

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 16th January 2017, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members

Hector Munro (HM) Chairman
Michael MacLeod (MM) Vice Chairman
John McHardy (JMCH) Secretary
Ralph Mercer (RM) Treasurer
Anne Macdonald (AM)
Shelagh Dennett (SD)
Cai MacIver (CM)

Highland Councillors

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Sgt Calum Smith, Scottish Police. HM welcomed the public attending the meeting.	HM
1.2	Declarations of interest. HM, AM, SD, JMCH, and MM indicated they were members of the Evanton Community Trust (ECT). MM indicated that he is a Director of ECT. RM and AM indicated they are members of the Evanton Social and Events Group (ES&EG). RM indicated that he is the Treasurer of ES&EG.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2016 were agreed, proposed by CM and seconded by MM.	
3	Diamond Jubilee Hall	
3.1	HM clarified, contrary to statements which had appeared on "social media", that the KCC are not about to make a decision about the future of the Hall.	

Rather HM noted that the decision had been taken to seek a new owner and that the meeting had been structured to allow an open question and answer session on issues around the transfer and future of the Hall. HM also referred to the letter that had been circulated to all households in July 2016, which sought views on the future of community hall facilities and Hall usage. HM confirmed the managers of the Hall could be through a group separate from the new owner.

- 3.2 JMCh provided an update on discussions within the KCC as far as they related to the ownership and management of the Hall. He also outlined the 33 responses received to the specific questions asked in the letter sent to households in July 2016 as follows:-

Question 1 “How often do you attend events in the Hall”, responses:-
Never – 3 1 or 2 times/year - 17 6 times/year - 8 Frequently – 5

Question 2 “view on location of Hall”
Retain in current location - 22 Mixed views - 9 Seek new location – 2

- 3.3 HM invited questions from the floor following which there was a wide ranging discussion on what the future would be in terms of ownership and management. Specific questions included (*in italics*):-

“What is an Economic Burden?” It was explained that the title to the Hall included an “Economic Burden” which in effect requires the KCC to repay the proceeds of any sale to the Council unless the money is reinvested in a similar community facility (provided the Council agrees).

“Would Economic Burden be imposed on new owner”. Yes, and KCC could impose further burden to the effect that the ownership would revert to the KCC should the new owner cease to exist or run the Hall.

“Has current Ownership been confirmed?” Yes, the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the KCC are recorded, within the Land Registry, as Proprietors of the Hall being Trustees of Kiltearn Community Council.

“Who will decide on the transfer of ownership?” The Kiltearn Community Council.

“Would a future Primary School provide Hall facilities?” Possibly.

- 3.4 HM noted that the KCC had agreed to engage an independent assessor to assist and advise the KCC in their consideration of any business plans submitted by potential new owners.
- 3.5 HM thanked those present for their attendance and questions.
- 3.6 Those present showed their appreciation for the work undertaken by Alpin and Anne Macdonald who have done so much for the Hall over the years.

4 Rail Halt

- 4.1 It was reported that the Highland Council will undertake a survey in relation to the possible Evanton rail halt and that they had sought input from KCC. Specifically there was an opportunity to influence the questions. Potential questions were discussed with Cllr MS offering to feed these back to the Council.
- 4.2 It was noted that the survey will be available on the Council's website as well as in paper form at the shop, Cornerstone and Post Office.

5 Councillor's Report

- 5.1 **Redesign of The Council.** Reported that a number of savings are being considered including 3 week brown bin collection (and possible charge), higher charges for bulky uplifts and a proposal to extend the collection of green bins to three weeks.
- 5.2 **Swordale Road.** The KCC were pleased to note that works had been instructed.
- 5.3 **Parking.** Reported that the recently appointed Wardens will travel around the Highlands – but as yet it is unclear if they would visit Evanton. Noted that concerns remain over parking at the School and the junction of Chapel Road/Balconie Street.
- 5.4 **Roads Maintenance.** Following noted:-
- Surface to East of Church Hall will be treated with anti-slip surface (in better weather)
 - "Smile Face" sign will be provided at the Church
 - Yellow lines at School will be looked at again
- 5.5 The Councillors were thanked for their attendance and the work they undertake on behalf of the Community.

6 Communication

The following items had been received.

- 6.1 **Leader.** The Leader Team has asked if the KCC wished to submit an application. It was agreed that it was premature given the impending transfer of ownership. HM to contact Leader Team.

HM

7 Finance.

- 7.1 RM reported on the current position and presented on 2 grant applications:-
- Kiltearn Parent Council.** Fresh quotes had been received and the application sought a grant of £2,800 of a total cost of £5,300 in relation to Smart Board for the School. Application approved following a proposal by

AM that was seconded by HM.

1st Evanton Brownies. Application seeking £820 out of a total cost of £1,090. Monies sought to fund torches and fees due. Agreed following proposal by JMcH, seconded by CM. Further proposed that KCC should not fund further applications seeking grant to meet fees (to be discussed further at AGM).

7.2 RM reported that the outstanding debts arising from the hire of the Hall are reducing.

8 Village Groups

8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** Anne Macdonald reported, on behalf of ES&EG, that the Group were compiling a calendar of village events

8.2 **Evanton Community Wood Company.** Dave Smith outlined activities which are detailed in an update report (to be circulated) highlighting a number of planned events.

8.3 **Evanton Community Trust.** Iain Clark reported, on behalf of ECT, that tenders for the next parts of the footpath works had been received and that works would start soon.

Iain also reported on the Old Kirk project that will commence with a meeting in the Cornerstone on Monday 23 January.

9 Other Business

9.1 **Fly Tipping.** HM encouraged the public to report the registration numbers of vehicles suspected of fly tipping.

9.2 Next meeting: 13 February 2017 – post meeting note; agreed as **Tuesday 14th February** 2017, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

Date 14 February 2017