

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 25th April 2017, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members

Hector Munro (HM) Chairman
Ralph Mercer (RM) Treasurer
John McHardy (JMCh) Secretary
Cai MacIver (CM)
Michael MacLeod (MM)
Shelagh Dennett (SD)

Highland Councillors

Cllr. Maxine Smith (Cllr. MS)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Anne Macdonald, Cllr. Martin Rattray and Cllr. Mike Finlayson.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2017 were agreed, proposed by CM and seconded by RM.	
2.2	A number of items arising were discussed:-	
	5.6 Noted that Community Payback unable to assist in painting the handrails to the Skiach bridge.	
	5.7 Noted that the Mr and Mrs MacMillan had organised a litter pick of the cycle path leading North from the village – much appreciated by KCC.	
	5.9 Agreed to invite the Community Works Officer to the May meeting.	JMCh
	6.3 Noted prices are awaited for DJH Bins.	AM/RM
	9.2 Noted that Community Payback unable to assist in Beach cleaning.	
	9.3 agreed to consider ideas for new notice board. Ideas to be circulated.	JMCh
3	Police Report	

3.1 Written report circulated with update provided on the night. Issues raised as follows:-

Parking at the School. Police could supply cones and visit as and when available.

Parking at Shop. Noted that Traffic Wardens could be asked to monitor/visit but recognised that their time is limited. Agreed to discuss at May meeting and list issues as a briefing for the Wardens (perhaps involving other Communities with similar issues).

All

3.2 The Officer was thanked for his attendance.

4 **Diamond Jubilee Hall**

4.1 Noted that repairs have been completed but that a Hall light requires attention.

AM

4.2 Agreed to release the agreed £500 grant awards to ECT and ES&EG (recognising that they are preparing Business Plans for possible ownership of the DJH).

RM

4.3 Alpin and Anne Macdonald were thanked for their work on the Hall.

5 **Councillor's Report.**

Councillor Maxine Smith reported back on a number of issues including.

5.1 **Traffic speeds within Village.** Noted that a 20mph limit could be applied to parts of the village but that this would require community consultation.

5.2 **Old School House.** Reported that no final decision has been taken on the future of the building.

The Cllr. Smith was thanked for her attendance and the work she undertakes on behalf of the Community.

6 **Communication Received.**

6.1 **Cornerstone.** The Cornerstone Café report that they hope to carry out improvements to the front of the building. It was agreed to check the conditions attached to community benefit monies before deciding whether KCC assist through grant aid.

6.2 **Forrest Plan.** HM reminded the meeting that the Plan relates to land neighbouring Foulis Estate. Agreed that any response would be made by the Secretary.

JMcH

6.3 **Community Garden.** Noted that the Evanton Community Trust (ECT) aim

to develop a community garden on land within the former Church Manse on Drummond Road. Mr Hindson, a Director of ECT, described the project. It was agreed to support, in principle, encouraging the Trust to continue to consult with the Scouts and consider how best to manage the crossing between the School and proposed garden.

7 Finance.

7.1 RM circulated finance papers highlighting the total “held at present” figure of £92,491. It was noted that some of the figures included income from the previous year (around 2 months of Hall hire)

7.2 Noted that there will be a 12% increase in rates valuation for 2017/18. However, also noted that the KCC receive 100% relief.

7.3 Noted that the majority of unpaid Hall charges have been recovered. It was noted that THC had confirmed that it is appropriate to write-off such monies if all efforts to recover have been exhausted. It was proposed that the detail of such action should be delegated to the treasurer – proposed by JMCh and seconded by CM.

RM

7.4 Speaking from the floor Mr A Macdonald stated that he believed that all the outstanding DJH monies should be recovered.

7.5 Speaking from the floor Mr G Payne sought information on grant awards to ES&EG and in particular the application made for assistance towards the senior citizen’s lunch. HM confirmed that the KCC had sought additional info in relation to the application made prior to Christmas 2016 but had not received such. Noted that the Secretary of ES&EG wished to record that she was unaware of the request for additional info and had believed that the application had been refused.

7.6 RM was thanked for his very clear paper and explanation of accounts.

8 Village Groups

8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** Reported that the group were assisting in the Cycle event planned for the end of May.

9 Other Business

9.1 **CFPA.** RM reported on his attendance at a recent event held by the Port of Invergordon which had been very informative. RM noted that the sea trials of the new aircraft carriers is likely to use Invergordon as a shore base and that this inevitably will lead to increased security around the Port – the message being “*be aware but not alarmed*”.

9.2 **Flower Baskets.** Agreed that the Village benefitted from the baskets and that the KCC should fund them. KCC grateful to Mr Madonald for offering to Arrange the order from the Nursery.

9.3 **AGM.** Suggested as either 13th or 20th June.

9.4 **Next meeting:** agreed as Tuesday 16th April 2017, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall – ***Post meeting note now agreed as Tuesday 30 May.***

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00,