

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 17 April 2018, 7pm at The Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Cai MacIver, Cllrs Wilson, Munro, Finlayson and Smith. Gail Matheson and Johanna MacDonald of the Highland Housing Alliance were welcomed to the meeting	
2	Teandallon Land. Gail Matheson, Highland Housing Alliance (HHA) Chief Executive provided an update in relation to the proposal to develop land to the South of Swordale Road and confirmed that HHA welcomed comments on the proposals. A number of questions were raised/comments made;	
	a) The results of the ongoing traffic count should, if accessible, be made available at the community consultation day.	
	b) Any development would take place in phases of around 15 or 20 units.	
	c) Views are sought on the tenure and size of units which should be included. There will be an opportunity to include smaller units.	
	d) Responding to a question from a member of the public, Gail Matheson confirmed that HHA have no connection with MAKAR.	
	e) A member of the public highlighted that there had previously been plans to construct a footbridge crossing of the river Skiach. Gail commented that any proposal would be subject to assessment by the Council's Safe Routes to School team.	
	Gail confirmed that Johanna MacDonald will represent HHA at the Community event to be held on 26 May and that an architect and roads	

engineer may also be in attendance.

3 Previous Minutes/Matters arising

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2018 were agreed, proposed by AM and seconded by MM.

3.2 A number of items arising were discussed:-

Gary Urquhart. Noted that Gary (Roads Officer) would be invited to a future meeting.

JMcH

War Memorial. AM reported that she had arranged for the lighting to be repaired – the wire retaining the wreaths will be repaired and bench repainted. The stonemason to be congratulated.

Foundation Scotland. Meeting arranged for 25th April – open to Community Councillors.

Black Rock Park. AM confirmed that she will meet with Novar Estate to discuss lease arrangements.

AM

4 Police Report

4.1 A report was presented, noting that the Officer attending (Lindsay) confirmed that she could be contacted at the Alness Police Station should this be required. Attention was drawn to reports of the excessive speed of some inconsiderate drivers, particularly at the entrance to the village between the Quarry entrance and the Grove corner. Lindsay was thanked for her attendance.

5 Diamond Jubilee Hall

5.1 Noted that the public consultation day would be held on Saturday 26 May.

5.2 AM reported that there had been no response to the funding application made to MFR, seeking funding for replacement windows.

5.3 Agreed to ask an electrician to clean the dust from the heaters in the Hall and Kitchen.

AM

5.4 Concerns were voiced over water seepage close to the main door – to be monitored and possibly reported (again) to Scottish Water.

AM

5.5 Agreed that a quote should be sought for cleaning and resurfacing the Hall floor.

AM

5.6 It was agreed that the long term booking should be accepted for the Tuesday evening fitness club.

AM
RM

- 5.7 Noted that a Hall has a current fire certificate.
- 5.8 Noted that the Nursery group had asked if they could fit a “stair gate” within the main entrance hall. Agreed that the group should be asked for additional details. AM
- 6 Finance.**
- 6.1 RM reported on the position at the end of month 12 of the financial year, highlighting the main points and inviting questions/comments.
- 6.2 RM noted that approximately £4,500 of grants awarded had yet to be drawn down by groups and that the overall balance of funds amounted to £103,177.68.
- 6.3 It was agreed to award Alness Academy Rock challenge a grant of £500. R M
- 6.4 Ralph was thanked for his work as treasurer and for the clarity of his reporting.
- 7 Correspondence received**
- 7.1 **Alness First Responders.** An e-mail had been received from a group who sought funding to assist in developing their project within a wider geographic area. It was agreed to postpone a decision pending further consideration.
- 7.2 **Bus Timetable.** A number of e-mails had been received from residents concerned over the withdrawal of a number of bus services. Parents, in particular, expressed concerns over the adjusted timetable which will not fit with school times (currently almost 65 Evanton pupils attend Dingwall Academy). It was agreed that the KCC should contact Stagecoach to express their concerns. JMch
- 8 Village Groups**
- 8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** AM reported on a number of issues including;
- ESEG has received a generous donation of £100 to meet the costs of replacement pads for the defibrillator. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of securing a unit for the school. AM
 - Dog Fouling. ESEG were aware of concerns within the village and seek to assist in highlighting the issue.
 - The Group highlighted the new notice board opposite the School and have suggested that this could be appropriate in the centre of the Village.

8.2 **Evanton Community Trust.** Simon Hindson reported on recent activity highlighting close working with ESEG and that the works to the stone plinths at the burial ground were underway.

9 **Other Business**

9.1 **Fyrish Hill Race.** AM confirmed date of 19th May

9.2 **Newsletter.** Gary Payne reported on progress and the intention that 60 copies be printed – will also be available online. It was confirmed that the KCC will hardware (printer) and paper/ink. Gary was congratulated on taking this forward.

9.3 **Funding for Hall.** Noted that a meeting had been arranged with HIE to further investigate possible funding routes.

9.4 **Hanging Baskets.** Agreed that alternative quotes should be obtained for maintenance of the baskets

AM

9.5 **Parking Charges.** The Chairman highlighted the proposal to introduce parking charges and encouraged people to make their views known to the Council, either through signing the petition which is available or through contacting the Council direct.

9.6 **Next meeting:** agreed as Tuesday 15th May 2018, 7pm venue to be confirmed. Also agreed that group organising the DJH consultation day should meet on Monday 21st May