# **Kiltearn Community Council**

# **Minutes of Meeting**



# Held on Tuesday 9 January 2018, 7pm at Diamond Jubilee Hall

# PRESENT

## Men

mbers	Hector Munro (HM) Chairman
	Ralph Mercer (RM) Treasurer
	John McHardy (JMcH) Secretary
	Anne Macdonad (AM)
	Shelagh Dennett (SD)

Highland Councillors	Cllr. Pauline Munro
	Cllr. Mike Finlayson

#### Discussion Item

# Action

#### 1 Apologies/Welcome

- 1.1 Apologies were noted from Cai MacIver (CM), Michael MacLeod (MM) and Sgt. Calum Reid.
- 1.2 Jamie Thrower, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was welcomed to the meeting.

#### 2 **Previous Minutes/Matters arising**

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 were agreed, proposed by SD and seconded by RM.
- 2.2 A number of items arising were discussed:-

Grant Payments. Agreed that payments would be released to applicants on the basis that monies are used in accordance with the applications and that evidence of expenditure is returned to the KCC. RM and JMcH to contact applicants.

JMcH RM

**Alness Academy.** Noted that the proposed new Pool is likely to be 6 lane.

#### 3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

3.1 Jamie provided an interesting and comprehensive presentation of the work of Scottish Fire and Rescue which ranged from firefighting and rescue to education and advice visits.

- 3.2 Jamie explained that the 2005 Act identifies that the "Duty Holder" of nondomestic building has a duty of care responsibility. "Duty Holders" can be an individual or Committee. Duty Holders are expected to produce safety plans for operation of the premises which they are responsible for. Jamie provided examples of what could be included within safety, such as exit routes and firefighting equipment.
- 3.3 Jamie circulated householder information booklets and was thanked for his attendance and advice.

## 4 Police Report

4.1 A written report provided by Sgt Reid was circulated, noting that Sgt Reid had confirmed that he could be contacted at the Alness Police Station should this be required.

### 5 Diamond Jubilee Hall

- 5.1 Noted that a meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan to discuss the proposed Management Group for the Hall.
- 5.2 Agreed that additional heating elements will be purchased for the Hall heaters and that the heater in the vestibule should be replaced.

6 **Councillor's Report** (including answers to questions raised).

Councillors Pauline Munro and Mike Finlayson reported back on a number of issues including.

- 6.1 **Devolved Budgets.** Noted that consideration is being given to devolving budgets to Areas and that this would involve greater consultation with Communities.
- 6.2 **Community Works Officer.** Agreed that Gary Urquhart should be invited to a future meeting (March).

JMcH

- 6.3 **Winter Weather.** Noted that there had been a 20% increase in people attending A&E over the Winter.
- 6.4 **Community Consultation.** Noted that the KCC would be consulted by THC on the "Bigger Issues" which we will face in the future.
- 6.5 **Teandallon Place.** Confirmed that parking improvements are proposed.
- 6.6 **Fees for Road Closures.** Confirmed that there would be a fee to be paid if the public road was to be closed for a particular event.
- 6.7 **War Memorial.** Concerns were raised over repair issues. Noted that grant funding may be available; linked to the 100th anniversary of the end of

WW1.

Cllrs. Munro and Finlayson were thanked for their attendance and the work they undertake on behalf of the Community.

# 7 Finance.

7.1 RM reported on the position at the end of month 9 of the financial year (end December). Agreed that a cheque should be issued to settle a previously agreed grant.

# 8 Village Groups

8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** AM reported on activities undertaken over the Festive period.

# 9 Other Business

- 9.1 **Communication.** It was agreed that the KCC should place meeting agendas etc. in the Cornerstone and Shop. It was noted that the minutes RM on the web-site were not up to date. JMcH
- 9.2 **Newsletter.** It was agreed that the KCC should advertise for an "Editor" who would be prepared to lead on a possible community newsletter. JMcH
- 9.3 **Mailing List.** Agreed that the KCC should consider developing a mailing list that could be used to circulate information (by e-mail?) and that this could be linked to any newsletter.
- 9.4 **Next meeting:** agreed as Tuesday 13th February 2017, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00,

JMcH