# **Kiltearn Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting**



### Held on Tuesday 13 March 2018, 7pm at The Diamond Jubilee Hall

#### **PRESENT**

Members Hector Munro (HM) Chairman

Ralph Mercer (RM) Treasurer John McHardy (JMcH) Secretary

Anne Macdonad (AM) Shelagh Dennett (SD) Cai MacIver (CM)

Michael MacLeod (MM)

**Highland Councillors** Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr MF)

Cllr. Pauline Munro (Cllr PM)

<u>Item</u> <u>Discussion</u> <u>Action</u>

## 1 Apologies/Welcome

- 1.1 Apologies were noted from Cllrs Wilson and Smith, also from Sgt. Calum Reid and Gary Urguhart (Council Roads Officer).
- 2 Previous Minutes/Matters arising
- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2018 were agreed, proposed by AM and seconded by MM.
- 2.2 A number of items arising were discussed:-

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

**War Memorial.** AM was congratulated on successfully assisting in securing the remedial works. Noted that lighting requires work – Anne offered to contact street lighting.

AM

**Primary School.** Noted that a replacement School has been included within the Council's Capital Funding Plan for years 5 - 10.

**Foundation Scotland.** Meeting arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> April – open to Community Councillors.

**Venue Licence.** Noted that there remains uncertainty over this issue and implications for groups but agreed that the KCC would meet £432/venue cost for 3 year licence.

### 3 Police Report

3.1 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.

#### 4 Diamond Jubilee Hall

- 4.1 Noted that a meeting had been held on 21st Feb to discuss the proposed Management Group for the Hall with useful discussion on a number of topics. Agreed that a public consultation day would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April (post meeting note now scheduled for May).
- 4.2 AM reported that she had completed a funding application to MFR, seeking funding for replacement windows.
- 4.3 Agreed to support AM in a funding bid to SSE for equipment in support of the "resilience" initiative.
- 4.4 Concerns were voiced over water seepage close to the main door to be monitored and possibly reported (again) to Scottish Water.

AM

- **5 Councillor's Report** (including answers to questions raised).
  - Councillor Mike Finlayson reported back on a number of issues including.
- 5.1 **Landslip at New Bridge.** Reported that works were in hand that would allow the road to be reopened.
- 5.2 **Alness Academy.** Noted that works were progressing.
- 5.3 **Bus Services.** Concerns were expressed in relation to the report that Stagecoach plan to alter the routes passing through the village.

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

#### 6 Finance.

- RM reported on the position at the end of month 11 of the financial year noting that near final accounts would be available in April.
- 6.2 RM noted that approximately £4,500 of grants awarded had yet to be drawn down by groups.
- 6.3 Agreed that the KCC should accept the quote for insurance as offered by

Zurich for 2018/19 but that alternatives should be consider for future years.

# 7 Correspondence received

- 7.1 **Jazz Group.** A letter had been received from a group offering to hold a performance in the Hall. Although appreciated by those present it was agreed to decline the offer.
- 7.2 **Bins.** A letter has been received seeking confirmation that the KCC wish the Council to continue to lift the bins from the Hall. Agreed that this should be accepted.

RM

7.2 **Teandallon Land.** The Highland Housing Alliance (HHA) has contacted the KCC to confirm that they had lodged a pre-application planning notice with the Council in relation to possible development of land to the South of Swordale Road. It was agreed that the HHA should be invited to the April meeting of the KCC (by way of an introduction) and that Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April should be the community consultation day (as required within the planning application process) - (post meeting note now scheduled for May).

**JMcH** 

Noted that Cllr Finlayson left the meeting prior to this item and that Cllr Munro took no part in any discussion.

- 8 Village Groups
- 8.1 **Evanton Social and Events Group.** Noted that a Defibrillator training event will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Agreed to fund replacement pads.

AM

- 9 Other Business
- 9.1 **Fyrish Hill Race.** AM confirmed date of 19<sup>th</sup> May
- 9.2 **Newsletter.** Gary Payne reported on progress. Local groups will be invited to contribute to the first edition (by end March). KCC were pleased to agree to fund the purchase of an A3 colour printer which Gary has offered to secure. KCC will also meet the cost of ink and paper. Gary was congratulated on taking this forward.
- 9.3 **Notice Board.** Agreed that consideration should be given to the relocation of the notice board currently located adjacent to the road leading to Balconie House. JMcH will further investigate and report back.

**JMcH** 

9.4 **Next meeting:** agreed as Tuesday 17th April 2017, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.