

**Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 23 August 2021 by remote video link**

**Present**

**Kilmallie Community Council**

Carol Anne Campbell  
John Hutchison (Chair)  
Russell Leaper  
Ann Moffat

**Highland Council**

Ben Thompson  
Denis Rixson

5 members of the public

**Apologies**

Gwyn Moses, Alan Henderson

**1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 28 June were approved.

**2. Declarations of interest**

None

**3. Police update**

The 30mph stickers for wheelie bins to remind drivers of the speed limits are just waiting for approval before being distributed.

Ross McCartney has moved to a new position covering Skye and Lochalsh. The new liaison officer will be APS Paige Macdonald (Paige.Macdonald@scotland.pnn.police.uk). KCC thanked Ross for his help and support over the last few years.

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

It was agreed that the signatories for the bank account should be Carol Anne Campbell (Treasurer), John Hutchison (Chair) and Russell Leaper (Secretary).

Around 13 businesses had responded to the request for ongoing funding for the newsletter which will contribute about 70% of the target annual funding.

**5. Annat industrial area. Progress on establishment of a Community Liaison Group.**

KCC had written to planning to request an update on the liaison group and other planning conditions associated with Annat Pier but had not received a response. We were also informed that Boyd Brothers had appealed to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government against the planning condition that required a liaison group to be established. KCC has supported the formation of a liaison group as offering the best chance to resolve the issues that have been affecting the community. Members expressed disappointment about the appeal and it was agreed to provide further information to DPEA in support of the planning condition.

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## **6. Update on Belford Steering Group and Blàr Mòr Community Liaison Group**

JH has been attending monthly meetings of the Project Team for a new hospital which deal with specifying and overseeing the project. In addition there have been workshops involving Belford staff as well as stakeholders. NHS Highland is putting together an Initial Agreement which should go to Scottish Government in October.

The original plans for the developments on the Blar had included potential provision for a primary school. KCC had written to Highland Council requesting an update on the plans for primary schools considering the number of new houses being built on the Blar. No response had been received from Highland Council but we understand that there is currently no provision for a new school in the capital expenditure programme.

The Blàr Mòr Community Liaison Group had not met since the last meeting, but is due to meet again on 9 September. RL will attend.

## **7. Issues addressed by SEPA, dumping and litter**

In recent years, some of the issues that KCC has been in touch with SEPA about include the smells from Duiskey landfill site, pollution from carbon dust at Annat Pier, and dumping of waste at Mount Alexander. SEPA had been having problems with IT and telephone systems which made it difficult to contact the local office. They advised that any incidents should be reported through the national Pollution Helpline - 0800 807060 or the Pollution Reporting and Environmental Event Response form on the SEPA website. Although there had not been any complaints about smells from Duiskey there is a chance that these will temporarily get worse with some ongoing work at the site. The increased dumping of waste at Mount Alexander was also noted and SEPA had been requested to remind the businesses there of their environmental responsibilities.

## **8. Community fridge**

CAC reported that the community fridge project to try to reduce food waste had been launched on 16 August and was now up and running in the Community Centre. A team of volunteers were collecting food from the Co-op for the fridge and so far it is all running well.

## **9. A830 road safety**

A number of issues including improved signage for Corpach and speed limit enforcement were still needing follow up. There had been some police presence to enforce speed limits but it was agreed to ask for the number of times the police camera van had been operational in the area. It was also agreed to ask Transport Scotland for an update on the review of speed limits.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27 September