

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 12th December 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
Anne Macdonald (AM)
Shelagh Dennett (SD)

Highland Councillors

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

APOLOGIES

Cai MacIver (CM)
Cllr. Martin Rattray
Cllr. Carolyn Wilson
Sgt Calum Smith, Scottish Police
Dave Smith, Chair, Evanton Wood Community Company

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies	
1.1	Apologies were noted as above.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2016 were agreed, proposed by MM and seconded by SD.	
2.2	Item 3.2 – outstanding DJH “debts”; reported that the Ward Manager of the Highland Council had been asked for a view on how best to record apparent differences which may or may not be monies owed. Guidance had been received which will be further considered.	RM HM
3	Finance	
3.1	RM circulated a report (previously issued by e-mail) indicating the position at the end of November 2016. RM was thanked for the clarity of the reports.	
3.2	RM updated on the status of (small) outstanding “debts” in relation to the	

Diamond Jubilee Hall confirming he had received good co-operation from the regular groups who hire the Hall and that this had resolved all but £611 of the possible “debts”. The situation will be reviewed at a future meeting.

RM

- 3.3 **Grant Applications.** Three applications were discussed (2 new and 1 former), as follows:-
- 3.3.1 **Footpaths.** Noted that KCC at the meeting held on 16 May 2016 had agreed support to ECT of £11,000 towards the footpath works (£8,000 + £3,000). It was also noted that the footpaths had been discussed on 20 June – with agreement that the final figure would be agreed through e-mail exchange. Following discussion it was agreed that ECT should submit an application for a further £2,500 for works to the footpaths (bringing the total to £11,000 and that the application could be considered by KCC through e-mail exchange in advance of the January meeting. MM declared an interest (non-financial) as Director of ECT.
- 3.3.2 **Evanton Nursery.** A grant of £500 had been requested towards an ICT project which will cost £684.92. Agreed following proposal by AM and seconded by MM.
- 3.3.3 **Kiltearn Primary School Parent Council.** A grant of £2,800 had been requested towards the cost of 2 Smart Boards (£5,300). It was agreed that the Parent Council should be asked to supply further quotes and that the application could be considered by KCC through e-mail exchange in advance of the January meeting.

4 **Diamond Jubilee Hall –Transfer of Hall**

- 4.1 **Feedback from Groups.** JMCH provided feedback from the 3 Groups that were previously agreed should be asked for interest in possibly becoming owners of the Hall; Evanton Social & Events Group (ES&EG), Evanton Community Trust (ECT) and Evanton Wood Community Company (EWCC). Responses were recorded as follows:-

ES&EG *“Evanton Social and Events Group may be prepared to become owners of the D.J.Hall. The group will be represented at the meeting on 12th December and will be seeking answers to several questions”.* Lorna Shirran, Secretary of the ES&EG was present at the meeting

ECT *“Our Trustees met last week and discussed this at length and decided that whilst the Evanton Community Trust would, in principle, be willing to take over ownership of the DJH if asked, any decision to do so would be subject to a number of caveats”* Iain Clark, Chair of ECT was present at the meeting.

EWCC *“The Board discussed this last night and decided that it would not be appropriate for Evanton Wood Community Company to consider taking on KCC’s assets.”*

