

# Kiltearn Community Council



## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 17 September 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)

#### Highland Councillors

Cllr. Carolyn Wilson (Cllr CW)  
Cllr. Pauline Munro (Cllr PM)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies/Welcome</b>	
1.1	Apologies were noted from Shelagh Dennett, Michael MacLeod, Cllr. Michael Finlayson, Cllr. Maxine Smith and Police Scotland.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes/Matters arising</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2019 were agreed, proposed by CM and seconded by AM.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Diamond Jubilee Hall</b>	
3.1	<b>General Maintenance.</b> Alpin Macdonald and members of the ESEG were thanked for the work they undertake to keep the Hall open. It was noted that a group using the Hall had damaged the floor but that the hard working group from ESEG had managed to rectify the situation (which took some effort).	
3.2	<b>Hall Cleaner.</b> Those present were saddened to hear that Dougie Reid, who had served the Hall well over the years, had died during the summer.	
3.3	<b>Bookings.</b> AM reported that booking were down and that although the Rainbows were using the Hall the Brownies were not.	
3.4	<b>Land adjacent to Hall.</b> AM reported that the land may not have been sold	

as previously reported.

- 3.5 **Transfer to ECT.** A draft agreement was briefly discussed and agreed as an appropriate framework for the transfer with clarification that ECT should be required to report 6 monthly to KCC (not every 2 years). It was agreed that ECT should be awarded revenue support from KCC of £10,000 a year for the 5 year period post transfer.

#### 4 **Police Report**

- 4.1 Apologies were noted from Police Scotland. No incidents were reported.

#### 5 **Councillors Report**

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

**Budget Constraints.** Noted that THC was working to minimise effects of reduced budgets but some services may be affected but that a number of capital works were proposed around Evanton including demolition of the existing former School House and provision of improved nursery space.

**Alness Academy.** The excellent exam results were highlighted and that the new School is on track for opening 2020. Also noted favourable response to School uniform.

Councillors Wilson and Munro were thanked for their attendance.

#### 6 **Finance**

- 6.1 RM reported on expenditure and income up to the end of month 5 (August) reporting a current balance of £102,766 with grant commitments of £6,200 yet to be released.

- 6.2 Noted that annual accounts for 2008/09 had been approved and that a copy of a minute would be forward to enable THC grant to be released. JMCH

- 6.3 Agreed that ESEG should be awarded a grant in recognition of cleaning services undertaken over the previous months. A figure of £672, based on hours submitted, was agreed, RM

- 6.4 The outstanding application in relation to the Black Rock Pavilion was discussed. The issue of ownership of the building was mentioned in relation to ability to raise monies form agencies such as Sports Scotland (requires clarification). It was agreed that ESEG be invited to submit a business plan in support of their application (recognised that an individual present at the meeting had offered to assist).

#### 7 **Village Groups**

7.1 **ESEG.** AM reported on behalf of the Group. Noted that a Fun Day would be held on the Black Rock Field on 21 September and that the Winter Festival was fully organised with lights to be switched on during the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> December. AM also reported on a very successful bus trip outing by senior citizens.

7.2 **ECT.** Mandy Macleman reported, as Chair of ECT, that an application had been made to SSE seeking funding towards the cost of a power bollard for the Green. Also reported on the proposal of a regular village market which had received over 100 notes of support within 24 hours of being posted on Facebook. Consideration is being given to how an electric bike scheme could be promoted within the Village.

7.3 **Uniformed Groups.** Noted that a fund raising event would be held in Hall on 21 September – funds toward Scouts/Cubs/Beavers.

## **8 Other Business**

8.1 **Membership of KCC.** Noted that persons seeking to become Members should complete the appropriate form and return to the Ward Manager by 8<sup>th</sup> October. Forms are available on line through the Highland Council's website.

8.2 **Winter Festival Grant.** Noted that it had previously been agreed that a grant of up to £1,000 be offered with the payments being made by KCC (as Festival Group does not hold a bank account).

8.3 **Evanton News.** A deadline of 13 October was mentioned (or before if at all possible).

8.4 **Speeding traffic with the Village.** Following concerns raised, and in recognition that this issue is a real and present danger to residents, it was agreed to allocate up to £4,000 of KCC funds to assist in the provision of 2 speed warning signs. Further agreed that the Secretary should confirm this to the Council.

JMcH

8.5 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 8th October 2019**, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45