

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting



Held on Tuesday 14 January 2020, 7.00pm at The Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members

Cai MacIver (CM) Chairman
John McHardy (JMch) Secretary
Alpin Macdonald (AM)
Celina Peoples (CP)
Mandy MacLeman (MM)

Highland Councillors

Cllr. Carolyn Wilson (Cllr CW)
Cllr. Michael Finlayson (Cllr MF)

Apologies

Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer
Gary Payne (GP)
Cllr. Pauline Munro
Cllr. Maxine Smith
Sgt Calum Reid, Police Scotland

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Welcome/Apologies	
1.1	CM welcomed those in attendance which included 1 member of the public and noted apologies as above.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2019 were agreed; proposed by MM and seconded by CP.	
2.2	The following items were discussed.	
	Treasurer/Banking. Noted that the Treasurer should be the main signature for electronic banking with a 2 nd signature being a member of KCC. CM to discuss with SD. Noted that the constitution should be amended to note use of electronic banking.	CM SD
	Service Bus. Preston provided feedback on the recent public event. Agreed that KCC should write to Stagecoach to express concerns over possible reductions of service	JMch

Action Log. Noted that a draft Log will be prepared with the expectation that the Log will record actions agreed by KCC

JMcH

3 Correspondence

3.1 **CFPA.** An invite had been received to attend the Community Council liaison meeting. AM offered to attend on behalf of KCC

AM

3.2 **Novar Windfarm.** An invite had been received to attend a meeting in Alness to learn more of the proposal to extend the operational time of the existing turbines.

4 Police Report

4.1 Apologies were noted from Police Scotland but a full report was made available.

5 Diamond Jubilee Hall

5.1 **Margaret Anne (Bunty) Macdonald.** Those present reflected on the support provided over the years by Bunty, last of the Glenglass crofters, who had died after a long and interesting life.

5.2 **Invoices.** Agreed that invoices and receipts should be passed to SD (mainly Hall decorations)

5.3 **Opening Times.** Agreed that functions should normally close by 12 Midnight on Saturdays and 1am on other days.

6 Councillors Report

6.1 Cllrs CW & MF invited questions/issues from those present with the following being highlighted/discussed.

a) **Carparking Charges.** Reported that Evanton has been spared from charges but that Dingwall and Alness are not. KCC to write to THC to express concerns over charges.

JMcH

b) **Alness Academy.** Reported that the new School is due to handover after Easter. Whilst delighted that the School is to be completed concerns were raised over the effect on pupil's exams taking place at this time and agreed that KCC should write to THC to suggest that the old school remains in use for exams during this important time.

JMcH

c) **Blackrock Pitch and Hut.** Noted that 3 quotes have been invited for the works and that works should be completed by end of March to allow the Rocks to compete within the league. Noted that the works will be funded by ESEG with assistance from KCC and Ventures.

d) **Sports Centre.** Noted that the Hall remains open on a “self-service” basis by existing user groups. CP raised a concern over the stability of the tree to the East of the Void.

MF
JMCH

e) **Old Evanton Road.** Concerns were raised over the condition of the road, highlighted during a recent event when the road became to sole route between Easter Ross and the Cromarty Bridge.

f) **Skiach Bridge.** Noted all the bollards were now damaged, leaving potential trip hazards. KCC to contact THC.

JMCH

7 Village Groups

7.1 ECT reported that AGM would be held on 30 January and that various projects were under consideration.

7.2 CM reported that the Beavers had a varied programme which includes overnight camps and a trip to Landmark.

7.3 CM reported from ESEG that the Hospice event had raised £1,000 and that the Hogmanay dance had been a sell-out.

8 Finance

8.1 **Grants.** Applications were discussed with **£16,180** awarded to support projects costing £52,186.

Rainbows. £800 for activity trip costing £800.

Guides. £1,716 for trip costing £3432

Evanton Community Trust. £5,650 for various projects costing £8,150

Evanton Community Wood Company. £1,064 for footpath costing £1,324.

Evanton Social Events Group. £2,000 for event costing £2,000.

School Parent Council. £1,500 for Gym matts costing £1,980.

Cornerstone Project. £3,450 for improvements costing £34,500.

8.2 **Accounts.** Balances recorded as £115,287 and £452.

Cllrs CW and MF left the meeting at this point.

9 A O C B

9.1 **Teandallon Planning Application.** It was agreed to invite the applicant (Highland Housing Alliance) to a meeting. JMCH noted that he will record any

discussion at future meetings but will not be able to take part in discussion due to being an officer of the Council who is responsible for delivery of affordable housing.

JMcH

9.2 **Christmas Tree.** Agreed to seek advice of how best to trim the “living” tree opposite the Cornerstone.

CM

9.3 **Social Event.** CP suggested KCC organise a social event. Agreed this should be considered later in the year.

9.4 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 11th February 2020**, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.

9.5 **Closing Remarks.** CM thanked those present for attending.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.