

# Kiltearn Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting



Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall

### PRESENT

#### Members

Hector Munro (HM) Chairman  
Ralph Mercer (RM) Treasurer  
John McHardy (JMCH) Secretary  
Anne Macdonald (AM)  
Shelagh Dennett (SD)

#### Highland Councillors

Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr. MF)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies/Welcome</b>	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Cai MacIver, Michael MacLeod, Cllr. Maxine Smith, Cllr. Martin Rattray and Sgt Alistair Goskirk.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes/Matters arising</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2017 were agreed, proposed by AM and seconded by SD.	
2.2	Noted that the planning application lodged for a proposed Telephone mast on Balconie Street had been refused by the Planning Committee.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Police Report</b>	
3.1	Written report will be circulated	JMCH
<b>4</b>	<b>Diamond Jubilee Hall</b>	
4.1	Agreed to replace a defective heater in the main Hall. AM to organise and forward invoice to RM.	AM
4.2	Agreed to hire tower scaffold in order to repair light in main Hall.	AM
4.3	Noted that 3 weddings booked for 2017.	
4.4	Noted that HISEZ have been appointed to provide advice in relation to business plans submitted for the Hall transfer.	

4.5 Confirmed that it would not be appropriate for office bearers of a potential new owner of the Hall to take part in the decision of who should be the future owner.

## 5 Councillor's Report.

The Councillors reported back on a number of issues.

5.1 **Swordale Road.** Reported that a useful meeting had been held between the Council and a number of residents with agreement to a number of measures including traffic calming and additional road signs.

5.2 **Alness Academy.** It has been agreed that the new academy will be 2 storey. It is anticipated that the building will be completed by 2020.

5.3 **Crossing supervisor.** Reported that a supervisor may be appointed soon.

5.4 **Dog Fouling.** Concerns continue to be expressed over the continuing problem. KCC pleased that the School children had been working on posters which could be used to raise awareness of the unacceptable behaviour of inconsiderate owners. Noted that Helen Ross has confirmed that there is a plan to develop a simple reporting app so that someone can use their mobile phone to report dog fouling - the app would enable them to report all the info as gathered on the website form (see link below).

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1330/street\\_care\\_and\\_cleaning/473/dog\\_fouling](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1330/street_care_and_cleaning/473/dog_fouling)

5.5 **Rail Halt.** Those present were pleased to note the considerable number of responses (779) to the recent survey that will report shortly. Noted that 78% of responders recorded that they would walk to the Station with 72% of responders reporting that they were very likely to use the Station.

5.6 **Road Bridge over the Skiach.** AM commented on the condition of the handrail to the Bridge. Suggested that Community Payback may be able to assist with repainting.

AM

5.7 **Cycle Path litter.** AM raised concerns over litter along the path leading North from the Village. Cllr. MF offered to raise this with the Council.

Cllr MF

5.8 **Traffic Speeds.** Concerns were raised over speed of traffic within housing areas. Cllr. MF offered to raise this with the Council.

Cllr.MF

5.9 **Community Services Officer.** Agreed that Ingrid would be invited to the May meeting.

HM

The Cllr. MF was thanked for his attendance and the work he undertakes on behalf of the Community.

## 6 Communication

- 6.1 **Novar Wind Farm.** KCC have been notified of a possible change to the conditions attached to payments. Agreed that JMCH should, in the first instance, discuss with Ardross Community Council JMCH
- 6.2 **Novar Arms.** Noted that KCC had been notified of a change to the license that would allow off-sales from 10am. RM declared an interest. Agreed no action required.
- 6.3 **Bins for Hall.** An invoice has been received that relates 2017/18. Agreed that consideration should be given to contracting with alternative provider. AM RM
- 6.4 **WEB maintenance.** Follow receipt of notification of a change within Summit it was agreed to retain the services of Ryan for a further year. RM
- 7 Finance.**
- 7.1 RM circulated finance papers highlighting the total “held at present” figure of £91,130.
- 7.2 Noted that insurance costs for the D J Hall will increase by around £100 for 2017/18 and that the Council would no longer be offering insurance in future years
- 7.3 Noted that the majority of unpaid Hall charges have been recovered.
- 7.4 RM was thanked for his very clear paper and explanation of accounts.
- 8 Village Groups**
- 8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** Anne Macdonald reported, on behalf of ES&EG, that the group would hold their AGM on 21 March.
- 8.2 **Evanton Community Wood Company.** Dave Smith spoke of recent activities as outlined with a written report.
- 9 Other Business**
- 9.1 **LAND.** JMCH confirmed that he had spoken with a representative of the Scottish Land Fund who had confirmed that capital grant funding is not available to a Community Council.
- 9.2 **Beech Cleaning.** It was suggested that Community Payback may be able to assist with cleaning. AM to contact Payback. AM
- 9.3 **Notice Board.** It was suggested that KCC invest in a replacement Notice Board. Costs to be obtained. JMCH
- 9.5 **Next meeting:** agreed as Tuesday 25th April 2017, 7pm at the Diamond

Jubilee Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10

Accepted as a true and accurate  
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)