

# Kiltearn Community Council



## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 7.15pm at The Cornerstone, Evanton

### PRESENT

#### Members

Hector Munro (HM) Chairman  
Cai MacIver (CM) Treasurer  
John McHardy (JMCH) Secretary  
Anne Macdonald (AM)  
Leo Sharratt (LS)  
Ralph Mercer (RM)

#### Ex-Officio Members

Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr. MF) (part of meeting)

#### Also Present

Alpin Macdonald, Leslie Logan, Preston White, Gary Payne, David Smith, Jeanette Douglas, James Stewart, Sarah Stewart & Euan Campbell.

### APOLOGIES

Michael MacLeod, Vice Chairman  
Shelagh Dennett  
Cllr. Maxine Smith, Cllr. Martin Rattray,  
Cllr Carolyn Wilson

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Culcairn Development</b>	
1.1	Neil Sutherland and Brian Burns of MAKAR were welcomed and invited to outline progress on the proposed development of the land indicated as EV3 within the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan. Neil reminded the meeting that the area, which extends to 12.3ha, is earmarked within the Development Plan for up to 160 homes, Business and Community uses.	
1.2	Through a presentation Neil outlined MAKAR's vision for the development which is to develop a development of 15/20 homes per year which would feature sustainable construction methods. Depending on consents MAKAR hope to start on site within phase 1 during 2017.	
1.3	Brian reported on the recent Community Consultation Day which was attended by over 80 people, commenting that the majority lived close to the site. Brian confirmed that salient points arising from the day will be included within a future Planning Application remarking that comments had included a desire for self build plots & allotments. Those who attended were asked to record what they considered to be best about the Village and conversely what they did not like. Likes included the people, Woods and other natural landscape features. Dislikes include lack of public transport and facilities such as a medical centre. Brian reported that only one of the 80+ who	

attended appear to be hostile to development of the site.

#### 1.4 Neil and Brian invited questions:-

##### Questions/comments

##### Comment

**Transport**, parking is required for the proposed rail halt –could this be included?

Applicant is required to submit a green travel plan which may include public parking.

**Community Facilities**, why develop 2 centres to the Village?

Intention is to provide opportunities for the Community to decide but not complete.

**Land**, will land be gifted for Community uses

MAKAR intends that the Community put forward ideas that will be considered, but potentially yes, land could be provided.

**School**, site is remote from School!

The developer is required to demonstrate a “Safe Route” to the School.

**Cycle Path**, the proposed access crosses the Cycle path – will this be protected?

The path will be considered as part of the development, with a crossing point identified.

#### 1.5 Neil noted that KCC would be formally consulted once a Planning Application is lodged. However, he emphasised that MAKAR would be pleased to receive comments and questions at any time and more than happy to attend future meetings as required.

Neil and Brian were thanked for their interesting and informative presentation.

## 2 Councillors Report

### 2.1 The Councillors report was taken at this point to allow Cllr. MF to attend a meeting in Ardross. Cllr.MF reported on a range of issues:-

**Bus Service.** The scale of “reduction of service” has been limited and although not ideal was better than had been previously thought.

**Rail Halt.** Requires a concerted effort to secure with no decision made to date.

**Footpath at Bridge.** Has been inspected and shallow depression will be filled but this is not considered to be structural issue.

**Road Repairs.** Glen Glass road now repaired with works to be carried out to kerbs at Livera Street/Chapel Road.

**Budget Position.** Commented that the Highland Council are considering steps to reduce potential shortfalls with their budget. These may result in necessary reduction to services.

**Primary Head.** Interviews due to take place on Friday 15 January.

**Footpath between Camden Street and Teandallon.** The condition of the surface was raised and in particular the effect of the trees to the West. Following discussion it was agreed that the owner be contacted (if possible to establish identity).

JMcH

Cllr.MF was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting at 8.10 to attend a meeting in Ardross.

### **3 Previous Minutes**

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of the KCC held on 14 December 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record of discussion as proposed by CM and seconded by RM.

