

**Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 28 June 2021 by remote video link**

**Present**

**Kilmallie Community Council**

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

**Highland Council**

Alan Henderson  
Denis Rixson

2 members of the public

**Apologies**

Ross McCartney (Police Scotland)

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 26 April and 24 May were approved.

**2. Declarations of interest**

None

**3. Police update**

RM was not present but had informed KCC that he had procured 30mph stickers for wheelie bins. It was agreed that this initiative would also be valuable in 20mph areas.

**4. Treasurer's report and accounts**

GM summarised the annual accounts from April 2020 to April 2021 at the AGM and noted that the current balance was £9487. Much of this was from grants related to COVID and also for the Community Fridge project. CAC noted that there had been limited uptake from the hardship fund and some of this may need to be returned. JH reported a good response to requests for newsletter funding which was about half way to the target of a sustainable income to maintain the newsletter.

**5. Presentation from AECOM on their contract with HITRANS to investigate a walking and cycling community link between Glenfinnan and Fort William**

Peter Leslie and Chris Ferrier described the second stage of a feasibility study by AECOM on a cycling and walking route linking Fort William and Glenfinnan. The aim of the current study is to identify a feasible route which has permission from landowners. At this stage they suggested that any compulsory purchase would be unlikely. DR highlighted that some parts of the route were along sections of the old road with historic interest and that Historic Environment Scotland. He also noted the ultimate desire that the route should go all the way from Fort William to Arisaig. KCC expressed strong support for the project and asked to be kept updated.

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**6. Annat industrial area. Outcome of planning application for extended operating hours at Corpach Port and establishment of a liaison group.**

One of the outcomes of a planning application for Sunday berthing of vessels at Annat Pier was a condition that a liaison group should be established. Sunday berthing cannot commence until detailed proposals for the establishment of an Annat Pier Liaison Group have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Planning Authority. Christine MacColl confirmed that the liaison group had not been formed but that there were no immediate plans for Sunday berthing.

**7. Belford steering group**

JH reported that the group is now meeting monthly. The last meeting had been led by sections heads at the Belford who were able to provide their hopes and aspirations for the new hospital. As key providers of the services they were able to explain what they would like to see resulting in a refreshingly upbeat meeting showing the staff enthusiasm for the project. The initial agreement for the new hospital is expected to be put to the Scottish Government in October.

**8. Blàr Mòr liaison group**

The liaison group for the developments on the Blar had not met in the previous month. The next meeting is scheduled for 29 July.

**9. Covid support group and Community cupboard/fridge**

As the immediate need for support has diminished, the Covid support line has been discontinued. The Community Cupboard has now become the Community Fridge project with the aim of re-distributing food. Funding has been obtained to buy a fridge and the project will relocate back to the Community Centre.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 August