

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting



Held on Monday 11th April 2016, 7.00pm at The Sports Centre, Evanton

PRESENT

Members

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

Ex-Officio Members

Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr. MF)
Cllr. Maxine Smith (Cllr. MS)

APOLOGIES

Shelagh Dennett (SD)
Cllr. Carolyn Wilson
Cllr. Martin Rattray (Cllr. MR)
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 14 March 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of discussion as proposed by MM and seconded by RM.	
1.2	JMCh reported that he has contacted the School to investigate the possible participation of pupils in a beach clean.	
1.3	It was noted that the accounts for 2015/16 had been drafted.	
2	Councillors Report	
2.1	Cllr.MF and Cllr.MS reported on a range of issues:- Roads. The tarmac is due to be resurfaced on the road leading to the Blythswood HQ at the Isleburn junction. Cycle Path. The path at Fyrish Crescent is nearing completion. Agreed that RM and HM will meet with Council Officers and Cllr. MF to gain a better understanding of priorities for traffic at the entrance to the Village.	Cllr.MF RM HM

Katewell Sign. Road sign has been replaced.

Winter Maintenance. It was reported that the Council is preparing to consider what routes should be prioritised. The importance of School routes was emphasised with particular concerns over the Swordale Road. HM suggested that the Council consider engagement with the Farming Machinery Ring, based at Tore. Cllr MS offered to feed this idea, and concerns over school routes, back to the Council.

Cllr. MS

Recycling Centre. Noted that work yet to be undertaken to complete improvements to surfacing.

Cllr. MS

Swordale Steading Water Supply. Cllr. MF reported that a meeting of residents had yet to be held.

Redesign of the Council. Cllr. MS reported on the changes within the Council which had included around 340 staff leaving in the current year and that work was ongoing to inform decisions on the future shape of the Council.

HM thanked the Councillors for their attendance and reports.

3 Finance

3.1 HM circulated and explained updated accounts (as interim Treasurer).

3.2 It was noted 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 noted that a payment was due to be made to the Wood Company as defined within a previous agreement

HM

4 Police Report

4.1 The Chairman welcomed an Officer who provided a very clear picture of recorded incidents (mostly minor) inviting comment/questions from those present. Comments/questions were raised as follows:-

Parking at Shop and School. Concerns were raised over inconsiderate parking which limits sightlines at the junction and the School. Concerns were noted.

Parking in Layby opposite Free Church Manse. A question was raised in relation to the status of the layby. Status will be reviewed.

Traffic speed through Teandallon. Concerns were expressed in relation to loud exhausts and apparently speeding cars. Noted that it would be helpful if members of the public could record number plates and report these to the Police.

General Traffic Speed. Concerns over speed through the village and on Swordale Road. Additional attention will be paid to this issue.

Cllr. MS left the meeting at this point

5 **Diamond Jubilee Hall**

5.1 It was agreed that JMch would draft a newsletter which 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. Any newsletter will be delivered by post as well as on the Website.

JMch

5.2 Alpin Macdonald reported on issues and requirements in relation to the Hall as follows:-

- a) **Urinal.** Leak rectified.
- b) **Main Floor.** Loose board in Hall to be subject of further investigation.
- c) **Drain Leak.** It was reported that water is rising through the tarmac in front of the entrance to the Hall and that this had been reported to Scottish Water and the Council.
- d) **Fire Hoses.** Have been removed but supplies may need to be capped.

5.3 It was agreed that the Treasurer should have access to a £200 "float" to meet minor repairs with authority to spend being delegated to the Treasurer in consultation with the Chairman.

5.4 RM reported that progress has been made in relation to the Broadband connection with an expectation of early connection.

6 **Communication**

6.1 RM reported development is ongoing on the Web-site noting that Summit Design hold a small amount of KCC money which could be used to complete Website training. Leslie Logan offered to disable the previous Website in order to reduce possible confusion.

Leslie
Logan

6.2 A letter has been received inviting attendance at an event to be held on HMS Sutherland. It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary should attend.

JMch
HM

7 Village Groups

- 7.1 The Secretary will circulate reports recently received from the Evanton Community Trust and Evanton Wood Community Company.
- 7.2 Noted that the Evanton Social and Events Group have organised a “Daffodil Tea” which will be held on 23 April and a Gala Day featuring the Hill Race on 28 May.

8 Other Business (including points raised by the Public)

- 8.1 **Roads.** Individual defects were discussed, using a map of the village. It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary should endeavour to record obvious defects (a drive round survey) with the results being passed to the Council.
- 8.2 **Skiach Hydro.** In answer to a question from the floor, HM reported he understood that the project was in a “Business Development” phase.

HM
JMCH

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30.

Next meeting: Monday 16th May 2016, 7pm at Evanton Sports Hall.

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

16 May 2016