# **Kiltearn Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting –** (MS Teams Meeting)



# Held on Tuesday 19 April 2022, 7pm

#### **PRESENT**

Members Cai MacIver (CM) Chair

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

Mandy MacLeman (MM)

Highland Councillors Cllr Maxine Smith

**Also in attendance** 4 members of the Public.

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

## 1 Apologies/Welcome

1.1 Apologies noted from Lynn Bell KCC Bookkeeper, Cllr Michael Finlayson, and Sgt Gallie of Police Scotland.

### 2 Previous Minutes/Matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed following a proposal by SD which was seconded by MM with the following discussed.
- 2.3 **5.4. Bus Shelter.** Still awaiting action on missing panels. Secretary to contact THC

JMcH

#### 3 Finance

3.1 Noted that updates to the end of March 2022 had been circulated, indicating Balances of £64,506 and £66,767.

## 4 Village Groups

- 4.1 **Evanton Community Trust**. MM reported Trust had secured support to employ a Development Officer and that the post would be advertised shortly and that the "Sharing Shed" project would be progressed.
- 4.2 **ESEG.** Gary Payne reported that the pavilion at the Blackrock Football Pitch was now complete and that an "opening" had been held.

4.3 **Uniformed Groups.** Reported that the Brownies were now meeting on a Monday evening.

## 5 Feedback from Highland Councillors and questions raised

- 5.1 Concerns were raised over reports of inappropriate use being made of the grass areas adjacent to the Burial Ground. Agreed that KCC should seek to provide signage to draw attention to the need to respect the feelings of those visiting graves.
- 5.2 Reported that the concerns raised over the Alness Medical Group were being investigated by the relevant authority.
- 5.3 Noted that road works are planned form Fyrish Crescent which will address potholes.
- 5.4 Concerns were expressed over an apparent increase in vandalism with the Village. Noted that information should be passed to Police Scotland.
- 5.5 Noted that a recent traffic incident had damaged a road sign at the Easter entrance to Evanton and that a hedge was growing across a path leading into the park, presenting a difficulty in gaining access.
- 5.6 Reported that there is a blocked Gully on Hermitage Street (opposite number 4)
- 5.7 Cllr Smith was thanked for the work she undertakes on behalf of the people of Kiltearn.

## 6 Police Report

6.1 A written report was presented.

#### 7 Other Business

7.1 **Sports Centre.** Concerns were raised over the difficulty in accessing the Centre in cases where groups of users are not "constituted". Agreed that CM should contact Highlife Highland to discuss how best this can be resolved, particularly for people who have used the building for many years as part of informal sporting groups.

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- 7.2 **Newsletter.** Gary Payne noted that the deadline for articles for the next edition would be end April.
- 7.3 **Meetings.** Agreed that the next meeting would be held by MS Teams with the hope that the meetings could return to "face to face" in the near future.
- 7.4 **Grant Application.** An application to the Beinn Tharsuinn Fund, by the Guides, which sought support for guides to attend a national Jamboree was considered. Those present expressed their complete support for the

application and agreed that KCC should support the application which sought a grant of £1,035 towards the costs.

- 7.4 **AGM.** Agreed that the AGM would be held on Tuesday 14 June.
- 7.5 Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan. It was noted that draft Plan had been made available for consultation with comments to be submitted by 17 June 2022. Those present were invited to comment on the Plan and in particular the map extract detailing proposals for Kiltearn.

The proposed allocations were briefly discussed with it being agreed that a draft response would be prepared for further discussion around the identified problems experience due to location of the School which has limited parking and constrained drop off facilities. It was commented that the School is not well located. No further comments were made. Draft to be circulated.

**JMcH** 

7.6 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 17th May 2022** using MS Teams. Secretary to issue invite prior to meeting.

CM thanked those present for their attendance and was thanked for Chairing.