way of allowing communities to submit ideas and proposals for their area that can be taken into consideration while the next Local Development Plan for their area is being prepared. LPPs would need to be submitted to Highland Council by January 2024. It was agreed to include an article in the next newsletter to encourage interest in developing Local Place Plans within Kilmallie. Possible areas that could benefit from LPPs include the area around Neptune's Staircase car park and swing bridges in Banavie, or the centre of Corpach.

8. AbilityNet

Chris Andrews from AbilityNet had been in touch to see how they may be able to help the community in Kilmallie. AbilityNet is a charity that has been providing free tech support to older and disabled people. It was agreed to encourage a piece for the newsletter so that people who might benefit from the service could get in touch.

9. Linnhe Community Alliance

The Linnhe Community Alliance had met in January and discussed a number of issues including a revised code of conduct for Community Councils that could avoid some issues that had been experienced by FWITCC. Developments that might conflict with a possible Caol link road were also discussed and it was agreed to invite Transport Scotland to the next meeting.

10. West Highland Community Rail Partnership

GM had attended a meeting of the WHCRP. The WHCRP covers the line from Crianlarich to Mallaig. Some updates on changes to services are expected soon.

11. Changes at Lochaber Times

Mark Entwistle, the senior reporter at the Lochaber Times who has been running the Fort William office since 2017 has decided to move on to new opportunities. KCC wishes to thank Mark for all his work over the years and particularly for his tremendous support for community efforts with fair and balanced coverage in the Lochaber Times.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 27 February 2023. It will be a hybrid meeting in Kilmallie Community Centre.