

# Kiltearn Community Council



## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016, 7pm at Sports Hall, Drummond Road, Evanton

### PRESENT

#### Members

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

#### Highland Councillors

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

### APOLOGIES

Sgt Calum Smith, Scottish Police

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Sgt Calum Smith.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes/Matters arising</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2016 were agreed, with a correction to section 5.7 which should have referred to Cllr.MF, proposed by MM and seconded by RM.	
2.2	Item 5.4 – Rail Halt; understood that the Ross and Cromarty Area Committee of the Highland Council have instructed survey work to better understand demand.	
2.3	Item 8.3 – Former School House; Cllr Finlayson has raised with The Council.	
2.4	Item 8.4 – Home visits by Doctor; Anne Macdonald was congratulated on the success of her approach to the NHS in relation to better access to flu jabs.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
3.1	RM circulated a report (previously issued by e-mail) indicating the position at the end of October 2016, noting that there was a very small difference between	

the bank statement and his statement which was under discussion with the result being reported at a later date. RM was thanked for the clarity of the reports.

3.2 RM reported on the status of (small) outstanding “debts” in relation to the Diamond Jubilee Hall confirming that contact had been made with the groups who are regular users of the Hall. The meeting recognised that there had been change within the Officer Bearers of the KCC in 2015/16 and that there had also been changes in Village groups and agreed that the Ward Manager of the Highland Council should be asked for a view on how best to record apparent differences which may or may not be monies owed.

HM  
RM

3.3 It was noted that the Water charges for the Diamond Jubilee Hall should be reduced for the coming year.

3.4 Grant Applications (RM and AM left the meeting during discussion within 3.4.1 & 3.4.2.

3.4.1 **Senior Citizen’s Dinner** – application by Evanton Social & Events Group. Following discussion it was agreed that the applicant should be asked for;

- A more detailed breakdown of costs, and
- Confirmation of contribution expected from those attending event.

It was commented that it may be difficult to establish the level of contribution in advance of any event and that a grant could be considered on the basis of it being reduced should the level of contribution exceed any expectations within a detailed breakdown of costs.

3.4.2 **Generator for D J Hall**—application by Evanton Social & Events Group. Following discussion it was agreed that this was premature given that the D J Hall requires investment in other areas and that the inclusion of a generator should be considered as part of a wider business plan for the Hall. However, those present appreciated the aims of ES&E Group in relation to Resilience and encouraged the Group to consider alternative venues which could be adapted/improved at less cost and in a shorter timescale (such as the Church Hall and Cornerstone). Dave Smith commented that the generator owned by the Evanton Wood Community Company may be available and would probably be suitable for a smaller venue. HM commented that he had spoken with SSE who had standby generators which were available for community use.

3.4.3 AM and RM re-joined the meeting and were updated on the result of discussion within 3.4.1 and 3.4.2. The following actions were agreed:-

- JMCh/Cllr. MF will feedback discussion in relation to Cornerstone and Church Hall
- AM will feedback to Evanton Social & Events Group

JMCh  
Cllr.MF  
AM

#### 4 **Diamond Jubilee Hall**

4.1 Alpin Macdonald reported that the floor tiles to the gents toilet have been completed. It was agreed that a joiner would be hired to complete the skirting.

- 4.2 Noted that a small hole had been made to a window (BB gun or stone?) and that the Police had been advised and taken action.
- 4.3 **Replacement Windows.** It was agreed that any replacement would be put on hold pending a future “Plan” for the Hall.
- 4.4 **Transfer of Hall.** It was agreed that the KKC should approach the 3 known groups in the village that are either Scottish Charities or SCIOs to establish their interest in possibly becoming owners of the Hall. It was further agreed that the Groups (ES&EG, ECT and EWCC) would be asked to respond prior to the next meeting of the KCC and that up to £500 would be available to any of the 3 Groups that wished to prepare a Business Plan as part of the consideration process with an aim that Business Plans would be completed by a given date (date to be agreed at December meeting. JMch to contact the 3 groups.

JMch

## 5 Councillor’s Report

- 5.1 **Burial Ground.** Noted that the flooding issues adjacent to the most recent extension will be attended to.
- 5.2 **Parking Charges.** Noted that the Highland Council is considering how extensive parking charges should be in terms of locations.
- 5.3 **Alness Academy.** Noted that design of the proposed new Academy would be subject of further consultation.
- 5.4 **Roads Maintenance.** Cllr.MF reported on the very useful walk round attended by Officers of the Council’s Community Services. A separate list had been prepared which will include the following actions:-
- Consideration of LED bulbs on beletia beacons at zebra road crossing
  - Anti Skid surface leading to the crossing
  - “Smile face” speed alert – (KCC await cost and may contribute towards)
  - Consideration of measures to limit parking at the “Spar Corner”
- 5.5 **Flooding.** Reported that works have been undertaken at in Livera Street and Chapel Road.
- 5.6 **Fence adjacent to Glenglass Bridge.** Reported chainlink to the fence is to be replaced
- 5.7 **Recycling Area.** Works are planned to address some of the surfacing issues.
- 5.8 **Liaison Meetings.** Cllr. MF reported that a quarterly meeting was proposed with Community Services to track issues. This was welcomed by the KCC.
- 5.9 The Councillors were thanked for their attendance and work on behalf of the Community

## 6 Communication

The following items had been received.

- 6.1 **Poppy Wreath.** Receipt for payment of wreath. Receipt to be forward to RM for payment JMCH
- 6.2 **Leo Sharratt.** Letter received confirming resignation from KCC. HM to write to Leo to thank him for his work and wise words as a valued Member of the KCC. JMCH to confirm to Ward Manager. JMCH  
HM
- 6.3 **Evanton Wood Community Company.** Request for payment of grant. RM to action. RM
- 6.4 **Evanton Community Trust.** Request for payment of grant towards footpaths. Confirmation of other grants to be forwarded to RM who will then action. JMCH  
RM
- 6.5 **Telephone Mast.** Request for alternative sites (discussed under AOCB) made by agent,
- 7 Police Report.**
- 7.1 Report prepared by Sgt Calum Smith was discussed and will be circulated by e-mail. Noted that concerns remain over use of cycles on footpaths and parking at the School. JMCH
- 8 Village Groups**
- 8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** Anne Macdonald reported, on behalf of ES&EG, that the Hogmanay dance tickets were for sale and that Hospice fundraiser would be held in December. Anne also commented that raising funds had not been easy and that the Senior Citizen Dinner may not now take place.
- 8.2 **Evanton Community Trust.** Michael MacLeod reported, on behalf of ECT, that the next parts of the footpath works are out to tender.
- 8.3 **Evanton Wood Community Company.** David Smith reported on progress the Group's 5 year plan that had seen over 12,000 visitors to the Wood. A written report will be circulated. JMCH
- 9 Other Business**
- 9.1 **Telephone Mast.** It was agreed, without prejudice to any Planning response, that KCC would suggest the following locations in response to the request from the agent.
- Land to rear of Village Green
  - Land behind recycling area
  - Site to rear of Novar Arms
  - Land within Wood above Livera Street

JMcH to contact agent.

JMcH

9.2 **Black Rock Gorge Sign.** Agreed to contact Phil Waite (access officer) to request sign,

JMcH

9.3 **Christmas Lights.** Noted that lights had been erected with thanks recorded to MM and Mr Lynch

9.4 **December Meeting.** Agreed that the Community Council will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (rather than 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30.

Next meeting: Monday 12th December 2016, 7pm at Evanton Sports Hall

Accepted as a true and accurate record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

Date 12 Dec 2016