- 4.2 **Discussion Paper.** The paper previously circulated to KCC Members and Highland Council Ward Councillors (dated 10 December) was discussed (including contributions by representatives of the ES&EG, ECT and public present at the meeting). Specific questions were raised as follows:-
- Purchase by KCC. Mr Alpin Macdonald requested a copy of correspondence received by the KCC in which the Highland Council provided an opinion on what type of organisation should hold ownership of the Hall. JMcH
 - Results of Community Consultation. ES&EG requested details of responses. JMcH briefly outlined the responses noting that 33 responses had been received.
 - Possible transfer to Highlife Highland (HLH). It was suggested that HLH may be prepared to take ownership of the Hall or possibly enter into a lease arrangement. It was agreed that the Secretary should contact HLF to seek a view. JMcH
- 4.3 **Next Steps.** Following discussion the following actions were agreed:-
- The “*Next Steps*” as outlined within the discussion paper of 10 Dec were agreed with the exception of the proposed timetable which was agreed should be slipped by a month. The Secretary will re-issue the paper (to include ES&EG and ECT) JMcH
 - Background information on the Hall, such as bookings, income/expenditure, and condition reports will be provided to the ES&EG and ECT. RM JMcH
 - Names of possible independent assessor (as described within the discussion paper) will be identified for further consideration. HM JMcH
 - The January meeting of the KCC will be held in the Diamond Jubilee Hall with DJ Hall transfer as an agenda item (to be highlighted on the Agenda) JMcH
- 5 Councillor’s Report**
- 5.1 **Rail Halt.** Noted that a survey would be undertaken. Agreed that the proposed Halt should be included on the agenda for the January meeting. JMcH
- 5.2 **Swordale Road.** Noted that monies may be available (gained due to ongoing forest works) which could be used for road improvements.
- 5.3 **Service Bus.** KCC pleased to note that the timetable for 2017 includes a greater number of stops in the village.
- 5.4 **Roads Maintenance.** Reported that:-

- Remedial actions are being considered for the deep ditch on the Old Evanton Road.
- Anti-Skid surface leading to the crossing will be provided in the Spring (warmer weather required).
- The Gulley in Livera will be cleared (previously reported as cleared)
- Consideration of measures to limit parking at the “Spar Corner” will include signs on the bollards.
- “Smiley Face” to be installed adjacent to the church (facing Alness)

5.5 **Flooding.** Burial Ground works yet to be undertaken

5.6 **Council Budgets.** Noted that the Highland Council is reviewing a number of possible savings that will be required to meet the budget.

5.7 **Ship to Ship Oil Transfer.** Issue discussed but KCC did not feel that a response was required at this stage.

5.8 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 **Foulis Forrest Plan.** The plan, previously circulated, was further explained by HM (who declared an interest). KCC appreciated the opportunity to review the plan recognising that the Plan forms part of the long term plans of land management of the Estate.

6.2 **Wild Fowling.** An e-mail had been received raising concerns over activity close to the shore path. HM confirmed he had raised this with the Council’s access officer with the intention that suitable signage would be erected.

6.3 **Training.** Notification had been received of Media training (had been circulated).

6.4 **Election.** Request from THC for comment on use of D J Hall for elections. Agreed that the Hall should be used for this purpose. Noted that next planned election is for The Highland Council - 4th May 2017.

6.5 **Planning application.** Agreed that KCC should request the opportunity to be formally consulted on the proposed Café at Mount Gerald. The Secretary to make a request to THC.

JMcH

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 parking at the School and the junction of Chapel Road/Balconie Street.

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 had been held in December. Anne also commented that the Senior Citizen Dinner may not now take place.
- 8.2 **Evanton Community Trust.** Iain Clark reported, on behalf of ECT, that the next parts of the footpath works are out to tender and that the total project costs amounted to circa £34,000.

Iain also reported on the success of the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund that had secured a total funding package of £13,400 for the Old Kirk project which will commence in January 2017. The funding secured is as follows:-

Heritage Lottery Fund - £8,900
Archaeology Scotland - £1,000
KCC - - - - - £3,000
Clan Munro Association - £500

The Chairman congratulated the Trust on securing the required funding.

9 Other Business

- 9.1 **Telephone Mast.** JMCH reported that he had provided the consultant with a note of the 4 locations suggested by the KCC.
- 9.2 **Next Meeting.** Agreed that the Community Council will meet on the 3rd Monday of January – in the Jubilee Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30.

Next meeting: Monday 16th January 2017, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall.

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

Date 16 January 2017