



COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD CILL MHÁLAIDH
KILMALLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 19:15 on Wednesday 18th January 2012, at Kilmallie Hall
Present

Kilmallie Community Council

Jillian Clark
Christine Hutchison
Mandy Ketchin
Russell Leaper
Maggie Mackenzie
Jan MacLugash
Kshama Wilmington

Highland Councillors

Bill Clark
Allan Henderson
Eddie Hunter

Northern Constabulary

Andy Bilton

Apologies

Calum Dennison

ACTION

1. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of meetings held on 21/11/2011 and 07/12/2011 were approved. Proposed by CH and seconded by JM.

2. Treasurers report

At 31/12/11 the bank balance was £2223.04 with committed monies to be paid out of £444.02. It was agreed to transfer the bank account to the Clydesdale Bank who appeared to offer a more straightforward service than Bank of Scotland.

3. Election of office bearers following resignation of the Chair

Maggie Mackenzie was elected chair, proposed by MK and seconded by JM
Jan MacLugash was elected as treasurer, proposed by RL and seconded by MK
Russell Leaper was elected as secretary, proposed by JM and seconded by MK
The meeting thanked Jillian Clark for her work as Chair over the previous year.

4. Communication with the planning department

Problems with the information provided to KCC regarding planning applications had been discussed at the meeting on 07/12/2011. KCC had requested a meeting with Ken McCorquodale the Principal Planner (Development Management) but he had declined a meeting, leaving a number of questions unanswered. It was agreed that MM should approach Susan Macmillan at the Lochaber planning office to request a meeting to discuss ways of ensuring that KCC and other bodies are provided with accurate, timely and complete information on planning applications.

MM

5. Developments at Blar Mor

Road works by Miller Developments in preparation for the Tesco supermarket on the Blar are expected to start in mid February. KCC has been in touch with Miller Developments with a view to inviting a representative to give a presentation about the development. The scale of the development and the impacts on the local area mean there is a responsibility to maximise the possible benefits to the community. KCC will continue contact with the developers and consider preparing a list of projects within Kilmallie that might be suitable for community funding contributions.

All/CH

6. Broadband internet provisions

Highlands and Islands Enterprise is negotiating with BT over plans for superfast broadband across the Highlands and Islands at a cost of £200-300m provided by private and public sectors with an expected contribution from the European Regional Development Fund. Work is expected to start in 2013. Slow connection speeds affect residents in Kilmallie and are a particular problem in some of the more remote areas. KCC had already received a presentation from Chris Pellow about the problems in Fassfern and potential solutions. It was agreed that MM should ask Chris Pellow to become an Associate Member of KCC in recognition of her expertise on broadband options to ensure that the Kilmallie area benefits from the HIE initiative.

MM

7. Consultation over rail services

Transport Scotland are holding a consultation in preparation for the expiry of current contracts with Scotrail and Network Rail in 2014. Decisions will affect day time and sleeper services

which are an important link to Kilmallie for local business and tourism. KCC will gather views and encourage participation in the consultation, including making sure other local Community Councils are also made aware of this.

RL

8. Update from Northern Constabulary (Andy Bilton)

Recent monitoring data of traffic speeds through Corpach had suggested there was no need for a camera van to prosecute speeding motorists. However, further west towards Annat there may be more issues with speeding within the 40mph zone.

9. Website update

The website has now been active since November and there has been a lot of positive feedback and active input with regular updates on Kilmallie history from Hugh Muir and an active What's On section. Local groups without a web presence are still encouraged to consider asking for a page on the KCC site. It was agreed to buy two portable hard drives to maintain the growing archive of images and documents and provide a full independent back up of the web site.

MK

KCC had also been in contact with Magnus Ritch who had been looking after the Kilmallie Image Library (www.kilmallie.net) but has since moved away, to ensure this valuable resource is maintained. JC to provide contact details for Magnus.

JC

10. Newsletter update

The deadline for contributions to the next issue of the newsletter is Feb 15th with distribution planned for mid March. There is still budget to allow the newsletter to be distributed by post. It was agreed that future issues would continue to be distributed to all households and businesses in Kilmallie, and that ways to meet the ongoing cost would be further reviewed.

11. KCC notice boards

KCC has two notice boards in Corpach which have also been being used by others and exclusive use of the new notice board in Banavie. There is a need to ensure the board in Corpach beside the Co-op does display KCC material including the minutes of meetings and other notices. JM will discuss reserving a section just for KCC with staff at the Post Office who currently manage access to the board.

JM

12. Training for KCC members

Highland Council had undertaken to provide training for Community Council members. MM to ask the ward manager when this is likely to be available

MM

13. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned for 15th Feb in Kilmallie Hall. It is hoped that the new biomass heating system will be installed by then.

Distribution

By email to all KCC members, Cllr Bill Clark, Prov Allan Henderson, Cllr Eddie Hunter, Elizabeth Toal (HC), Lochaber Archive Centre, Maureen McColl (ALCC)

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