

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes of Meeting

Held on Tuesday 13 October 2020, 7pm

PRESENT

Members

Cai MacIver (CM) Chairman – on video
Shelagh Dennett (SD) Treasurer – on video
John McHardy (JMCh) Secretary – on video
Alpin Macdonald (AM) – not on video
Mandy MacLeman (MM) – on video
Celina Peoples (CP) – part of meeting – on video
Gary Payne (GP) – on video

Highland Councillors

Cllr Mike Finlayson (Cllr MF) – on video
Cllr Carolyn Wilson (Cllr CW) – on video
Cllr Maxine Smith (Cllr MS) – part of meeting on video

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies/Welcome	
1.1	Apologies were noted from, Police Scotland and Cllr Pauline Munro. CM Cai welcomed all, including 3 members of the wider public to the first virtual meeting of KCC.	
2	Previous Minutes/Matters arising	
2.1	Notes of meeting of 10 March 20 agreed. Proposed by CP and seconded by MM.	
2.2	Circulation. Agreed to copy minutes to GP for publishing on Evanton online (once agreed). JMCh to ask if Post Office will hold on their notice board.	GP JMCh
3	Diamond Jubilee Hall	
3.1	Agreed to keep closed and review after Christmas – but monitor for leaks, frost etc over Winter. Also agreed to provide a poster to explain and Secretary to continue to the monitor Hall.	JMCh

4 **Police Report**

4.1 Apologies were noted from Police Scotland.

5 **Correspondence**

5.1 **Balconie House Footpath.** Noted that the Council's Access Officer had been in discussion with the new owners of Balconie House over the condition and route of the Core Path to the West of the House. The Secretary offered to circulate most recent correspondence.

JMcH

6 **Finance**

6.1 It was noted that Lynn Bell had kindly offered to assist the Treasurer as a Book-keeper.

6.2 Following discussion, it was agreed that the Treasurer should open a separate account to protect monies as per good financial management (spreading monies between accounts).

SD

6.3 The Treasurer was asked to circulate a note of the monies held within the accounts and recent transactions.

SD

6.4 It was noted that the Cornerstone Group intend to submit confirmation of shortfall once final quotes received. Cllr Finlayson declared an interest.

7 **Councillor's Report** (including answers to questions raised).

7.1 **Alness Academy.** Councillor Wilson reported that the new Alness Academy was almost ready for pupils – commented that it is a 1st class facility for the area and includes a Pool.

7.2 **Pandemic Response.** Councillor Wilson recorded thanks to Tracey Bower and others in Evanton who worked so well providing assistance during the Pandemic. Cai recorded thanks to Carolyn Wilson and Pauline Munro for their work during the same period.

7.3 **Play Areas.** Councillor Smith raised the condition of the Novar Crescent Playpark, noting that some of the equipment may need work and could benefit from improvement – questions were asked as to whether KCC could assist in meeting part of the costs

7.4 **Crown Estates Monies.** Councillor Finlayson highlighted opportunities which may be presented through the recently announced Fund and that this could be a source of funding to meet part of the costs of a Rail Halt feasibility study (estimated to be around £12,000) with the remaining money perhaps coming from Community Benefits funding held by KCC. It was agreed to consider at a future meeting.

7.5 The Councillors were thanked for his attendance.

8 Other Business

8.1 **MS Teams.** It was noted that some had difficulty accessing all the meeting. MM offered to undertake virtual training for those who wished to learn more on operation of MS Teams.

8.2 **Armistice.** Due to the effects of the current Pandemic it was agreed, in line with Scot Gov guidance, that there should be no formal service at the War Memorial. However, it was agreed that individuals and groups should be encouraged to mark the event through other means and lay wreaths as and when they were able to do so. Alpin offered to lay on behalf of KCC. Window art was suggested as a way of marking remembrance which would provide an opportunity to include uniformed Groups such as Cubs and Brownies (?). Gary offered to provide a poster to explain situation.

GP
AM

8.3 **Vandalism.** Those present were disappointed to learn of recent occurrences of vandalism within the Village. It was agreed to raise with Police and Education. Possible cameras at school? Maxine suggested she may have a contact who could advise on cameras.

Cllr MF
JMCh

8.4 **KCC AGM.** Agreed to review a date after Christmas.

8.5 **New Housing Development.** It was noted that KCC had been asked to provide street name suggestions for the proposed development on the Teandallon land. There was general discussion but agreed that suggestions should be circulated to the Secretary by 20 October for circulation and final decision of KCC.

8.6 **Speed Signs.** Noted that the "smiling face" speed signs had been ordered and that they should be installed by mid-November.

8.7 **Traffic Calming.** A progress report was provided (as issued by THC). A local resident, a householder from Fyrish Crescent, asked to speak and shared her concerns that the proposals would not allow her safe vehicular access to her garden. The Secretary confirmed that these concerns had been raised with THC and that KCC had been informed that there would be public consultation but that he would check with THC.

JMCh

8.8 **Winter Lights.** It was agreed that KCC should encourage lighting over a longer period and invite ideas from Keith/Hugh. Agreed that SD will co-ordinate with Keith and Hugh with Mike MacLeod kindly offering to assist agreed that the small group should provide estimate of cost.

SD

– post meeting note Anne MacDonald has contacted the Secretary asking that ESEG be involved as have done some pre-planning and ideas.

8.9 **Next meeting:** agreed as **Tuesday 10th November 2020** using MS Teams. Secretary to issue invite prior to meeting.

