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Kilmallie Information Partnership (KIP)

Kilmallie Community Council (KCC) are looking to establish a community based marketing and information gathering sub group as an ongoing project to raise the profile of Corpach. The village is an important tourism cross roads and historical place on the Great Glen route ways. Part of the initiative would be a web site to go some way to address various identified issues relating to the lack of promotion / marketing of Corpach as a realistic alternative, geographical start to the various Great Glen Ways - designated walking route, Great Glen Way (GGW); Great Glen Mountain Bike Way; Caledonian Canal W-East paddling route; Major historic route; Major geological cross country fault

Through discussions with the GGW manager, Snowgoose Mountain Centre and Kilmallie Community Council a number of issues have been identified relating to Corpach "falling between several stones" in terms of tourism promotion. Corpach is not routinely included / shown on maps & web sites relating to the various GG Ways. Despite the political decision to locate the "official" start of the GGW in Fort William, Corpach is still the real start of the Great Glen and is also at the geographical start of Road to the Isles. There is now a considered opinion that visitors are being given a bad impression when directed to the "official start" of a major scenic route by walking along busy roads through Caol - this also results in loss of trade to the Corpach area. There is the outstanding issue of inadequate sign posting on the GGW where the route from Caol shore should connect back along the Caledonian Canal towpath towards Banavie.

Several small but positive steps have already been taken towards jointly addressing some obvious omissions of Corpach on tourism maps, web sites and local guides. It is good that the GGW management and Forest Enterprise have taken these up for implementation in 2005. The historical aspects of Corpach have been strongly identified as having significant, unique development potential. Under the auspices of Kilmallie Community Council along with a number of funding and development agencies will put together a strategy to address the issues so far identified. There is undoubted local knowledge and talent within the wider Kilmallie Community who could contribute to this initiative - as and when they may be available or able.

Please do not be shy! Contact John Ireland, Chairman, KCC.

Tina & John Cuthbertson, Snowgoose Mountain Centre, Corpach

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KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

K.C.C MINUTES SUMMARY...June, July 2004

- * **Great Glen Way Ranger Visit:** Scott Callison attended the May meeting and gave a very comprehensive talk on the GGW Ranger Service.
- * **Kilmallie Information Partnership (KIP):** Tina Cuthbertson is fronting a project to raise the profile of Kilmallie and especially Corpach. Members of KCC fully support this initiative.
- * **Kilmallie Hall Gardens:** KCC are disappointed that the promised work on the gardens has not started (other than the grass being cut), especially in view of the fact that KCC repaid £3605 to the Council for the work to be carried out.
- * **Annual Gardens Competition:** This year it was suggested that members of KCC each take an area and look at gardens in it. They will then recommend the best ones to the judges, who will make the final decisions. Awards will be made on September 15th in Kilmallie Hall.
- * **New Medical Centre:** 5 members attended a meeting in the Council Chambers and heard plans for this new centre which will be built on the Blar Mhor Industrial Estate.
- * **The Community Council's meetings are open to the public. Members would be pleased to welcome anyone from the community to their meetings.**

KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Like all Community Councils, Kilmallie Community Council exists to serve it's local community. It is a non-political organisation run by volunteers who have the best interests of the community at heart.

To do our job well, we need the support of the local community.

If **YOU** have any concerns about local issues, why not come along to the next meeting on (the 2nd Wednesday of every month) when you can have your say, and hopefully, we can work towards a solution.

GARDEN COMPETITION

The weather has been disappointing this summer for the gardens, but since the middle of July it has improved and flowers have come into their own.

The Judges have been round the gardens and winners shall be notified shortly.

The presentations will take place in Kilmallie Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday the 15th of September. Mr Alex Gillespie will be giving a slide show. Tea and coffee shall be served afterwards.



Hope to see you there.

BANAVIE SCHOOL VISIT TO ENNSTONE THISTLE'S QUARRY

Recently the Primary 7 pupils and teachers of Banavie Primary School made a field trip to the Ennstone Thistle Quarry in their local village of Banavie. During the day the pupils were first kitted out with Health and Safety clothing and given a short safety training talk about the operations of the quarry. They were taken into the quarry itself and shown the plant and equipment that is used to produce the rock that is then crushed, processed and finally made into the coated material which is used for making roads.



The competition prize was won by Stephanie Cope who answered the competition question correctly. The pupils had a very informative day and the letters of thanks received were a welcome thank you to the staff that organised and participated in the visit.

Here are a few snippets from letters written by P7 pupils on the quarry visit:

"We enjoyed getting rocks and goodie bags to take home" Michael Kennedy

"Banavie Quarry was excellent I thought it would be boring but it was actually very interesting" Sara Laing

"My best bit was seeing all the stones going in the crusher" Caitlyn Cameron

"The tar making machine was very interesting" Anders Anderson

"It has furthered our knowledge of aggregate, hot bins and dynamite!!" Jamie Murray



QUIZ TIME



Below are listed a number of well known sayings BUT.... all the vowels, spaces and punctuation marks are missing. Can you restore them?

