

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 14th March 2016, 7.00pm at The Sports Centre, Evanton

PRESENT

Members

Hector Munro (HM), Chairman
Michael MacLeod (MM), Vice Chairman
John McHardy (JMCh) Secretary
Shelagh Dennett (SD)
Cai MacIver (CM)
Ralph Mercer (RM)

Ex-Officio Members

Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr. MF)
Cllr. Martin Rattray (Cllr. MR)

Also Present

A Macdonald, L Logan, G Payne, E Campbell, A Graham, S Stevens, P White

APOLOGIES

Anne Macdonald (AM)
Leo Sharratt (LS)
Cllr. Maxine Smith (Cllr. MS)
Cllr. Carolyn Wilson
Sergeant Calum Smith (Scottish Police)
D Smith (Evanton Wood Community Company)

<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 8 February 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of discussion as proposed by RM and seconded by MM.	
1.2	It was reported that Cllr. MS had spoken with Community Services regarding surfacing at the recycling centre.	
1.3	Noted that the fridge and freezer for the D J Hall had been purchased and the fencing account settled.	
1.4	HM reported on recent works to the Cromarty Bridge which included works to the seabed as well as bridge barriers	
1.5	Annelie Graham and JMCh have contacted the School to investigate the possible participation of pupils in a beach clean. JMCh to follow up.	JMCh
2	Councillors Report	

2.1 Cllr.MF and Cllr. MR reported on a range of issues:-

Council Budget. Noted that the Council expected to balance the budget which would result in an inevitable change and possible reduction in services currently delivered. Noted that a number of staff were leaving employment through a scheme of voluntary severance (up to 400)

Burial Charges. It was reported that burial charges will increase from April to £970 (from £638). Cremation charges will rise from £638 to £849.

Cycle Path. The path at Fyrish Crescent is nearing completion. Agreed that RM and JMCh (and others if available) will meet with Council Officer and Cllr. MM and Cllr. MF to gain a better understanding of how traffic will be managed at the entrance to the Village.

Cllr.MM
Cllr.MF
RM
JMCh

Proposed Rail Station. It was suggested that representatives of the KCC should meet with Frank Roach (FR), Cllr. MR and Cllr.MF to gain a better understanding of the current position. Cllr MR offered to contact FR.

Cllr. MR

Cycle Path at Newton Road. It was reported that the Alness/Evanton path regularly floods immediately to the North of Newton Road. Cllr. MF offered to report to the Council.

Cllr. MR

Public Toilets. Cllr. MF asked if the proposal to further investigate the possible development of public toilets within the Village. Following discussion it was agreed that this was not a particular priority but if revisited there would be a requirement to develop a robust business plan. It was commented that there may be scope to access the Council's "Highland Comfort Scheme", allowing participation from business premises.

HM thanked the Councillors for their attendance and reports.

3 Finance

3.1 HM circulated and explained updated accounts (as interim Treasurer) noting that Leslie Logan has agreed to assist in preparation of the annual account but will cease active involvement as at 31 March 2016.

3.2 It was recorded that HM and JMCh were now recognised by the Bank as able to sign cheques on behalf of the KCC and that RM is completing the required paperwork to enable him to replace CM as the 3rd office bearer with an ability to sign.

RM

3.3 It was noted that the Finance Sub Group, is due to meet (comprising HM, RM and CM). HM to arrange.

HM

3.4 It was agreed that the grant application made by Evanton Nursery, seeking £500 to assist in funding equipment, should be approved.

4 Police Report

- 4.1 JMCh read the very useful report prepared by Sergeant Calum Smith. The report was appreciated with those present. It was commented that drivers of cars parking at the School to drop off/pick up pupils may be more considerate if there was a visible Police presence (perhaps once a month).

5 Diamond Jubilee Hall

- 5.1 HM reported on the meeting of Community Councillors held on 29 Feb with RM, AM, HM, & JMCh being present.

HM confirmed that the meeting note had recorded that:-

- A newsletter would be distributed within the area to inform the public of the need for change and seek views on either retention and renovation of the existing Hall or development of alternative facilities
- The Council would be asked for a view on the percentage of Community Councillors who may be Trustees within any organisation who ultimately owns the Hall.

JMCh

HM

- 5.2 HM intimated that he, on behalf of the KCC, had completed an Expression of Interest form in relation to the LEADER Funding programme 2015/20 recording interest in possibly seeking funding for improvements to the Hall

- 5.3 AlpinMacdonald reported on issues and requirements in relation to the Hall as follows:-

- a) **Paint.** Agreed that approximately 40litres of emulsion paint would be purchased to repaint sections of the main Hall.
- b) **Toilet Floor.** Agreed that a quote would be sought for repairs/replacement of the floor to the Gents toilet
- c) **Drain Leak.** It was reported that water is rising through the tarmac in front of the entrance to the Hall.

6 Communication

- 6.1 RM reported development is ongoing on the Web-site, noting that it is not intended that the Site allow for online booking of the Hall.

RM

- 6.2 A letter has been received from Rob Gibson MSP seeking comment on uses made of funds secured from power generation. HM will responded.

HM

- 6.3 A letter has been received from Swordale residents who are concerned that the private water supply which serves their homes is not secure. It was commented that the issue, whilst of concern to the KCC, was not an issue normally within the remit of a Community Council. Cllr. MR and Cllr. MF

Cllr. MR

offered to chair a meeting of residents should this be thought useful.

Cllr. MF

- 6.4 The Highland Council has confirmed that an operational grant of £1,304.87 has been awarded to KCC.

7 Village Groups

- 7.1 Evanton Community Trust. It was reported that the ECT and Church of Scotland would host an open event in the Cornerstone on 22 March seeking views on a possible garden project and works to the Old Kirk at the Beach

- 7.2 Evanton Wood Community Company. Recent reports have been circulated and will be posted on the Community Notice Board..

8 Other Business(including points raised by the Public)

- 8.1 **Roads.** Given the level of concerns it was agreed that an attempt would be made to mark up a map at the next meeting with a view to highlighting areas of concern for action by the Council. JMCH will source suitable map.

JMCH

- 8.2 **Fly Tipping.** HM reported on a recent issue where he had reported fly tipping and congratulated the Council on their prompt response which resulted in speedy removal of the material that had been dumped.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00.

Next meeting: Monday 11th April 2016, 7pm at Evanton Sports Hall.

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

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