

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 20th June 2016, 7.00pm at The Sports Centre, Drummond Rd, 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)
Shelagh Dennett (SD)
Leo Sharratt (LS)

Ex-Officio Members

Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr. MF)
Cllr. Carolyn Wilson (Cllr. CW)

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Maxine Smith
Cllr. Martin Rattray

<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 16 May 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of discussion as proposed by CM and seconded by MM.	
1.2	Matters arising	
	Grant for Swimming Lessons. Agreed that the award of £1,000 should be recurring on an annual basis (rather than 1 year only)	
	KCC Store. A visit will be arranged to inspect the store and list what should be kept.	
	School access barrier. Cllr. MF confirmed that the Council will inspect the access to comment on the concerns raised in relation to safety of children.	
2	Community Payback	
2.1	Jim Stewart, Highland Council provided an overview of the work undertaken through Community Payback noting that a number of projects had been successfully completed in the Evanton Wood. Jim explained that the Team currently employed 2 supervisors with each able to supervise a team of 5 with works being dependant on available skills but including:-	

- Grass and hedge maintenance
- Footpath works
- Firewood splitting.

HM thanked Jim for his attendance and interesting overview of the work undertaken by his Team.

3 Police Report

- 3.1 Sgt Callum Smith joined the meeting to report on statistics within the Parish, and answer questions. Those present were assured that recorded incidents suggest that the area is relatively safe and law abiding. However, it was noted that vigilance is required to combat the rise (not currently within Evanton) of “door step” crimes such as rogue traders. It was reported that there is, nationally, a rise in reports of Historic Sex crimes but that the overall number of reported crimes is 3.2% down when compared with the previous year
- 3.2 Cllr CW commented that there is a feeling that the reduction in the number of reported crimes may be a reflection of reporting mechanisms (call centres) which are perceived by some to be difficult to contact and remote.
- 3.3 The continued parking on the double yellow lines at the junction of Chapel Road and Balconie Street was raised along with poor driving behaviour of a small number of people. Sgt Smith undertook to raise these issues with his team but asked that people report individual incidents of poor behaviour (registration numbers would be useful).

Sgt Smith noted that The Highland Council is preparing for the implementation of a Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) Scheme this year.

- 3.4 Sgt Smith was thanked for his attendance which was appreciated by those present.

4 Councillors Report

- 4.1 Cllr.MF and Cllr.CW reported on a range of issues:-

Roads. Tarmac patching of potholes in hand but will be limited given resources available.

Grass Maintenance. Noted that a review of service delivery was ongoing and that views on any particular approach should be raised with the Highland Council, either direct to the Chief Executive or via the Director of Community Services or Committee Chair.

Refugees. Noted that the Alness community had welcomed 4 families to their village, and that this had been a very positive outcome for the families, their neighbours and the wider community.

Fyrish Crescent. It was reported that the roads department are satisfied that the colours of tarmac are satisfactory. Noted that concerns have been raised over “who has priority” at the entrance to the village.

Alness Academy. Noted that roof works would be commenced during the school holidays and that there would be further consultation on the proposed new School, later in the year. Noted that it is expected that the new School will be completed in 2020.

Swordale Road. Cllr. MF offered to raise concerns over the apparent collapsed verges.

Redesign of the Council. Reported to be ongoing with final proposals due by end of the year.

Football Hut. Noted that funding applications had been made for improvements to the existing Black Rock pavilion.

HM thanked the Councillors for their attendance and reports.

5 Finance

5.1 RM explained the accounts.

5.2 Four funding requests were considered:-

5.2.1 **Evanton Community Trust.** MM declared an interest (non-financial) as a Director of the Trust. Hector reminded those present that many were Members of the Trust (but again without financial interest).

The application related to a history project centred on the Old Kirk with the Trust seeking **£1,500** from KCC and support for an application for **£2,500** from the BeinnTharsuinn Fund (BTF).

KCC agreed to the £1,500 request, but that the request to BTF should be in principle on the basis that the previously agreed £8,000 agreed for the footpath project should be reduced to £5,500. It was further agreed that final agreement would be subject to consultation by e-mail; proposed by JMCH, seconded by CM.

5.2.2 **Evanton Nursery.** Request for funding of **£500**.

KCC agreed to the request, proposed by CM, seconded by JMCH.

5.2.3 **Kiltearn Parent Council.** Request for **£500**.

KCC agreed to the request, proposed by HM, seconded by LS.

5.2.4 **Kiltearn Fiddlers.** HM declared an interest (non-financial) and took no part

in the discussion. Request for £320.

KCC agreed to the request, proposed by AM, seconded by CM.

- 5.3 It was agreed that future applications should be considered in June and December (rather than every meeting). Noted that consideration should be given to the Grant Funding paper produced by the previous KCC.

6 Diamond Jubilee Hall

- 6.1 It was agreed that the previously agreed open letter should be delivered to households by use of the postal service inviting responses by 7th September.

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- 6.2 Agreed that 28th September should be set as the provisional date for a public meeting which will provide feedback on responses to the open letter.

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

- a) **Gas.** A quote will be obtained for supply of Gas (agreed).
- b) **Main Floor.** Three loose boards in Hall had been repaired.
- c) **Toilet Floor.** Agreed that the floor should be replaced with concrete.
- d) **Cleaning.** Noted that D Reid was acting as cleaner.

- 6.4 It was agreed that a draft business plan should be prepared in order to consider a possible application for Leader funding. JMCH reminded the meeting that he sat on the LAP of Leader and therefore would not take part in the preparation of any bid.

- 6.5 HM reported that the Highland Council had agreed to extend insurance cover of Officer Bearers for a further 6 months.

- 6.6 There was an interesting conversation around a newspaper article, obtained by Preston White, which confirmed that the painting of the Major is a “copy” of the original.

7 Communication

- 7.1 **Website.** RM was congratulated on the Site which is very well developed.

- 7.2 RM reported that the KCC are now set up for on-line banking.

8 Other Business(including points raised by the Public)

- 8.1 **Delegated Powers.** It was agreed the Chairman and Secretary should be given power to act for the KCC if required before the September meeting.

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8.2 **Swordale Steading Water Supply.** A resident of a property served by the private water supply asked if the KCC were able to assist in answering a number of questions relating to the supply. Mr MacDonald, who was present, suggested that questions could be directed to him. The KCC noted that they were not in a position to assist further but that the Highland Council may be.

8.4 **KCC Store.** Agreed the Christmas lights should be tested.

AM/MM

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15

Next meeting: Monday 19th September 2016, at Evanton Sports Hall, 7pm.

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

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