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Inaugural meeting of Kilmallie Community Council launches new web site

Following elections, the newly formed Kilmallie Community Council met on Monday night (21st November) with eight of the same members continuing in their posts. At the same time, the group also celebrated the launch of its new web site www.kilmallie.org.uk. The aim has been to produce a site that is much more of a community asset than just information about the Community Council. A website team had been developing the site over the previous months, and with a grant from Highland Council organised by Councillor Bill Clark, approached local design company Hotscot for technical help. Team member Mandy Ketchin said "Hotscot have been great to work with and we now have a site with a huge amount of information that can also develop and grow to meet the needs of the community". Alongside news, what's on, local information and environmental issues, the site was designed with flexibility to allow local community groups who could not otherwise afford a web site to create their own pages. There are also photo galleries to encourage people to share their images of the local area and events.

Many of the around 1700 residents in the Kilmallie area live away from the main settlements of Corpach and Banavie. The meeting heard from residents in Fassfern who have been trying to access proper Broadband internet for some years, including investigating innovative long-range wireless systems. Chris Pellow from Fassfern highlighted the importance of adequate connections for people living and working in these areas. She commented "we are delighted to see the new website which is a great facility for Kilmallie that could help co-ordinate systems to ensure everyone has access to Broadband". KCC is encouraging residents to share their views and experiences of Broadband connection issues through the web site and newsletter.

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