

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes –

Held in Ante Room, Diamond Jubilee Hall

Held on Tuesday 12th March 2024

PRESENT

Elected Members

John McHardy (JM)
Shelagh Dennett (SD)
Annelie Graham (AG) & Minute Taker
Mike Finlayson (MF)
Gabrielle Buist (GB)
Susan Crookes (SC)
Mandy MacLeman (MM)

Public

John Ross
Trevor Black
Liz Waugh

Item Discussion

1 **Apologies/Welcome**

1.1 No Apologies noted.

2 **Previous Minutes/Matters arising**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 13th February 2024, were agreed as proposed by SM and seconded by GB.

3 **Finance**

3.1 Balances are £84,328 & £85,677.

3.2 SD did not open a high savings account with RBS due to a number of administrative issues, so will be looking elsewhere e.g. Natwest

SD

3.3 With reference to the £57 still owed by ECT. MM will organise payment.

MM

4 **Police Update** – Update was distributed prior to meeting and nothing was raised on the report by KCC.

5 **Councillors** - No updates given.

6 Previous Minutes/Matters arising

- 6.1 • The Honorarium payments to be discussed and agreed in a private conversation by the KCC members who are not the beneficiaries of them. **GB,SM
SC,MF
MM**
- 6.2 • Ref road signs warning motorists about walkers & cyclists – MF to be asked to provide further information on what is needed. The cost of this suggested as being shared with the Tri-shaw package will not be possible due to lack of further funds. **MF**
- 6.3 • New Jubilee Hall junction issues. Trevor Black's letter has had acknowledgment from Planning & Roads advising that they are consulting on the situation. It was agreed that Trevor can inform them that the KCC will involve the press to highlight the issue to the wider public, if nothing further is done.
- 6.4 • JM has still had no response from Gary Urquhart with regard to the bus shelter panels. JM will contact Hector Mackenzie to take photos and involve the press to highlight the issue – JM to inform Gary that this is the plan of action. MF advised that he had spoken to Gary and Gary had promised that he would sort it out – JM to phone Gary directly to discuss. **JM**
- 6.5 • Black Rock Gorge bridges – the Novar Estate has started on the repairs.
- 6.6 • Dog fouling – school have produced posters and these will now be laminated and put up around the village. **SM/SD**
- 6.7 • Village Officer proposals and research being undertaken by SD and MF - *ongoing*. Cllr Pauline Munro has been away so on her return MF will obtain from her the job description and terms of employment for the handyman that Alness Community Council have in place. SM advised that she would contact the Alness CC direct for this information. **SD,MF
SM**
- 6.8 • Grant application from Fox & Friends – Lisa Davidson to be invited to the next meeting to further discuss the application with a breakdown of how the funding will be spent and future plans. **JM**

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 • Fiona Richardson, Highland Council Community Development Manager, has invited local Community Councils to take part in an online focus group, Tuesday 26th March 6.30pm, called Our Place Our Future - Easter Ross Area Place Plan. This is to inform planning for the future of the area - including development, land use, and investment in the community. MM advised that there is a huge amount of work involved in creating a place plan but the ECT are currently recruiting for a Project Officer and this is something this person could undertake and could be part funded in doing this by the KCC. **JM,MM**

- 7.2 • Email from Liam Clancy, Highland Council Community Support Officer, who advised that we need to send details of post holders and all copies of Minutes, AGM minutes, and end year finances in order to receive the KCC annual grant. AG will organise this. The KCC is to now be directly supported by the Community Support Officer rather than the Ward Manager. **AG**
- 7.3 • SM passed on a letter from Denys McNair regarding the nuisance caused by nesting gulls in the village and the possibility of various measures that can be put in place to reduce gull numbers, including putting up bird deterrent spikes. KCC will look into this in further detail to determine the best course of action. Ask RSPB for advice - SM. AG to reply to Denys email. **SM,AG**
- 8 Other Business**
- 8.1 • There has been concern expressed about tree cutting and clearance happening down at the shore in the field near the river Allt Graad and the area of bullrushes. This is an area much loved with walkers and important for wild flowers, insects and birdlife. JM advised that after further investigation a strip of land to the West of the river at that point is zoned for future development by the Freeport group, but the majority of the field and possibly the bullrushes belongs to a third party. MF suggested that the company is approached to request consideration for the community to purchase the land. MM said that an expression of interest could be put in and will look into it to see if this possible. **MM**
- 8.2 • Public toilet proposals and research being undertaken by SC, SM and JM - *ongoing*. The Google online consultation form has so far had 96 responses. A link will also be posted on the KCC website and out to parents via the Kiltearn Primary School Parent Council. Paper copies will be made available in Cornerstone & Co-op – AG to organise. A poster will be put onto the noticeboard – SC. **SC,SM
JM,AG**
- 8.3 • Grant form – SM to continue to work on creating a new and more user friendly application form. **SM**
- 8.4 • Projects for KCC to work on – MM will set up a consultation for suggestions and concerns so that a list can be created. **MM**
- 8.5 • Sports Hall – SD to invite Catriona to meeting to discuss its future. (*Cllr Pauline Munro* had agreed to speak to Steve Walsh to ask Catriona Fraser to attend a KCC meeting to discuss options – SD to also ask Steve directly about this). **SD**
- 8.6 • SSE proposed new power line construction. A SSE meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 19th March 2-7pm. JM, MF and John Ross to attend with questions including why the Strath option is off the table and why the cables can't go underwater. KCC agreed that their preferred route of the two currently being looked at, if there are no other options, is the SSE preferred route, not the current route. **JM,MF**

9 Village Groups

9.1 ECT –

- The AGM will be held on 24th March, 2pm.
- The ECT are currently advertising for a Project Officer.
- The Tri-shaw will be out and about as weather improves and the trained drivers can practice. The Tri-shaw will make an appearance at the Foulis Daffodil Tea for try outs.
- The last Community Film viewing was again very successful. The next film showing will be on 20th April.
- The Youth Club has been temporarily paused due to high numbers and poor behaviour. Qualified staff are needed so the ECT at looking at funding for this. Hopefully it will restart after Easter.

10 Other Business

- 10.1
- MM suggested that a meeting should be arranged between the KCC and all the groups in the village to discuss funding and look at how the KCC can further support the groups.

MM

11 Still to be discussed:

- Consider Associate membership & Youth membership of KCC
- Highland Council Local Development Plan
- Storage container
- Safer road layout/usage at school for drop off / pick up.
- Neighbourhood Watch. Acting Sergeant Harry Milton to be approached to discuss what is involved in implementing this scheme.
- Rail Halt – JM has had no response from Frank Roach.
- Fisherman's bothy collapsed at the shore – ARCH Highland to be contacted for their input.
- The War Memorial steps have been declared unfit for use, but no signage or barriers have been put up to reflect this and children often play on it. Highland Council to be informed.
- The pavement leading out of the village up to the Kiltearn beach turnoff is overgrown and in poor condition. Highland Council to be informed.

12 Next meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2024

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.