

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 03.07.12 at The Village Hall

Present: Gary Sutherland (Vice Chairman), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Angus Ross, Murdo MacPherson, Kirsty Holland, Mairi Eastcroft

Also Present:

Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor), Alison Sinton (Minutes)

Gary welcomed Alison Sinton as the new Minutes Secretary for the Community Council.

1. **Apologies** – John Mann (Chairman), Fiona Donaldson (Community Project Co-ordinator)
2. **Minutes of 05.06.12**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 05.06.12 were proposed for approval by Mairi Eastcroft and seconded by Christine Mackenzie and duly approved.
3. **Matters arising from Minutes of 05.06.12**
 - a. **Geopark Ranger Walks** – Murdo has spoken with Donald Fisher and has been assured that local walks will be included. Murdo will discuss with Donald Mitchell. **Murdo to action**
 - b. **Water Board** – nothing further has been heard.
 - c. **Housing** – Jim Holden (Assistant Area Housing Manager) is investigating where exactly things are with the boarded up school house and the empty NHS house.
 - d. **Visit Scotland** – Visit Scotland came to KLB on 26th June. Gary showed them many local attractions and they met with Rebecca Ridgway. The visit was a success and they now have a lot of information about the area which hopefully will be passed on to prospective visitors.
 - e. **Port Committee** – Christine reported that the extension to the pontoons would possibly take place next year. There has been little progress made on procuring the funding required for the chilling of the market.
 - f. **Brochure** – Stuart McHugh is to discuss this in September.
 - g. **North West Care Alliance** – notes of meeting held by the North & West Sutherland Local Health Partnership on 7.06.12 were looked at. Hugh said that he was afraid that patients were having to cancel appointments as they were unable to contact the number for booking transportation. He had been unable to contact them himself. Kirsty will give the phone number and times of availability to Hugh. This information will need to be displayed for patients. **Kirsty and Hugh to action**
 - h. **Tourist Information** – Christine said that discussions are ongoing.
 - i. **Bervie Road** – Hugh informed the committee that repairs were starting tomorrow (04.07.12).

- j. Core Paths** – Mairi voiced concerns over the disrepair of the bridge on the Loch Innis walk and suggested that warning signs be placed there. There is some confusion about who is responsible for the maintenance of the bridge. Kirsty will make inquiries.
Action Kirsty
- k. School Cattle Grids** – Alison Sinton mentioned that there has been no improvement in noise since work had been carried out on the exit cattle grid from the high school. **Hugh to action**
- l. Football Pitch** – Hugh informed the committee that this remains high on his agenda.
- m. Blue Bins** – Hugh reported on the reasons for alternating “clean” and “dirty” rubbish and discussed the suitability of this happening on a commercial scale with Christine.
- 4. Community Project Co-ordinator's Report** – this will take place in September as Fiona was unable to attend today's meeting.
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
Christine reported no change from last month.
- 6. Armed Forces Day** – Kirsty gave a short description of the day and said that it had all gone extremely well.
- 7. Correspondence** – copy of email from Andy Mackay to councillors re invitation to the KLB Port Committee meeting, KLB housing, football pitch and Youth Facility and copy of email to Liz Manson (NHS) from Steve Gorman. No further correspondence.
- 8. AOCB**

 - a.** Christine mentioned that she had two picnic tables at half price for the Portakabin.
 - b.** Kirsty is concerned that the high school is not open enough to the wider community for sports and fitness as these facilities are unavailable during school holidays. Sgoil Lionacleit in Benbecula is an example of a community school that encourages participation from the local people in making the best use of the facilities that a school has to offer. Murdo voiced some concerns over access to the public. When the school was closed, as at the moment, the whole school would be open to the public if the sports hall and fitness room were available for use. After some discussion Murdo suggested that modifications could be made that would allow public access although this would ultimately be an Education Authority decision. It was decided to discuss this with Susan Robertson (Head Teacher) after the school holidays.
- 9. Date of Next Meeting -**
Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7pm