



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÀLAIDH
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting held 19:15 on Monday 23 May 2022 by remote video link

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

John Hutchison (Chair)

Russell Leaper

Ann Moffat

Carol Anne Campbell

Highland Council

Liz Saggars

Apologies

Leigh Brown (Police Scotland)

4 members of the public

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. A830 road safety issues and 30mph bin stickers

The 30mph bin stickers were distributed to residents along the A830. This was featured in Lochaber Times to help encourage people to stick them on.

The resurfacing of sections of the A830 through Corpach provide an opportunity to introduce traffic markings to assist with road safety. JH will follow up with BEAR Scotland.

The A830/A82 speed review has now been commented on by the Police and Highland Council and proposals are expected to go to public consultation soon. The proposal will include a 30mph limit on the A830 from the A82 roundabout to Annat.

It was agreed that it would also be useful to have 20mph stickers for through route roads where the 20mph is mandatory (Banavie and Camaghael). These stickers are currently not available through the Police scheme. KCC will investigate how many would be needed and how much it would cost to purchase these.

4. Treasurer's report and accounts

The current balance of the account is £4566.65. Lochaber Times had helped with a contact at J Thomson Colour Printers who will now print the newsletter. BSW have also kindly converted their donation of paper into a cash donation. JH noted that the funding for the newsletter was in a good position to cover the expected costs for four editions each year.

5. Update from Linnhe Community Alliance (LCA) meeting

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There have been concerns about the lack of community representation in the FW2040 project. The LCA had met with the FW2040 board in a meeting chaired by Kate Forbes MSP. It was agreed that there should be community representatives on the FW2040 Transport Working Group and Stakeholders Group. This was supported by Highland Councillors. The Stakeholders Group will include one representative from each Community Council, two Highland Councillors and Lochaber Environmental Group. This should allow a stronger community voice within FW2040.

Other issues discussed were the difficulties for CC members to attend meetings during the day. LCA have requested that the Community Planning Partnership consider evening meetings to make it easier for community representatives to attend. It is expected to have an update from the Coire Glas pumped storage project at the next LCA meeting.

6. Update on Belford Steering Group

The Initial Agreement for the new hospital is now with Scottish Government for approval. The next stakeholder meeting will be to consider the outline business case. JH reported that while there appears to be progress on the plans for the new hospital there remains a shortage of care homes and the plans for social care development are still unsatisfactory.

Monthly updates will be featured in Lochaber Times with the next describing what is involved with a new Rural General Hospital in terms of process and timing.

7. Update from Fort William Active Travel Action Group (ATAG)

RL had attended a meeting of the ATAG on 18 May. Issues discussed included the planned upgrade of the shared footpath/cycle track on both sides of the A830 across the Blar, including the need to re-design the new tracks from the housing development to be more suitable for cyclists, a cycle route from Annat to the Lochyside camping park, the trial 'Give Cyclists Space' signs on the A82, and the establishment of a sub-group to try to progress a crossing and other issues around the Banavie swing bridge.

8. Update on Community Fridge

The Community Fridge continues to be well used and produce is being distributed quickly and effectively. An event to celebrate the one year anniversary of the project is planned for 20 August. There will also be a course on 16 October from Clare Holohan on food preservation.

9. Climate change – community contribution to achieving climate change related targets

KCC remains focussed on reducing climate impacts of travel and food waste. It was noted that much Kilmallie had supported much greater food production in the past and there is potential to encourage much more local growing.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 27 June