

# Kiltearn Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting



Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall

### PRESENT

#### Members

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

#### Highland Councillors

Cllr. Maxine Smith (Cllr. MS)  
Cllr. Pauline Munro (Cllr. PM)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies/Welcome</b>	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Cllr. Mike Finlayson and Sgt MacKay.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes/Matters arising</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2017 were agreed, proposed by MM and seconded by CM.	
2.2	A number of items arising were discussed:-	
	<b>4.3 Old House within School Grounds.</b> Reported that the Council have yet to decide on future but may demolish the property.	
	<b>6.3 Future Grant Application.</b> It was noted that the KCC had agreed (at a meeting held on 13 June) that constituted groups would be invited to submit proposals for funding which they seek for the coming year and that such "bids" should be lodged with KCC by the end of September. Agreed that the deadline would be extended to the <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> October and that the Secretary would post a notice on the Village Notice Board.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Police Report</b>	
3.1	Apologies were noted from Scottish Police.	

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

4.1 AM reported Hall busy and led discussion on building issues.

- a) The door to the Hall leading from the Kitchen has been repaired.
- b) A push bar lock has been fitted to the side door.
- c) Licence has been applied for – thanks to RM.
- d) Agreed to get 3 quotes for redecoration of the Kitchen. AM
- e) The merit of a Smoke detection system was discussed. It was agreed that that Scottish Fire and Rescue would be asked for a view.

#### 5 **Councillor's Report.**

Councillors Maxine Smith and Pauline Munro reported back on a number of issues including.

5.1 **Council Finance.** Substantial deficits identified with Members and Officers working to identify measures to address these including a possible tourist tax of £1 per night.

5.2 **Free WiFi.** Noted that Alness and Invergordon will benefit from a scheme funded through the City Region Deal. A bid has been made to include Evanton in the next wave of communities (welcomed by those present).

5.3 **Alness Academy.** Design for the proposed replacement school being worked up with a proposed completion date of May 2020.

5.4 **Hole in Footpath on Chapel Road.** Noted that a hole has developed around the telephone manhole between Livera Street and Hermitage Street. (Issue raised from the floor).

5.5 **Swordale Road.** Noted that the edge of the road is “falling away” adjacent to the house known as “Lismore”. (Issue raised from the floor).

5.6 **Fence at Bridge over Glass.** Noted that the chainlink fence will be replaced with new green chainlink. (Issue raised from the floor).

5.7 **Bin at Layby leading from Alness.** Consideration will be given to provision of a litter bin (Issue raised from the floor).

The Councillors were thanked for their attendance.

#### 6 **Finance.**

6.1 RM circulated finance papers detailing the position at the end of month 5 of the financial year (end August) reporting on a number of issues;

- a) The Bank has made a £50 payment to KCC in compensation for a Bank error.
- b) Broadband in the Hall costs £700 a year – perhaps should be disconnected?
- c) D J Hall users now paying bills on time but details required of all users. AM
- d) Current Balance £90,660

6.2 The following grant application was discussed:-

6.2.1 **Evanton Youth Enterprise.** MM declared a non-financial interest in the Group. A Bryce (representing the Group) explained the need for the proposed investment. A grant of £900 was agreed – proposed by MM and seconded by AM. EYE were invited to submit a bid for part funding of additional works RM

6.3 **Future Grant Application.** RM will develop a revised application form RM

6.4 RM was again thanked for his very clear explanation of accounts and for the work he undertakes as Treasurer.

## 7 Village Groups

7.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** Reported that the group were organising a winter festival.

## 8 Other Business

8.1 **Lights.** It was agreed that the Christmas lights should be checked and that unused equipment should be offered for sale – MM/JMcH to organise. JMCH  
MM

8.2 **Seafarer's Day.** Following the successful day it was agreed that the flag should be given to the Seafarer group and that a donation of £40 should be made to the Pipes and Drums Group. AM

8.3 **Parking on Camden Street.** Noted that an e-mail had been received drawing attention to the issues arising from visitor parking (or lack of it). Agreed that this would be discussed with the Council's roads officer when he attends the October meeting but that KCC would fund an appropriate sign if this were helpful – perhaps in collaboration with the Wood Company.

8.4 **Toilet.** Noted that communication had been received raising concerns over the lack of public toilets. It was agreed that this should be raised with the Council.

8.5 **Village Officer.** Agreed that consideration would be given to how KCC

could assist in securing the services of an individual who could undertake essential tasks in the Community.

- 8.6 **Newsletter.** Examples of community newsletters were tabled. The value of such newsletters was recognised and it was agreed that KCC should “advertise” for a person who would be willing to take this forward on the basis that KCC would assist with funding and support. JMcH
- 8.7 **Fyrish Crescent Parking.** Concerns were raised over parking on the traffic calming features. Agreed to raise this with Roads Officer.
- 8.8 **Evanton On-Line.** Gary Payne outlined work he had undertaken to develop a “sign posting” Web-site that could assist people to access information on the village. Gary was invited to circulate details.
- 8.9 **Next meeting:** agreed as Tuesday 24th October 2017, 7pm with venue to be confirmed (*post meeting confirmed as Diamond Jubilee Hall*).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00,