

# Kiltearn Community Council



## Minutes –

Held in Ante Room, Diamond Jubilee Hall

Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### PRESENT

#### Elected Members

John McHardy (JM)  
Shelagh Dennett (SD)  
Annelie Graham (AG) & Minute Taker  
Mike Finlayson (MF)  
Sarah McNair (SM)  
Gabrielle Buist (GB)  
Susan Crookes (SC)

#### Public

John Ross  
Gary Payne  
Preston Whyte

### Item    Discussion

#### 1    **Apologies/Welcome**

1.1    Apologies noted from Mandy MacLeman (MM).

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

2.1    The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, were agreed as proposed by GB and seconded by SM.

#### 3    **Finance**

3.1    Balances are £80,590 & £85,455.

3.2    SD to ask Helen Ross regarding the possibility of opening a higher interest/savings account for the money and what is allowed within the Community Council rules/guidance.

**SM**

3.3    SD advised that ECT still owe £57. JM will raise this when he attends their board meeting.

**JM**

4    **Police Update** – No updates given

5 **Councillors** - No updates given.

6 **Previous Minutes/Matters arising**

- 6.1 • Agree the Honorarium payments. SD to ask Helen Ross how much the Highland Council grant is for these payments and usual amount. **SD**
- 6.2 • MF previously asked if signs could be made up warning motorists about walkers & cyclists. GB said she would also look to see if the funding for Tri-shaw signage could be done jointly with this in mind. To be passed to MM. **MM**
- 6.3 • New Jubilee Hall junction issues. John Swanson from Highland Council sent an email detailing that the road layout will not be changed due to increasing traffic using the Chapel Road/Hermitage Street turning, visibility 'complies with Designing Streets' guidance, and no injury collisions have been recorded.
- The Committee all still feel that this is a dangerous layout especially when so many children use the hall and walkers using the woods. A petition was suggested or an online poll or both to be put out to the village for views. To be discussed further.
- 6.4 • Suggested that the public are reminded via Facebook that they can comment on the consultation on the 20mph limits. Discussed if KCC should put in their views. Also reminder to folk that they should report potholes and other road issues, like the damaged bollard outside Cornerstone, badly sealed pavements, blocked drains and gullies on the Highland Council reporting tool. **AG**
- Iain Moncrieff, Roads Operations Manager, to be asked to attend a meeting to go over roads issues. **JM**
- 6.5 • AG is updating the website and all the latest Minutes are now uploaded. All members to look at the website and suggest any changes. AG still to organise getting hard copies of the Minutes put into a folder in Cornerstone. AG also working on using the KCC Facebook page for notifying the public of meetings and information and links to website & minutes. **AG**
- 6.6 • Gary Payne has taken a group photo of the Committee for his Evanton.online newsletter and it was suggested a copy of the photo could be put on the noticeboard. **JM**
- 6.7 • AG now has access to the Secretary emails but SD still needs to access to the Treasurer one - JM work on this. **JM**
- 6.8 • Black Rock Gorge bridges – JM to approach Novar Estate for update. **JM**
- 6.9 • Dog fouling – SM to follow up with school for more posters **SM**

- 6.10 • SSE proposed new power line construction. An interim report states that they are going to use the preferred route and have discounted underwater cables. An SSE meeting with 5 Community Councils, including KCC, proposed for 30<sup>th</sup> January and John Ross was asked if he could attend with JM as being the most knowledgeable about the proposals. **JM**
- 6.11 • Rail Halt – JM has had no response from Frank Roach. AG to find out if he is still the relevant contact for this. **AG**
- 6.12 • Village Officer proposals and research to be undertaken by SD and MF. **SD/MF**
- 6.13 • Public toilet proposals and research to be undertaken by SC, SM and JM. **SC/SM  
/JM**

## **7 Still to be discussed:**

- 7.1 • Consider Associate membership & Youth membership of KCC
- 7.2 • Highland Council Local Development Plan
- 7.3 • Storage container
- 7.4 • Safer road layout/usage at school for drop off / pick up.
- 7.5 • Neighbourhood Watch. Acting Sergeant Harry Milton to be approached to discuss what is involved in implementing this scheme.

## **8 Actions awaiting update from Cllr Pauline Munro**

- 8.1 • Grant application process – how frequently applications are considered. SM agreed to redo the application form to make it more user friendly. *Cllr Pauline Munro* will get a copy of the Alness Community Council grant form for comparison.
- 8.2 • Public toilets – *Cllr Pauline Munro* agreed to look into this further and also establish if a possible site owned by MDW could be used.
- 8.3 • Bus shelter – *Cllr Pauline Munro* agreed to enquire further about this ongoing and unresolved issue.
- 8.4 • Sports Centre – *Cllr Pauline Munro* agreed to speak to Steve Walsh to ask Catriona Fraser to attend a KCC meeting to discuss options.

## **9 Village Groups**

- 9.1 **ECT** – The next Tri-shaw training day will take place on 27th January  
The next Community Film viewing will be on 27<sup>th</sup> January

## 10 Other Business

- 10.1 • Fisherman's bothy collapsed at the shore – ARCH Highland to be contacted for their input.
- 10.2 • Clock tower – JM to ask Highland Council to change the lock with an email to Rory Macleod so that clock time can be changed as door key has been lost. KCC will offer to undertake this themselves with the Highland Council's go-ahead. **JM**

## 11 Correspondence

- 11.1 • Susan Wallace from Evanton Scout Group enquired about a Grant Application Form. SM will forward one to her. **SM**
- 11.2 • Prism sent an invoice for £1450 for the Christmas lighting of hall & Church. SD will organise payment. **SD**
- 11.3 • Gary Payne asked for input for an article in Evanton.online newsletter with reference to children's swimming lessons. SM to liaise with Gary over this. **SM**

## 12 Next meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.