

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting – Held in Diamond Jubilee Hall



Held on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

PRESENT

Members

John McHardy (JMCH) Chair
Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer
Mandy MacLeman (MM)
Celina Peoples (CP)
Cai MacIver (CM) Secretary
Annelie Graham (AG) Minute Taker

Public

Gary Payne
Preston Whyte
Gabrielle Buist

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Apologies noted from Alpin Macdonald (AM), Lynn Bell KCC Bookkeeper, Cllr Smith, Cllr Munro, Cllr Nolan, Cllr Collier and Sgt Gallie of Police Scotland.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting of 8 th November 2022, were agreed as proposed by MM and seconded by CP.	
3	Finance	
3.1	Noted that updates to the end of December 2022 had been circulated, indicating balances of £64,000 and £91,500. A transaction for the Christmas lights & sockets had to be made through SD's private account and then paid back to her. There was only one other transaction to the Highland Council.	
4	Village Groups	
4.1	Evanton Community Trust.	
	Gabrielle Buist reported that funding has been successful with the Scottish Land Fund stage 1 for the Community Enterprise to do a feasibility study, business plan, funding strategy and community consultation about options for	

extending and reconfiguring the DJ hall. The group intends on reaching out to the groups for a community consultation on 2nd February on future plans.

The Welcome Pack has had input and the go ahead from all the groups mentioned on its pages. It will be printed and distributed very soon. CM confirmed that the KCC had previously agreed to fund the printing of paper copies. Gary Payne requested that a copy of the Welcome Pack be forwarded to him to for inclusion on the Evanton.Online page and this was agreed.

MM reported that two sets of funding had been secured for the following:

- The *Failte Bhlath* (Warm Welcome) project will be funded until March whereby the Jubilee Hall will be open for folk to come and keep warm and have some food.
- The toilet at the back of the hall is being converted into a disabled toilet as an interim measure until the new toilet extension block is created, and a temporary wheelchair ramp is also in place.
- The Sharing Shed is almost complete, still needing to be painted and shelves installed. Once up and running it will accept donations of a good quality and a Facebook page will be created to advise on its stock.
- The anteroom at the back of the hall is currently under full renovation and once finished will have a completely new floor and windows and be fully insulated to become a cosy space.
- A youth club will be set up

The Hogmanay Ceilidh was a success and £570 was raised in funds.

4.2 **Evanton Beavers (age 6-8), Cubs (age 8-10), Scouts (age 10-14)**

CP reported that the Beavers are back next Tuesday 17th January. They are hoping to do some indoor camps to start with before progressing to outside camps and further afield. CP reported that she was hoping to organise a planned legacy event with the Skye & Lochalsh district Beavers to take place within Evanton, and would inform the KCC with further information at a later date.

5 **Other Business**

- 5.1 **Community Grants.** JM advised that the grant application form was needing to be revised. Many people find it very difficult to complete as the document has been copied so many times and the form is not at all user friendly – it is hard to type onto and some of the questions may be irrelevant and/or need to be reworded. CM advised that she would look at the form and review it with CP.

CM
CP

Evanton Social Events Group

(CP declared an interest)

Requesting funding for a senior citizens dinner, a piper for the Remembrance Service, Gala Day preparations and maintenance of the large circular flower bed.

Total costs: £5000

Grant request: £3200

The amount requested was agreed

Paul Graham

(AG declared an interest)

Requesting funding for the Project Trust. The Project Trust offer placements to young people and gives them the opportunity to volunteer abroad by positively helping communities through teaching or a youth development placement. Paul Graham, a local Evanton boy, has been offered a place volunteering for a year in Senegal with the Project Trust on the basis of fundraising towards the total cost. He has already done and intends to do a number of fundraising activities and also applied to a number of charitable trusts.

Total costs: £6950

Grant request: £500

The amount requested was agreed. It was requested that Paul give regular updates of his trip to Evanton. Online for local interest.

Girl Guides

An application for funding was sent direct to Beinn Tharsuinn for a trip to London. The balance was met by parents funds.

Total costs: £3000

Grant request: £800

It was agreed to support the application.

Kiltearn Primary School

To fund the cost of buses for school trips

Grant request: £2000

The amount requested was agreed.

Kiltearn Primary School

For Smart Boards in every classroom

Total: £20,000

Grant request: £12,000

It was agreed that more information was needed for the grant to be considered

Fox and Friends

Funding of resources for interactive story telling with pre-school children to help them with reading, writing and give family support.

Grant request: £2475

It was agreed that the application would be circulated to the Committee for consideration pending a decision.

5.2 **Bus Shelter**

Preston Whyte asked when the vandalism of the windows at the bus shelter were going to be repaired.

Discussion was had about the possibility of CCTV both by the bus stop and at the school. It was agreed that Sgt Gallie would be consulted.

CP highlighted that there was a grant/support available for the installation of CCTV and she would look further into it.

JM advised that Gary Urquhart had been contacted regarding replacement of the panels and had promised it would be done soon.

Preston pointed out that three panels were now missing and it was a Health & Safety hazard.

JM agreed, and was also unsightly

CP

5.3 **Christmas lights**

CM suggested a project similar to one in England where the school pupils design the Christmas lights.

JM advised that Hugh had been very reluctant to put up the lights as they were too heavy for the lamp posts and were very cumbersome.

CP pointed out that the orders for any new ones would need to be in before Easter.

MM advised that Natalie Wastnidge (aka The Art Fidget) at Foulis would be someone to approach for an artistic input.

JM advised that stock lights would also be needed.

JM noted that Michael Macleod had been a huge help in checking, fitting and dismantling the lights and his input is much appreciated. It would also be important to ensure he is involved in any discussions regarding new lights as well as Keith Bauer and Hugh Lynch.

5.4 **Gullies**

CM raised the issue of a number of gullies in the village that needed to be cleared.

5.5 **Sports Hall**

SD raised the issue that the Sports Hall would be lost to use if essential maintenance was not done on its upkeep and if it was not made more easily bookable & accessible to local groups. It was agreed that Catriona Fraser would be invited to the February meeting to give an update on this issue.

CM

5.6 **Gritting of paths**

Preston raised the issue that the paths on the Swordale Road had not been gritted during the recent icy conditions.

JM observed that they should have been done as that would have been considered a core path.

5.7 **Speed bumps and 20mph**

CP observed that it would be beneficial to have more speed bumps in the village on roads where people are most likely to drive too fast.

MM added that the village will soon have a 20mph speed limit and once in place can be enforced.

5.8 **Cost of Living Crisis**

MM raised concerns over how the cost of living was effecting the community and how to help those who are struggling. She felt the Council has a responsibility to know how folk are and how to help those who need it with funds, like a Crisis Grant fund. Maybe working with other groups who do similar work in this area.

It was agreed that MM put forward a proposal for this idea at the next meeting.

MM

5.9 **Next meeting:** Agreed as Tuesday 14th February 2023 at the later time of 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.