



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 07th December 2011, at the Moorings Hotel

Present

Kilmallie Community Council

Christine Hutchison
Mandy Ketchin
Russell Leaper (Secretary)
Maggie Mackenzie (Treasurer)
Jan MacLugash
Kshama Wilmington

Highland Councillors

Bill Clark

Members of the public

Andy Rogers and team from BSW
Norman Clark (for BSW discussion)

Apologies

Allan Henderson
Jillian Clark
Calum Dennison

ACTION

1. The meeting had been convened over and above the normal schedule of meetings in order to receive a presentation from BSW Timber Ltd as part of their pre-application community consultation for Phase 3 development at the Kilmallie saw mill. In addition, KCC had become aware of two planning applications related to the Blar Mor which required urgent discussion in advance of KCC's next regular meeting. .
2. **Approval of previous minutes/Treasurer's report**
Since this was not a full meeting the minutes of the meeting of the 21 November will be considered for approval at the next full meeting. The Treasurer's report will also be considered then.
3. **KCC office bearers**
On the 6th December Jillian Clark resigned as chair of KCC with immediate effect. She remains a member of KCC. It was agreed that Maggie Mackenzie should chair the meeting and handle issues referred to the chair in the interim. It was agreed to hold elections for all office bearers at the next meeting. Secretary to inform The Highland Council.
4. **Discussion of procedural matters related to Declarations of Interest**
This issue had arisen since the last meeting and in accordance with paragraph 11.1(h) of the constitution it was unanimously agreed to discuss this in private.
5. **Issues arising since last meeting**
 - 5.1 **Planning applications for access road and supermarket developments at Blar Mor**
KCC was not properly informed about these two separate planning applications for Blar Mor, with the result that the deadline for comments had already passed when KCC became aware of these applications. This put KCC in a difficult position because we were not able to view the full proposals, and were consequently unable to consider the application fully, consult the community or make any formal representations. However all agreed that it was not overall in the community interest to delay the development by insisting that proper consultation procedures should be followed.

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In the knowledge that the consultation period had already expired, it was agreed by those present at the meeting that it was nevertheless in the community interest to:-

- a) submit informal comments and questions relating to site exposure, access for the elderly, disabled and non-car users, lighting, signage and road safety,
- b) to express support for observations made by the Lochaber Disability Access Panel;
- c) relay comments and questions from a member of the community to the Planning Dept.

However, JC and CD had previously indicated that they opposed making any comments to the planning department and did not wish to be associated with any comments made.

It was agreed that KCC should relate to The Highland Council its consternation about the errors and omissions that led to KCC not being informed, and request a meeting to seek explanation and reassurance that this would not happen again. It was also agreed to request full copies of the applications from the Planning Dept for information.

5.2 Development of Kilmallie Sawmill

Andy Rogers described Phase 3 of the planned development that consists of a log sorting line, a sawline and a timber sorting line to produce finished timber. This will be the final phase of the move from the old site to the north of the A830 to the site of the former pulp and paper mill on the other side of the road. It is expected that the final development will employ about 150 people.

The main issue likely to impact on the community is HGV traffic to and from the site. Although production is planned to increase over current levels, the increase in traffic will be offset to some extent by increased use of sea transport and planned development of a rail freight facility. The overall impact of the development was expected to increase traffic at the Lochybridge roundabout by around 2%.

KCC expressed appreciation to BSW staff for their efforts in keeping the community informed about the developments.

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