1. LKBFYLP.....
2. WHTSWRTHDNGSWRTHDNGWLL.....
3. MRHRRYLSSSPD.....
4. PTNCSVRT.....
5. VRYTHNGCMSTTHSWHWT.....
6. FTFRSTYDNTSCCDTRYTRYGN.....
7. STTCHNTMSVSNN.....
8. MNYHNSMKLGHTRWK.....
9. TMNYCKSSPLTHBRTH.....
10. RLLNGSTNGTHRSNMSS.....
11. BRDNTHHNSWRTHTWNTHBSH.....
12. LLTHTGLTTRSSNTGLD.....
13. NCBTTNTWCSHY.....
14. TWHDSRBTTTRTHNN.....
15. BSNCMKSTHHRTRGRWFNDR.....
16. NPPLDYKPSHDCTRWY.....
17. NFRPNNYNFRPND.....
18. MSSSSGDSML.....
19. STLLWTRSRNDP.....
20. MPTYVSSLSMKTHMSTNS.....
21. THRSNSMKWHTHFR.....
22. NWBRMSWPCLN.....
23. WHRTHRSWLLTHRSWY.....
24. YCNTMKSLKFRMSWSR.....
25. FLNDHSMNYRSNPRTD.....

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Answers should be handed in to Margaret Simpson at the Co-op by 10th September 2004.

The winner of the last Kilmallie Newsletter Competition was Mrs Elizabeth Martin from Corpach

Congratulations Elizabeth!!!

Forest Panel Report

An Explanation of Agency Status.

The Scottish National Forest is owned by the Scottish Ministers and is administered by the Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS). Forest Enterprise Scotland (FES) is the management Agency of the FCS charged with managing the forests to deliver outputs and outcomes set by Ministers.

Forestry Commission Scotland is part of the Forestry Commission – the Government department for forestry in Great Britain. The Forestry Commission is directed by a GB Board of Commissioners and since devolution it has operated as a cross border public body. It provides Countries (England, Wales and Scotland) with support services and shared resources such as plant health, international policy, statistics and economics, historic environment, forestry training, personnel and IT.

In each Country a Management Board provides a monitoring and decision-making forum, maintaining an overview of the business systems and administrative arrangements underpinning the functioning of FCS and its relationships with stakeholders. The Board's key function areas are Finance, Personnel, Service Boards, Ministerial and Scottish Executive links and the structure, role and membership of committees and meetings.

The National Committee for Scotland has the Chief Executive of Forest Enterprise Scotland as one of the members. The role of this committee is:

- Giving strategic direction to all of the Forestry Commission's activities in Scotland on behalf of Scottish Ministers.
- Approving drafts of corporate plans and annual reports.
- Setting and monitoring the performance of targets for, the management of Scotland's national forests.
- Grant-aiding and regulating forestry activities on privately owned land.
- Identifying the resources required to meet objectives and monitoring financial performance.
- Ensuring the safeguarding of resources through internal control systems.
- Taking decisions on country-specific developments, and drawing the attention of the Board of Commissioners any issue of which it needs to be aware for the proper discharge of its GB duties.

The Chief Executive of Forest Enterprise Scotland has fifteen Forest Districts by which to manage Scotland's national forests. The districts protect and maintain the forests through planting and management of woodlands, maintaining, restoring and expanding woodland and other semi-natural habitats, forest design, and marketing timber, production planning, management of forest operations, provision of public access and recreation facilities.

Allan MacKenzie, August 2004.

CANAL NEWS

Well folks, the weather has been rather poor to say the least. The Canal traffic was very slow towards the end of June, but with the arrival of the 3 Peaks Race it really took off. We think we have had one of the busiest July's in years, with yachts and cruisers from all over Europe and beyond, all of them singing the praises of Scotland and its people. The 3 Peaks Race was a very close run battle with a Dutch Yacht taking the Honours. After the race we had a very pleasant party aboard M.V. Souter's Lass, which was in the Basin for the night. Our thanks to Findlay and his business colleagues for the hospitality.

There has been some lovely old Tall Ships passing through along with some sail training vessels from France, Germany, Holland and British boats. At the moment all the staff are working round the clock to cope and deserve praise for their hard work. I have had my 2 weeks holiday just having days away, enjoyed the break.

We entertained pupils from Banavie Primary 1 and 2 round Corpach on our Educational and Safety visit. The children and staff were a credit to the school. It is nice to see all the old (and new) faces walking round the Basin enjoying the nature and scenery, it's always nice to get a wee blether. The winter maintenance programme is being planned at this very moment and I am looking forward to it as it means you are doing something different.

I will keep you updated on anything interesting happening in the next few months.....

Regards Peter.

