

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting



Held on Tuesday 8 October 2019, 7.30pm at The Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members

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

Highland Councillors

Cllr. Carolyn Wilson (Cllr CW)
Cllr. Pauline Munro (Cllr PM)
Cllr. Michael Finlayson (Cllr MF)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Cllr. Maxine Smith and Police Scotland.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2019 were agreed, proposed by CM and seconded by AM.	
2.2	The following items were discussed (Ref numbers as per previous minute)	
6.2	Secretary to inform Ward Manager that the annual accounts for 2018/19 have been approved	J McH
6.3	Treasurer to release grant of £672 to ESEG in recognition of cleaning services undertaken over the previous months.	RM
8.4	Agreed that speed warning signs should be located at top of Swordale Road and base of Glenglass Road. Secretary to contact THC Roads.	JMch
3	Diamond Jubilee Hall	

- 3.1 **Hall Cleaner.** The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from ESEG intimating that they no longer wished to provide cleaning/caretaker services for the Hall. The Chairman reported that he had responded thanking the group for all their past work.

It was agreed that an advert would be circulated for 2 weeks seeking a temp cleaner/caretaker and that the Secretary would circulate responses and thereafter appoint as required – based on the previously circulated Job and Person Spec with post funded by KCC.

JMcH

- 3.2 **Bookings.** AM reported that Mr Alpin Macdonald had offered to assist with bins etc up to the end of November. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Mr Macdonald. The bookings book was handed to the Secretary who will co-ordinated prior to appointment of a Caretaker.

JMcH

- 3.3 **Hall Keys.** AM handed various keys to the Secretary. It was agreed that keys should be issued to “regular” users. This was delegated to a number of Members with a record kept by the Treasurer.

4 **Councillors Report**

- 4.1 Cllrs CW, MF and PM reported on a number of issues, inviting discussion from those present;

Road Repairs. Reported that Evanton will benefit from a number of improvements over the coming year including works to Glenglass Road and the white and Yellow lining at the School. Noted that roads expenditure in Evanton is highest in Ward.

Bus Shelter. Noted that 2 of the panels are missing.

Drainage. Reported that a study will be undertaken on the drainage system within Teandallon.

Winter Maintenance. Noted that School Bus routes will be a priority.

Sports Hall. Concerns were raised over lack of maintenance. Agreed to raise with Highlife Highland.

JMcH

Hydrant Maintenance. Agreed to seek assurances in relation to operation of the water hydrant on the corner of Chapel Road and Camden Street.

JMcH

Swordale Road. Water continues to be a problem above the Ashhill junction.

Glenglass Road. Concerns were noted over blocked gullies and a missing grit bin.

The Councillors were thanked for their attendance and the work they do for

the Community..

5 Finance

- 5.1 RM reported on expenditure and income up to the end of month 6 (September was as per end of August) reporting a current balance of £102,766 with grant commitments of £6,200 yet to be released.
- 5.2 It was agreed that groups should be invited to submit funding bids by the end of November (should they seek monies from the "Community Benefit" fund.

JMcH

6 Village Groups

- 6.1 **ESEG.** AM reported on behalf of the Group. Noting that the Winter Festival was fully organised with lights to be switched on during the evening of 6th December. AM also reported on a very successful bus trip outing by senior citizens and that the Hospice fundraiser would be held on 13 Dec. In answer to booking of the Green MM confirmed that a simple recording form is available and that the completed form should be returned to the Secretary of ECT (for insurance purposes).
- 6.2 **ECT.** Apologies noted from Mandy Macleman, as Chair of ECT.
- 6.3 **Wood Group.** Reported that a Winter event would be held in the Wood on 14 December and that an AGM had been held.

7 Other Business

- 7.1 **Membership of KCC.** Noted that deadline for persons seeking to become Members had been extended to 29th October. Forms are available on line through the Highland Council's website.
- 7.2 **Remembrance Sunday 10th Nov.** Following actions agreed/proposed:-

Wreath. Secretary to contact Ward Manager.

JMcH

Sound System. AM offered to source equipment.

AM

Traffic Control. RM offered to assist on the day.

RM

Barriers. MM offered to arrange to borrow ECT barriers.

MM

Piper. Cllr PM offered to assist as required.

AM

- 7.3 **Academy Head Teacher.** It was noted that the existing Head had been seconded into a post in HQ for 6 months. Comments made that people were pleased for the Head, but disappointed that she would be leaving the School for at least 6 months.

7.4 **Blackrock Pitch Grant.** It was agreed to release the previously agreed grant in recognition of the generous assistance offered by Ventures. Noted that ESEG had declined to produce a Business Plan (although encouraged to do so by KCC)

RM

Cllr Wilson referred to a particular event which she said took place in one of her shop premises when a member of her staff was told she may *“lose her job if her partner did not stop causing trouble”* apparently the comment was made by Mrs Macdonald with reference to the ESEG application to KCC.

The Chair, asked Mrs Macdonald if she wished to say anything to which she replied that she *“would speak to Tracy”*

AM

7.5 **Newsletter.** Noted that the next edition would be published in October.

7.6 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 12th November 2019**, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.