

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting – (MS Teams Meeting)



Held on Tuesday 11 May 2021, 7pm

PRESENT

Members Mandy MacLeman (MM) (as Chair for meeting)
Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer
John McHardy (JMCH) Secretary
Gary Payne (GP)
Celina Peoples (CP)
Alpin Macdonald (AM)

Highland Councillors Cllr Carolyn Wilson (Cllr CW)
Cllr Michael Finlayson (Cllr MF)

Also in attendance 2 Members of the Public.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Those present were welcomed by MM who it was agreed should Chair the meeting with apologies noted from Lynn Bell, KCC Bookkeeper, Cai MacIver, Cllr Maxine Smith, Cllr Pauline Munro and Sgt Michael Gallie of Police Scotland. It was agreed that the meeting would not be recorded via MS Teams.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th April were agreed following a proposal by GP which was seconded by SD. GP expressed his thanks for copies of minutes for display on Evanton Online and his gratitude for the kind comments received from Highland Councillors who had viewed the site. www.evanton.online	
3	Police Report	
3.1	Apologies were noted from Sgt Gallie.	
4	Correspondence.	

- 4.1 **Strathroy Wind Farm** (proposed). It was agreed that the Secretary should attend the next meeting of the 8 Community Councils and that the decision of KCC was that the apportionment of any Community Benefit Funds should be left with the generating company. CP offered to join the meeting along with JMch who will share the invite. CP
JMch
- 5 Diamond Jubilee Hall**
- 5.1 Reported that Solicitors are progressing. The Secretary confirmed that electrical checks and repair works were ongoing with repairs required to secure a safety certificate more extensive (poor earthing etc) but a full report would be available.
- 6 Finance**
- 6.1 SD reported that the Bank had altered the access requirements to the accounts and therefore updates would not be available until paperwork with signatures was returned to the Bank but that this was in hand. SD
- 7 Councillor's Report** (including answers to questions raise)
- 7.1 **Road Repairs.** Cllr MF reported that an additional £100,000 had been secured to assist in delivering repairs within the Cromarty Firth Ward. However, it was commented that this figure would soon be used up. Both Councillor reminded those present that they were happy to be contacted on any particular issue.
- 7.2 **Swordale Road.** CP raised concerns over the condition of the road, particularly the upper section (as reported through Facebook). It was reported that works were planned for the top section and that the frequency of movement by wood lorries would reduce due to a reduction in harvesting. CP offered to respond through Facebook. CP
- 7.3 **Sports Centre.** Noted that works were required to the chimney heads which may restrict the re-opening of the Centre. Cllr MF offered to raise this with Highlife Highland. Cllr MF
- MM thanked Councillors for their attendance and work undertaken on behalf of the Community.
- 8 Village Groups**
- 8.1 **Scouts.** CP reported that the group planned to meet in the near future, meeting outdoors at the moment.
- 8.2 **ESEG.** GP reported that the Group is actively considering an application to the Land Fill Tax Fund.
- 8.3 **ECT.** Reported that the Trust had completed a funding application seeking support for a Community Development Officer and that the result of the bid

was expected to be announced by the end of May. Noted that a successful bid would enable to employment of an Officer for up to 3 years.

MM reported on the Trust's proposal to develop a "*Sharing Shed*" to be located on Chapel Road (details had been circulated to members of KCC). Following discussion it was agreed that KCC would assist in lodging a Planning application on behalf of ECT and fund the fee due to the Council (max £301) --- noted that MM declared an interest as a Director and current Chair of ECT and thus did not take part in the decision to fund the application.

9 Other Business

- 9.1 **Flower Baskets.** SD reported that the baskets had been delivered to Munros and that they were expected to be returned in June. Also noted that KCC will require the services of a person, or persons, to carry out watering and general maintenance with a suggestion that the Scouts could do this with CP offering to seek a view from the Scout Group. CP
- 9.2 **Access to MS Meetings.** Noted that AM was unable to contribute to debate apart from through a telephone link to GP. GP offered to assist AM to gain access to future meetings. GP
- 9.3 **Christmas Lights.** Agreed that JMch and SD would progress this and provide feedback on proposals. SD
JMch
- 9.4 **Weed killer.** GP raised the issue highlighted in the press in relation to use of weed killer in playparks (against Council policy). Cllr MF noted that the Council had admitted the error and taken step to remedy the situation by replacing turf. Noted that the particular weed killer is still able to be used in certain locations and to control specific weeds.
- 9.5 **Street Speed Signs.** Noted that the Secretary is to contact the Council's engineer for speed information. JMch
- 9.6 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 8th June 2021** using MS Teams. Secretary to issue invite prior to meeting.

MM thanked those present for their attendance and particular those from the wider Community.