

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 11 February 2020, 7.00pm at The Diamond Jubilee Hall

PRESENT

Members

Cai MacIver (CM) Chairman
Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer
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

Cllr. Pauline Munro
Cllr. Maxine Smith
Police Scotland

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Welcome/Apologies	
1.1	CM welcomed those in attendance which included 2 members of the public and noted apologies as above.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2020 were agreed; proposed by MM and seconded by CM with following corrections noted Item 6(d) – noted that concerns raised over the stability of the tree to the East of the Void should have included 3 at the rear of the Centre.	
2.2	The following items were discussed. Novar 2 Windfarm. SD reported that an invite to visit the site had been extended to the School Parking Charges. Noted that the consultation would be open soon and agreed that KCC should express concerns in relation to the effect on High Street shopping	

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Health Service. AM reported that he had attended a recent event in Dingwall, hosted by NHS. During the event it was mentioned that the volunteer car scheme may assist residents to attend appointments at times that bus timetables were not convenient.

3 Correspondence

3.1 **D J Hall.** CM read out a letter which had been received from AM regarding transfer of the Hall. Although the letter referred to all KCC members being members of ECT, it was noted that neither CM nor JMCH are members of ECT. It was agreed to note the letter but that no action was required with a copy of the letter being available on request.

4 Police Report

4.1 Apologies were noted from Police Scotland but a full report was made available. It was noted that the new contact for KCC would be Sgt M Gallie. Agreed to invite Sgt Gallie to a future meeting to discuss parking and speeding,

5 Diamond Jubilee Hall

5.1 **Overnight events for Rainbow/Brownies.** It was agreed that sleep over events would attract a flat rate charge of £50.

5.2 **Parking at Hall.** Agreed that users should be encouraged to park responsibly and in particular, to keep 3 car lengths clear on Chapel Road to the South of the junction.

5.3 **New Bins.** Agreed that secure replacement bins for the Hall (inside bins)

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 once consultation open.

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b) **Alness Academy.** Reported that it appears that the existing School will not be used for exams and that pupils will be expected to sit these in the new School.

c) **Road Gullies.** Reported that many gullies were blocked with silt.

d) **Sawmill Carpark.** Noted that the surface will be looked at by THC.

e) **Foulis Station Road.** Concerns were raised over the condition of the road.

- f) **Road Surface at Novar Crescent.** Agreed to seek a quote for repairs to the surface and that KCC should, in principle, fund repair in recognition that THC will not be able to undertake the works. Agreed that SD to arrange quote from Ventures. SD
- g) **Bollards on Skiach Bridge.** KCC pleased that consideration is being given to provision of concrete bollards in place of the former plastic bollards.
- h) **Bus Stop Panels.** It was hoped that the lower panels would finally be replaced.

The Councillors were thanked for their attendance.

7 Village Groups

- 7.1 ECT reported that AGM was held on 30 January and that various projects were under consideration. Also reported that Sue Ker had been appointed as a Director.
- 7.2 CM reported from ESEG noting that works were ongoing on the Black Rock Pavilion and that this and the pitch would be ready for use by the Football team at the start of the coming season (end March).

8 Finance

- 8.1 It was agreed to seek a book keeper to assist the treasurer in management of the accounts SD
CM
- 8.2 **Cornerstone.** Cllr MF declared an interest. Noted that the Group had been successful in part with their application to the "Landfill Tax Fund". It was also noted that the Group had applied for funding from other local charities. It was agreed to release the KCC monies previously agreed (a portion to THC as required under the Landfill Tax Fund) and the remainder to the Cornerstone Group. Also agreed to consider a further grant from KCC to meet part of any shortfall once known. SD
- 8.3 **Accounts.** Noted that balances stood at £115,287.55 and £451.98. Also noted that grants agreed, not yet to be paid, amounted to £16,184.

9 A O C B – Cllrs MF and CW left the meeting at this point

- 9.1 **Teandallon Planning Application.** CM read out a draft letter as a response to the application (reflecting views expressed at the public meeting held on 4 February. AM moved that KCC should object to the application. Following discussion, it was agreed that the letter should be submitted as the KCC CM

response to the application (noted not unanimous due to AM not supporting with 4 supporting and JMCH not taking part)

- 9.2 **Rail Halt.** Agreed to seek attendance form Frank Roach.
- 9.3 **Smile Face Sign.** Preston kindly agreed to meet with THC roads officer to discuss location of signs (Swordale Road and entrance to Village on Drummond Road). JMCH to contact THC.
- 9.4 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 10th March 2020**, 7pm at the Diamond Jubilee Hall.
- 9.5 **Closing Remarks.** CM thanked those present for attending and remarked that she would be absent for March meeting. It was agreed that MM would chair the March meeting.

JMCH

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