### **3.2 Matters Arising.**

3.2.1 **KCC Store.** Reported that Gary Payne and Euan Campbell had taken an inventory of the contents. Agreed that keys would be held by MM, Evanton Social and Events Group and the Hall Keeper of the Sports Centre (Rab). Agreed that the electrical connection to the Store may need to be certified (Post meeting note – believed that The Highland Council may check electrical connection on an annual basis?)

### **4 Finance**

4.1 It was agreed that the previous signatures would be retained pending the Bank confirming acceptance of new Officer Bearers.

4.2 An update on spend up to the end of December 2015 was reviewed and noted. It was noted that Summit Web may hold £60 intended for further training.

4.3 It was agreed to establish a Finance Sub Group comprising HM, RM and CM with Leslie Logan (as a long standing former Treasurer) being an interim book keeper and advisor during a handover period. Once established the Sub Group will report back to the KCC. HM to co-ordinate initial meeting of the Sub Group.

HM

4.4 The following grant applications were agreed:-

- a) Evanton Youth Enterprise. £500 to assist with repairs and insurance.
- b) Kiltearn Primary School Parents Group. £500 towards projects etc.
- c) R&C Pipes and Drums. £1,000 to assist in transport to events.
- d) Evanton Rainbows. £500 to meet Subs and Hall hire.
- e) Evanton Guides. £623 to meet Subs.
- f) Evanton Community Trust, £623 to meet part of maintenance costs of the Village Green.

- 4.5 It was agreed that the Finance Sub Group would be asked to devise a replacement grant application form which will hopefully assist on gathering information from applicants. Finance Sub Group
- 4.6 AM commented that the Evanton Social & Events Group had made an application to the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Fund but had not received a response. The KCC hoped that this could be retrieved in order that further consideration could be given. AM
- 4.7 It was agreed that CM would be the KCC appointee as a Director of the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm Community Fund with RM being the alternative Director. JM will inform the Company Secretary. JMch
- 5 Black Rock Football Club**
- 5.1 Sarah and James Stewart were welcomed and invited to outline their proposals for the Black Rock Pavilion; supported by AM and Jeanette Douglas. It was agreed that JMch and HM will join Sarah, James, Anne and Jeanette on Sunday 17 January to consider how best to assess necessary works required to make the building more useable by the Club and other groups and how best the KCC could assist. HM  
AM  
JMch  
Jeanette  
Sarah  
James
- 6 Jubilee Hall**
- 6.1 Following discussion it was agreed that the KCC Members would meet on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> February to review possible options for the future ownership and management prior to consultation with the wider Community. JMch offered to host the meeting which was accepted. (Post meeting note; it was subsequently agreed that the meeting would be held in the Cornerstone Café.)
- 6.2 Various improvements and repairs were noted which will be taken forward, including removal of fire hoses (with agreement of Fire Officer). AM noted that the kitchen was to be assessed for Food Hygiene in the coming weeks. AM
- 6.3 Mr A Macdonald offered to forward a quote for the fence, as agreed, to Helen Ross, Senior Ward Manager. Alpin Mcdonald
- 7 Police Report**
- 7.1 No report available for meeting. The Secretary will contact Scottish Police to confirm dates of future meetings. JMch
- 8 Village Groups**
- 8.1 Village Groups will be invited to prepare short written reports for circulation with Agendas. The hope is that this will provide a better opportunity to share information within the Community. The Evanton Social Events Group provided a verbal report to the meeting.

## **9 Other Business**

- 9.1 The meeting noted the sad recent passing of Mr Edward Symborski. All those present agreed that Eddie had been one of the most supportive members of the Community assisting many groups and individuals over the years in his own quiet way, never seeking the limelight. Eddie was noted as a true gentleman who will be sadly missed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30.

Next meeting: Monday 8th February 2016, 7pm at Evanton Sports Hall.

Accepted as a true and accurate  
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

8 Feb 2016