Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting



Held on Tuesday 12 November 2019, 7.30pm at The Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members Cai MacIver (HM) Chairman

John McHardy (JMcH) Secretary Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer

Alpin Macdonald (AM) Celina Peoples (CP) Mandy MacLeman (MM)

Gary Payne (GP)

Highland Councillors Cllr. Carolyn Wilson (Cllr CW)

Cllr. Pauline Munro (Cllr PM) Cllr. Michael Finlayson (Cllr MF) Cllr. Maxine Smith (Cllr MS)

Other Officers Helen Ross, Ward Manager, THC (HR)

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

1 Welcome/Selection of Officer Bearers

- 1.1 Cllr Wilson chaired the meeting welcoming those present to the first meeting following the recent election at which time 7 Members were returned without a formal vote (as less than the number of 9 which would have required an election sought to be members)
- 1.2 Following nominations, and a vote between KCC Member, the following were appointed (vice Chair not appointed);

Cai MacIver (HM) Chairman John McHardy (JMcH) Secretary and Minute Secretary Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer

- 1.3 It was agreed that KCC should adopt the revised constitution as previously circulated.
- 1.4 Ralph Mercer (former Treasurer) kindly offered to advise SD on accounts for the remaining part of the financial year. The offer was gratefully accepted.

1.5 CM took the Chair and thanked Cllr Wilson for acting as Chair for the start of the meeting.

2 Previous Minutes/Matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2019 were agreed, proposed by SD and seconded by CM.
- 2.2 The following items were discussed.

Condition of Sports Centre. Noted that the Secretary had contacted the Council and Highlife Highland, raising concerns over lack on maintenance. AM offered to contact the Council to arrange a meeting.

ΑM

Speed Sign.JMcH confirmed that he had contacted the Council who has suggested a site meeting.

JMcH

Fire Hydrant. JMcH confirmed that he had emailed Scottish Fire and Rescue regarding the hydrant on the corner of Camden Street and Chapel Road and awaited a reply. Helen Ross offered to follow up.

HR

Hall Caretaker/Cleaner. It was confirmed that Niamh MacKenzie had been appointed.

3 Other Business

3.1 **Rail Halt.**Following discussion it was agreed that Richard Gerring (THC Transport Manager) should be invited to a future meeting to discuss how best KCC could assist in persuading Network Rail to reopen the Station.

JMcH

3.2 **Play Parks.** Cllr MS reported that a safety inspection of playparks has concluded that equipment should be removed from the Ash Hill park and that 1 piece should be removed from the Novar Crescent park. It was suggested that ECT could assist in raising monies to provide replacements and that a Playpark sub-group may be formed to assist in replacements.

MM

- 3.3 **Skate Park.** Noted that the ramp had been removed due to concerns over condition and that Evanton Youth Enterprise (EYE) planned to carry out a survey to assess need for a replacement.
- 3.4 **Community Grants.** Noted that the awards to ESEG (for Blackrock improvements) and to ECT (for D J Hall) had been agreed. Agreed that invitations from groups should be invited for consideration at the January meeting.

JMcH

3.5 **Newsletter.** Gary circulated copies of the most recent edition and was thanked for the work he does in acting as editor and publisher.

3.6 **Christmas Decorations in Hall.** Confirmed by ESEG that the Group would not be decorating the Hall this year and that the decorations previously used were not available. Agreed that up to £1,000 be allocated from KCC funds to purchase replacement decorations with the work being organised and actioned by a sub-group led by CM, CP and SD.

SD CM CP

3.7 **Hall Cleaning.** Agreed to consider clean.

CM

3.8 **Flower Baskets.** AM offered to co-ordinate removal and storage of the baskets with assistance offered by Ralph Mercer.

ΑM

3.9 **Communication.** It was agreed that this would be by e-mail with those present content that the Secretary share e-mail addresses. Also agreed that MM would act as administrator of the Website.

JMcH MM

- 3.10 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 10th December 2019**, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall with meetings normally held on the second Tuesday of the Month.
- 3.11 **Closing Remarks.** CM thanked those present for attending and, in particular, the 4 Local Councillors. Tribute was paid to the outgoing members of KCC who had not sought re-election

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.