

Kiltearn Community Council



Notes of Meeting –
Held in Cornerstone Cafe

Held on Tuesday 14th November 2023.

PRESENT

Members	John McHardy (JMCH) Chair Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer Mandy MacLeman (MM)
Admin	Annelie Graham (AG) Minute Taker
Public	Gary Payne Preston Whyte John Ross

Item Discussion

Unfortunately the meeting was not Quorate so the planned meeting was unable to go ahead. However, there was a very useful conversation during which a number of issues were raised.

1 Apologies/Welcome

1.1 Apologies noted from Cai MacIver (CM) Secretary, Celina Peoples (CP), Cllr Smith, Acting Police Sergeant Harry Milton

2 Remembrance Day in Evanton

This was noted as having proceeded successfully and all tasks had been completed before the event. Many thanks to Anne Macdonald for organising this event.

3 Vandalised bus shelter panels

These have still not been replaced despite CP having chased it up. Preston advised that he was going to be speaking to the press to give them an update on the situation.

CP

4 Christmas lights

The fixtures & fittings for the lights have arrived and the lights themselves are due to arrive in the next few days. The electrician is ready to get them hooked up and arrangements are in place for them to be installed.

5 Flower baskets

These have now been taken down and given back to Munro's nursery.

6 Community Council election

The ballot papers have been received by households and the count will take place on 27th November.

7 Finance

The accounts/bank statements have been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting with balances of £65k & £68k. Another payment has been made from the windfarm which will take the balances up to £86k & £85k.

8 Police update

PC Harry Milton provided an update prior to the meeting detailing any incidents of note for the Evanton area. Circulated.

9 Councillors - No updates given.

10 Village Groups

10.1 ECT – MM advised that:

- Tri-shaw training has been scheduled to take place in January 2024.
- Film Hub Scotland will be doing their screening on 26th November. This will be in the hall ante room but discussion was had about ways that the main hall could be baffled for sound quality so that films could be shown to a larger audience.
- On 2nd December a volunteer thank you event is taking place in the hall.

11 Other Business

11.1 SD raised points that had been highlighted as issues by local Evanton residents:

Traffic/road issues

- Cars (parents) parking on the grass outside the Sports Centre at school pick up.
- Traffic lights needed on zebra crossing (to make it a Pelican crossing).
- Cars parking on double yellow lines outside Co-op.
- Roundabouts needed on the local A9 junctions.
- Cars parking in streets & too close to junctions at Jubilee Hall when an event is on or when people are visiting the woods.
- Numerous pot holes, gulleys needing cleared, bollards damaged (members of the public should report all pot holes etc on the Council reporting web page).
- The new road layout at the hall.

Other issues:

- Public toilets needed in Evanton.
- Problem with amount of dog poo on pavements. It was suggested that the school have the children do posters again which can be displayed in the village.

- 11.2 SD asked if Catriona could be once again asked to attend a meeting with regard to the status of the Sports Hall.
- 11.3 JM put forward a suggestion that a poppy motif was permanently displayed in lights, similar to in Lairg.
- 12 **Next meeting:** To be arranged by Helen Ross once new Committee members are confirmed.

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING

JM sent an email on 15th November 2023:

A number of issues were raised which were of particular concern which I suggest could be addressed with modest investment by KCC, thus I have taken the opportunity to raise these within this email with actions identified which I suggest we should agree (or otherwise) by majority through email. The issues are:

Dog Fouling. There is a marked increase in fouling. Shelagh has offered to repeat the previous campaign where School pupils produced “lamp post” notices, which did have the desired effect on the incidence of fouling. **Action** - It is proposed that KCC award **£50** to meet the cost of paper, pens, laminating, cable ties etc. Do you agree to this?

Parking on Chapel Road at DJ Hall. This has been an issue in the past. Mandy, as Chair of ECT, offered to further advise regular users that they need to assist in advising users to park responsibly. It was suggested that KCC set aside a sum of money to provide no parking signs on the fence of Caithness Cottage (we will require consent of the owners). **Action** - the cost of this will be around **£300**. Do you agree to this?

Could you please provide a response to these 2 proposals and if the majority agree I suggest we action these and report such to the next meeting.

Honorarium. We have also identified that honorarium payments are over due. It is appropriate that the Treasurer make these payments in line with what has been agreed previously, namely

Chairman	£330 – with Payment transferred to Annelie
Secretary	£302
Treasurer	£330
Book Keeper	£275