

# Kiltearn Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting



Held on Tuesday 11 September 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)  
Cai MacIver (CM)  
Michael MacLeod (MM)

#### Highland Councillors

Cllr. Mike Finlayson  
Cllr. Carolyn Wilson

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies/Welcome</b>	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Cllr. Pauline Munro, Cllr. Maxine Smith and Sgt Reid.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes/Matters arising</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2018 were agreed, proposed by CM and seconded by MM with exception that AM felt that the minute should have included comments made at the meeting held in the Cornerstone Café (in relation to the D J Hall).	JMCh
2.2	Action required on item 8.8 – “Agreed that a donation should be made to the Cornerstone for use of the hall”.	RM
<b>3</b>	<b>Diamond Jubilee Hall</b>	
3.1	The Evanton Community Trust submitted a report confirming that many of their Board members had been away over the summer and hence had made limited progress on the transfer of ownership. However the Trust reported as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A questionnaire had been compiled to send to their Members in advance of their AGM asking for views on the proposed transfer of the Hall;</li></ul>	

- A meeting had been held with HIE to discuss how the Scottish Land Fund could assist in taking forward any acquisition of the land next to the Hall and to progress full feasibility, business and community plans involving the Hall;
- The Trust are in the process of submitting a Stage 1 application to the Scottish Land Fund to allow them to employ a consultant to carry out the aforementioned plans;
- The Trust has been working on a timetable for progressing the transfer but this will be dependent on the results of the feasibility work. However, the Trust envisages that the transfer could be complete in a matter of months.
- The Trust confirmed that are extremely grateful to Anne Macdonald for the offer of historic information on the Hall.

3.2 AM reported an apparent downturn in bookings and that income in August was around £52. However, Anne reported on the recent funeral service and that the family had been very appreciative of the ability to use the Hall. Noted that CALA Nursery had decided to give up in Evanton and in consequence the nursery would merge with the School based nursery.

3.3 It was suggested that the Hall may be more popular if improvements were made. However, one comment from the floor suggested “*folk like it the way it is*”.

3.4 It was agreed that a “deep clean” should be organised for the anti-room. AM offered to obtain quotes.

AM

3.5 Sheena Davidson commented that she had not received a copy of the e-mail recently sent to those who had attended the DJH meetings earlier in the year. The Secretary will arrange for a copy to be forwarded.

JMcH

#### 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. It was agreed that the KCC would raise concerns over recent events in Teandallon Square.

JMcH

#### 5 **Finance**

5.1 RM provided a brief update on finance drawing attention to the relatively high expenditure on Hall repairs over June and July. The following was discussed:-

**Community Grants.** Agreed that the approach piloted in 2017 should be adopted for 2018 with groups invited to submit applications by 15

November. The Secretary will contact groups and prepare poster.

JMcH

**Evanton Online.** Confirmed (as previously agreed) that Gary should be recompensed for the cost of ink and paper.

**Grant to Scouts.** It was agreed that the Group should be offered an opportunity to retain the grant for use in 2019; Secretary to contact Group.

JMcH

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

Councillors Wilson and Finlayson reported back on a number of issues including.

6.1 **Primary School.** Proposals are under consideration which may result in additional accommodation for the Nursery.

6.2 **Parking Charges.** Noted that the Area Committee has been given income targets and that a possible source is the imposition of charges to some public carparks. To date no decisions had been taken.

6.3 **Alness Academy.** Reported that interviews for the replacement Head would be held before the end of September. Also reported that the new School is progressing well.

6.4 **Rail Halt.** Reported that there may be a future opportunity to secure funding to plead the case for the re-opening of the Station. The news was welcomed by the KCC.

6.5 **No Parking Lines.** Reported that "Double Yellows" would be provided on Balconie Street in front of the Shop and on the corner at Teandallon Square. There are opportunities for further lines.

### **Questions from the Floor:-**

***"Would the Blackrock pavilion be improved"***. Cllr Wilson confirmed that the lack of a lease to the "Rocks" and the lack of an asbestos survey had limited the options available to the Council. The result had been that circa £40,000 of investment had been lost to Evanton and had instead been used to improve the facilities at the Crawl Park in Alness.

***"Could a disabled parking space be provided at the Post Office"***. Cllr Finlayson confirmed that this is something which could be raised with the Council.

Cllr Finlayson and Cllr Wilson were warmly thanked for their attendance and the work they undertake on behalf of the Community.

## 7 **Correspondence.**

7.1 **Bus Action Group.** The group have sought the support of the KCC through meeting part of the cost of running their campaign. It was agreed to offer support and that the Treasurer would seek to establish the nature of any financial expectation.

7.2 **Community Council Review.** An e-mail had been received inviting comments in relation to a review of Community Councils. Agreed that those who are available should attempt to attend one of the planned public events.

7.3 **Rowing Skiff.** An e-mail had been received outlining the proposal to form a club based in Evanton. The KKC were impressed by the proposal and agreed to support the venture and looked forward to receiving more detail.

## 8 Village Groups

8.1 **Evanton Social & Evanton Group.** AM reported on activities planned including:-

- Senior Citizen's bus outing planned for October.
- Light up a Life to be held in December.
- Tea Dance – 13 October.
- WW1 exhibition during last week of October.

8.2 **Evanton Community Trust.** A report submitted by the Trust was read out.

The report confirmed progress on Transfer of the Hall and:-

- Kiltearn Old Kirk – the Trust is finalising a database of all the results of the research carried out by volunteers and this will be available shortly and will be able to be used for researching family history and other historic research. ECT are also working with a local resident to publish an update of the Kiltearn 2000 - The Church in the Parish book.
- Village Green – ECT currently on the lookout for extra volunteers to help out on a Saturday morning asking anyone who is able to lend a hand keeping the flowerbeds tidy would be welcome between 10am and 12pm. ECT are also progressing work to secure a power bollard for the Green.
- AGM - ECT finalising the arrangements for the AGM which will be during the first couple of weeks in November.

## 9 Other Business

9.1 **Christmas Lights.** There was discussion on whether additional lights should be hired or purchased. There was also discussion over the location of the Village Tree with agreement that to locate the tree opposite the Co-op should be further considered.

- 9.2 **Village Toilets.** Agreed to consider further, but that a possible site would be on land on Chapel Road, between the Post Office and former Chip Shop. Agreed that the Chairman should seek to discuss with the owner. HM
- 9.3 **Village Officer** There was discussion on how a Village Officer could be funded through various budgets that may exist within the Council. Agreed to consider further.
- 9.4 **Village Traffic.** Agreed to invite Heather Masterson, Traffic Technician of the Highland Council to the next meeting JMCH
- 9.5 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 9th October 2018**, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00