



# COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **DRAFT Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 25 October 2021 by remote video link**

### **Present**

**Kilmallie Community Council**  
Carol Anne Campbell  
John Hutchison (Chair)  
Russell Leaper  
Ann Moffat

**Highland Council**  
Allan Henderson

7 members of the public

### **Apologies**

Gwyn Moses, Denis Rixson, Ben Thompson

#### **1. Approval of previous minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 27 September were approved.

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

None

#### **3. Police update**

Paige MacDonald reported that there had been a number of bike thefts in Fort William but someone has now been charged and it is hoped that this has resolved the issue. Paige had been in contact with Highland Council and it is hoped that the 30mph wheelie bin stickers would be distributed soon. It is still hoped to have similar stickers for roads with 20mph limits and these could be prioritised for 20mph roads that are through routes which have the greatest problem with excess speed. The Police have also been running 'Operation Close Pass' involving officers on unmarked bicycles with a camera on their handlebars and on the back of their bike to ensure motorists provide sufficient space to cyclists on the roads.

JH noted that the 'Give cyclists space' signs on minor roads have not been authorised for use on Trunk Roads. An authorised sign for trunk roads is needed and the Police might help with implementing this.

#### **4. A830 road safety**

The outcome of the review of speed limits on the A830 is still not available. The next stage is for the Police and Highland Council to consider the findings of the review. BEAR have agreed to new signs for Corpach which will highlight the 30mph speed limit. There are currently no speed camera signs on the A830. These signs have been effective at encouraging slower speeds on other roads. It was agreed to approach the Camera Safety Partnership to request signage, once the speed limit review has been completed.

Transport Scotland had responded to a request from KCC for signs that show vehicle speeds, that they currently are not intending to replace the flashing 30mph vehicle activated signs with ones that show the actual speed. However, they will consider this when the current signs get to the end of their life. It was agreed to go back to Transport Scotland to highlight the disappointment with this decision.

It was agreed that although the traffic predictions associated with a planning proposal from Alvance were unsatisfactory, there is not much that can be done through the planning department, now this has been given planning permission.

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

JH has continued efforts to attract ongoing funding for the newsletter and this is now getting close to the target amount.

**6. Update on Belford Steering Group**

JH reported that the initial agreement for the new hospital had been submitted to the Scottish Government in October. This enables NHS Highland to release funds to work on the business case and design of the buildings. The expected time line is that construction would start in 2024 and be completed in 2026.

**7. Update on Blàr Mòr Community Liaison Group**

Highland Council has confirmed that there are currently no plans for a new school on the Blar and that there is expected to be adequate provision in the current schools to accommodate new pupils from the Blar housing. However, there are discrepancies in the figures given for the school roll for Caol Primary and this needs to be resolved before we can be confident that the provision will be adequate.

**8. Update on Community Fridge**

CAC reported that the community fridge project was going well and that it was being well used. KCC thanked CAC and the group of volunteers for their efforts.

**9. Possibilities for allotments in Corpach**

There has been renewed interest in allotments or community polytunnels. It was agreed to include an article in the newsletter and to continue to assess the interest and ideas for possible locations.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22 November