

Kiltearn Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 16th May 2016, 7.00pm at The Sports Centre, Drummond Rd, Evanton

PRESENT

Members Hector Munro (HM), Chairman
 Michael MacLeod (MM), Vice Chairman
 John McHardy (JMCh) Secretary
 Cai MacIver (CM)
 Ralph Mercer (RM)
 Anne Macdonald (AM)
 Shelagh Dennett (SD)
 Leo Sharratt (LS)

Ex-Officio Members Cllr. Mike Finlayson (Cllr. MF)
 Cllr. Maxine Smith (Cllr. MS)

APOLOGIES Cllr. Carolyn Wilson
 Cllr. Martin Rattray (Cllr. MR)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Previous Minutes/Matters	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of the KCC held on 14March 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of discussion as proposed by CM and seconded by MM.	
2	Councillors Report	
2.1	Cllr.MFand Cllr.MS reported on a range of issues:- Roads. The tarmac has been resurfaced on the road leading to the Blythswood HQ at the Isleburn junction. Cycle Path. A site meeting had been held at Fyrish Crescent attended by RM and HM along with Council Officers and Cllr. MF. Noted that further work may be undertaken on the roadside banking and that it is likely that a fence will be erected between the cycle path and the parking area. Concerns were expressed over the possible confusion over priorities with some traffic coming into the village not “giving way” Winter Maintenance. It was reported work is ongoing to define priority routes. Recycling Centre. Noted that further surfacing work/drainage will be undertaken shortly.	

Swordale Steading Water Supply. Cllr. MF reported that discussions are ongoing within the Council

Redesign of the Council. Cllr. MS reported on the ongoing work of the group tasked with leading the work

Pavement at D J Hall. Noted that the “weeping” hole had been patched but that further work may be undertaken to establish the cause of water discharge.

Dingwall road ditches at Teanord. Commented that ditches appear to be very deep but appreciated that this is a historic situation.

School access. Cllr MS offered to seek confirmation from the Council in relation to the pedestrian gate to the School.

HM thanked the Councillors for their attendance and reports.

3 Finance

3.1 HM circulated and explained updated accounts (as interim Treasurer).

3.2 Leslie Logan (as a former treasurer and book keeper) tabled draft accounts for the period up to 31st March 2016. Noted that HM will sign as Interim Treasurer following approval at the AGM planned for June 20th.

HM

3.3 Three funding requests were considered:-

3.3.1 **Evanton Community Trust.** MM declared an interest (non-financial) as a Director of the Trust. Hector reminded those present that many were Members of the Trust (but again without financial interest).

The application related to footpath improvements to the South of the A9 with the Trust seeking **£3,000** from KCC and support for an application for **£8,000** from the BeinnTharsuinn Fund. It was noted that the Trust had secured £15,000 from the Post Code Lottery meeting part of the total project cost of £50,064.

KCC agreed to the requests, proposed by LS, seconded by CM.

3.3.2 **Guides.** Request for funding of **£500** to meet part of the cost of a residential trip costing £2,368.

KCC agreed to the request, proposed by CM, seconded by MM.

3.3.3 **Kiltearn Parent Council.** Request for **£1,000** to cover transport costs for swimming lessons (application form to follow)

KCC agreed to the request, proposed by AM, seconded by JMCh.

- 3.4 It was agreed that the Finance Sub-Committee would be tasked with developing proposals focusing on possibly setting a budget and grant rates which would assist in determining future grant applications. RM/CM/ HM
- 3.5 It was agreed that KCC would embrace e-banking and set this up for future transactions. RM
- 4 Police Report**
- 4.1 A written report has been received from Scottish Police (no major incidents or concerns)
- 5 Diamond Jubilee Hall**
- 5.1 The open letter, which will be sent to all houses in the Community, was agreed. Further consideration will be given to how this will be delivered. HM JMCH
- 5.2 Alpin Macdonald reported on issues and requirements in relation to the Hall as follows:-
- a) **Gas.** A quote will be obtained for supply of Gas (agreed).
 - b) **Main Floor.** The loose board in Hall has been repaired but another 2 required attention (agreed that this be done).
 - c) **Anti-Room lights.** Agreed that the lights should be repaired.
 - d) **Cleaning.** It was agreed to appoint a temporary cleaner due to Rab being temporarily incapacitated.
- 5.3 It was agreed that a draft business plan should be prepared in order to consider a possible application for Leader funding. JMCH reminded the meeting that he sat on the LAP of Leader and therefore would not take part in the preparation of any bid.
- 6 Communication**
- 6.1 **Website.** RM reported that he continues discussion with the designer and currently awaits a response.
- 6.2 **Broadband in D J Hall.** Now up and running – thanks to RM.
- 6.3 **M P.** JMCH reported that the office of the MP (Paul Monaghan) has asked if they could be passed copies of Agendas and Minutes. This was agreed as being a useful way of letting the MP know what is happening locally. JMCH
- 6.4 **Minutes.** It was agreed that approved minutes should be sent to Alness & District Times for possible inclusion in the paper. JMCH

- 6.5 **Passwords.** JMch will provide passwords for the Chair and Treasurers e-mail accounts JMch
- 7 Village Groups**
- 7.1 The Secretary will circulate reports recently received from the local groups.
- 8 Other Business**(including points raised by the Public)
- 8.1 **Roads.** The Chairman and Secretary should endeavour to record obvious defects (a drive round survey) with the results being passed to the Council. HM
JMch
- 8.2 **Public Toilets.** The issue was raised in relation to inappropriate behaviour of a small number of (reported to be males). It was suggested that toilets could be included within an improved village hall.
- 8.3 **Community Payback.** Agreed that the Secretary should contact Jim Stewart and invite him to a future meeting. JMch
- 8.4 **KCC Store.** Agreed the list of contents should be reviewed at some stage with possible disposal of surplus goods. AM/MM
- 8.5 **AGM.** It was agreed that the AGM of KCC should be held in The Evanton Sports Hall on 20th June 2016 starting at 7pm. All

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45.

Next meeting: Monday 20th June 2016, at Evanton Sports Hall, to follow AGM (to be held at 7pm).

Accepted as a true and accurate
record of discussion

Hector Munro (Chairman)

20 June 2016