

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 14th February 2017, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members

Hector Munro (HM) Chairman
Michael MacLeod (MM) Vice Chairman
John McHardy (JMCH) Secretary
Anne Macdonald (AM)
Shelagh Dennett (SD)

Highland Councillors

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

Scottish Police

Sgt Alistair Goskirk

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Cai MacIver and Ralph Mercer.	
1.2	Declarations of interest.	
	HM reminded Members of the KCC that they should declare an interest and withdraw from discussion in the event that they had an “interest” in an issue, as defined within the Community Council scheme.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2017 were agreed, proposed by MM and seconded by SD.	
3	Police Report	
3.1	Sgt Alistair Goskirk was welcomed to the meeting and spoke to the report previously circulated highlighting the activities of organised crime groups who had been operating within the North, particularly those that had been passing counterfeit money who had been successfully brought to justice.	
3.2	AM highlighted potential problems experience when cyclists use footpaths. It was noted that “shared surfaces” are in common use but that the key to	

safety is education, the role of parents as well as schools.

3.3 HM thanked Sgt Goskirk for attending the meeting.

4 Rail Halt

4.1 Noted that over 650 responses had been made to the online and paper survey.

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.

The Councillors reported back on a number of issues.

5.1 **Swordale Road.** The KCC were pleased to note progress on resurfacing and that works are ongoing.

5.2 **Gulley Cleaning.** Will be undertaken.

5.3 **Crossing supervisor.** Reported that monies are available to employ but that no application had been received.

5.4 **Safe Routes to School.** Reported that the School based Committee had reformed.

5.5 **Crossing lines at Cornerstone.** Will be painted once the weather improves.

5.6 **Redesign of the Council.** Reported that less savings are required than previously envisaged resulting in no reduction to Care at Home services.

5.7 **Council Tax.** Noted that the general increase amounted to 3% (Bands E-H will have a further increase as applied by the Scottish Government).

5.8 The Councillors were thanked for their attendance and the work they undertake on behalf of the Community.

6 Communication

6.1 **Proposed Tel Mast.** Noted that Planning Officer had recommended approval, although the Community Council maintained their objection to proposed location.

7 Finance.

7.1 RM to report at March meeting.

8 Village Groups

8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** Anne Macdonald reported, on behalf of ES&EG, that the Group had compiled a calendar of village events which is displayed within the Cornerstone. It was confirmed that the Senior Citizen's meal would be held on 25 February and the cycle event at the end of May.

8.2 **Evanton Community Wood Company.** Dave Smith outlined activities highlighting a number of planned events and that a revised Forrest Plan is to be developed.

Dave confirmed that the Group discouraged visitors from parking on Camden Street. Following discussion it was agreed that the KCC could part fund a suitable sign.

8.3 **Evanton Community Trust.** MM declared an interest, being a Director of the Trust. It was confirmed that the next stage of the footpath works would start soon and that the Arch Church project has been well attended.

9 Other Business

9.1 **LEADER.** HM has confirmed to Leader that the KCC are not in a position to progress an application for improvements to the Hall.

9.2 **Dog Fouling.** Noted that there is a continuing problem within parts of the village. Agreed that JMCH should alert the Council Warden but that individuals should feel free to report incidents. JMCH

9.3 **Ainess Academy.** Noted that HM has joined a stakeholder group established for the proposed new school.

9.4 **Traffic Speeds.** Concerns noted regarding speed of traffic on Swordale Road (particularly on the recently resurfaced section beyond the Manse). Agreed to contact the Council to propose traffic calming. JMCH

9.5 **Next meeting:** agreed as Tuesday 14th March 2017, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

Date 14 March 2017