

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 8th February 2016, 7.00pm at The Sports Centre, Evanton

PRESENT

Members

Hector Munro (HM), Chairman
Michael MacLeod (MM), Vice Chairman
John McHardy (JMCh) Secretary
Anne Macdonald (AM)
Leo Sharratt (LS)
Ralph Mercer (RM)

Ex-Officio Members

Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr. MF)
Cllr. Maxine Smith (Cllr. MS) (part of meeting)

Also Present

Alpin Macdonald, Leslie Logan, Gary Payne, Iain Clark, Euan Campbell, Kevin Marshall, Hamish Marshall, Susanah Stevens.

APOLOGIES

Shelagh Dennett (SD)
Cai MacIver (CM) Treasurer
Cllr. Martin Rattray
Cllr Carolyn Wilson
Sergeant Calum Smith (Scottish Police)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Previous Minutes/Matters	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of the KCC held on 11 January 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of discussion as proposed by LS and seconded by RM.	
1.2	Cllr. MS offered to speak with the appropriate Council Officer regarding trees alongside the footpath running from the Western end of Camden Street	
2	Councillors Report	
2.1	The Councillors report was taken at this point to allow Cllr. MS to attend a meeting in Ardross. Cllr. MF and Cllr. MS reported on a range of issues:-	
	Footpath Network. Noted that the footpath at lower Balconie had been washed away and that the Evanton Community Trust is pursuing funding that may assist in reinstatement works.	
	Pot Holes. The Council continues to repair as far as possible and is in the process of securing a "hot machine" which should provide longer lasting repairs.	

Footpath at Bridge. The parapet is undergoing alteration to safeguard sightlines from the Old Mill access.

Council Budget. Savings are under consideration (of around £46m) which will impact on the Council's ability to deliver services currently the norm. It was noted that over 800 members of staff have sought voluntary redundancy.

Issues raised on the night:-

Recycling Centre. AM commented that the surface around the recycling area in the Village is particularly poor. Cllr MS offered to speak with the appropriate Council officer to discuss possible improvements which could include improved lighting.

Cllr MS

Swordale Road. A large pot hole was identified at the entrance to the Church Manse. Agreed that KCC would report to the Council.

JMcH

HM commented that it was important that the public are kept abreast of what changes are likely and thanked the Councillors for their attendance and reports. Cllr. MS left the meeting at this point to attend a meeting in Ardross.

3 Finance

3.1 It was reported that CM had stood down as Treasurer and in the circumstances HM provided a report on Finance recording little change from the January position.

3.2 RM accepted the position of Treasurer (from 1st April 2016). It was agreed (subject to confirmation that this complies with the Community Council Scheme) that HM will act as Treasurer up to the 31 March.

HM

3.3 It was noted that the Finance Sub Group, comprising HM, RM and CM with Leslie Logan (as a long standing former Treasurer), will continue with cheques being signed by former office bearers pending these being changed at the Bank.

3.4 It was noted that the Evanton Social & Events Group's application to the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Fund had been approved.

4 Black Rock Football Club

4.1 HM reported on the recent meeting at the Pavilion. Unfortunately drawings are not available but JMcH has offered to prepare sketches to assist in discussion.

5 Diamond Jubilee Hall

5.1 HM reported on the meeting of Community Councillors held on 1 Feb with

SD, AM, HM, MM & JMch being present.

HM confirmed that the meeting note had recorded that:-

- Those present recognised the responsibility that the KCC had to the Community and the need to consult with the widest possible Community. It was also recognised that the future of the Hall is possibly the most important issue for the Village at the present time.
- The purpose of the discussion was to assist in developing ideas/thoughts which could be used to provide ideas/guidance to the community when asked for their views on how the Hall should be managed in future years.
- It was generally agreed that the most appropriate agency to own the Hall would be an organisation with Limited Liability and Charitable Status.
- It was suggested that a Management Group, separate from the owning Limited Liability and Charitable body, may be the best model.

5.2 It was noted that KCC Members will meet again in advance of the next open meeting of the KCC.

5.3 It was noted that a letter had been received from the Playgroup raising concerns over alcohol spillage in the Hall resulting in materials within the storage boxes being soiled. It was agreed that this could be addressed by sealing/removing the storage boxes and replacing the storage through formation of new storage on the stage. Further investigation will be undertaken.

AM

5.4 AM reported on recent improvements and outstanding requirements (mostly identified during recent health inspection) as follows:-

a) **Fridge/Freezer.** Not achieving temperatures. Agreed that AM should obtain a quote for replacements which would be funded by KCC. It was agreed that AM could proceed with purchase, with agreement of price by the Chairman, prior to next meeting.

HM
AM

b) **Fire Drill.** To be advertised once assembly point identified

AM

c) **Fencing.** Complete at cost of £575. Agreed that THC would be asked to agree that the remaining monies which had been approved by the Ward Members be used to part fund the replacement fridge/freezer.

JMch

d) **Gents Toilet.** Floor repair required.

e) **Heater Elements.** Agreed that 10 spare elements should be purchased (approx £11 per element).

- f) **Election Booths.** Agreed that these could be stored within the KCC store to rear of Sports Centre.

6 Police Report

- 6.1 JMch read the very useful report prepared by Sergeant Calum Smith. The report was appreciated with those present thankful that the Village is relatively safe and lawful!

7 Communication

- 7.1 RM reported that he had met with Summit Web Design and that the Website was undergoing an update. RM will continue to lead on behalf of KCC. RM
- 7.2 It was generally agreed that KCC should follow a “virtual”, Web based, newsletter but retain some paper copies for those unable to access the Web. Ideas/structures will be developed.

8 Village Groups

- 8.1 Village Groups had helpfully provided brief updates. The Secretary will circulate. JMch

9 Other Business (including points raised by the Public)

- 9.1 **Fishing Bothy.** LS highlighted the condition of the former Fishing Bothy commenting that a body such as the Evanton Community Trust could assist in saving the structure.
- 9.2 **Cycle Path.** HM reported on a proposal to provide a path from the North end of the Cromarty Bridge to connect with the road running from Storehouse over the Railway to the Old Evanton Road. The KCC welcomed this proposal.
- 9.3 **Minutes and Agendas.** It was noted that approved minutes should be available to the public all in accordance with procedures adopted by KCC. JMch
- 9.4 **Bridge Repairs.** Mr Alpin MacDonald requested reasons for the repair works to the Cromarty Bridge. Agreed that the Secretary should seek comment from the Trunk Roads Authority. JMch
- 9.5 **Beach Cleaning.** It was agreed that the School should be asked whether there is scope to involve pupils in the clean. Annelie Graham offered to contact the Head Teacher. AG
- 9.6 **Dog Fouling.** The behaviour of a small number of owners was raised. Iain Clark offered to raise a note on the Dog Walkers Facebook page in an attempt to moderate behaviour. The Secretary will contact James Sanderson of THC to raise as a concern. JMch

- 9.7 **Cycle Path at East End.** Cllr MF noted funding had been secured for the “missing” path and that works would be starting soon.
- 9.8 **Fire Safety.** MM read through the safety strategy for the Sports Centre as issued by Highlife Highland.
- 9.9 **May Meeting.** It was agreed that this would be held on Monday 16 May (One week later than normal)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00.

Next meeting: Monday 14th March 2016, 7pm at Evanton Sports Hall.

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

14 March 2016
