

# KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 07.02.12 in The Village Hall

**Present:** John Mann (Chair), Gary Sutherland (Vice-Chair), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Stuart McHugh (Secretary), Angus Ross, Kirsty Holland, Mairi Eastcroft, Murdo MacPherson

**Also present:** Linda Munro (Highland Councillor), PC Ian Sutherland, Elaine McHugh (Minutes)

(1) **Apologies** - Apologies were received from Fiona.

(2) **Minutes (10.01.12)**

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed for approval by Mairi and seconded by Murdo.

(3) **Matters Arising from the Minutes (10.01.12)**

(a) **Geopark – Item (3)(b)**

Community road shows are being planned and Cllr Farlow is to contact Stuart to explain in more detail plus provide minutes of the last sub group meeting, which Stuart was unable to attend.

(b) **Water quality – Item (3)(c)**

Stuart read out to meeting his email to Cllr Farlow, to date no response has been received. Cllr Munro to speak with Cllr Farlow about swapping meetings to enable Cllr Farlow to attend at KLB.  
**Action: Cllr Munro**

(c) **Housing – Item (3)(g)**

Cllr Munro reported that Jim Holden, Assistant Area Manager for housing attended the recent Ward Forum and he said he would speak with ECS and Cllr Munro will pass on information for next meeting. **Action Cllr Munro**

(d) **Ward Forum – Item (3)(h)**

KLB CC was represented by Gary. The theme for the day was Access to Affordable Housing. Gary mentioned the problems of gritting and skimming of the Lairg road, which impacted on the fish lorries travelling along it. Gary also spoke to Jim Holden about the educational key house being boarded up. Leaflets were available about anti-social behaviour, one of which is in the folder at the Advice Centre. Cllr Munro highlighted a statistic given by Chief Inspector Matthew Reiss being that from figures taken annually, almost 50% of fatal RTAs occur between Caithness and Sutherland. PC Sutherland advised that of these the majority was due to bad driving. The next Ward Forum is due at the end of May (following the elections) at Skerray.

(e) **Cattle on Beach and machair – Item (3)(i)** The Secretary read out his letter to SNH and its subsequent reply.

(f) **VisitScotland – Item (3)(j)** Cllr Munro still to write to Willie Morrison. **Action: Cllr Munro**

(g) **Port Committee – Item (5)**

Cllr Munro reported things look hopeful with the supervisors for our area being given local discretionary spend authority.

(h) **Role of Secretary – Item (6)**

Following the extract from Andy Mackay clarification of this role is now clear.

**(i) Brochure insert fees – Item (7) Treasurer’s Report**

The list of advertisers now available. Stuart asked for opinions on an increase of fees from £15.00 p.a. to £20.00 given the colour brochure is in need of updating, the costs involved and that there is very little money currently in the fund to address this. New level of £20.00 was agreed and it was decided at the next meeting to discuss a new brochure for 2013. Stuart to produce a letter for subscriptions due. **Action: Stuart**

**(j) North West Care Alliance – Item (9)(b)**

The letter to Bill Alexander was held over due to Sylvia busy with the negotiations. The NWCA has issued a statement confirming it cannot continue with Highland Council with the offer that is on the table. Highland Council will negotiate with other care providers. The Meeting agreed this is devastating news for the Community. John Thurso MP is due in KLB on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> for a surgery. Christine is due to see him and will raise this issue on behalf of CC. It was agreed that the Community Council would support Sylvia and her team in every way. The Secretary was asked to take this on with a view to writing to the Northern Times and Bill Alexander in consultation with Sylvia. Also to ask Durness what they said in their statement. **Action: Stuart**

**(k) Tourist information – Item (9)(d)**

The situation remains that there is nowhere to put an information point and no one to man it. Christine had thought it might be possible to use a corner of the Garage but needs to know the size required to ascertain if it could be accommodated. Stuart said she would need to speak to Joan Mackay at Advice Centre to get an idea of what and how much is involved. Gary agreed to look at websites to see types of display stands available and it was asked if this could be something the High School could take on as a project, Murdo agreed to make an approach. If so Cllr Munro suggested approaching the Ward Discretionary Budget for assistance. **Action: Gary/Murdo**

**(l) Bervie Road – Item (9)(e)**

Stuart read out to meeting his letter to Henry Flett and the reply. In summary, it is something Henry is aware of and is trying to ascertain where the source of water is coming from. Cllr Munro asked for a copy of the email to be forwarded to her. **Action: Stuart**

**(4) Community Project Co-ordinator’s Report** – postponed until next meeting.

**(5) Treasurer’s Report**

Christine reported £1,141.01 in the CC bank account; £181.59 War Memorial fund; £1,804.83 Xmas Lights fund; and £37.38 Brochure fund.

**(6) Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received and those of a public nature are available for inspection at the N&WS Advice and Information Service at the harbour.

**INCOMING**

**Highland Council:**

- Weekly Planning Lists
- Letter/poster regarding *Universal Home Insulation Scheme*
- Letter re Doorstep Crime. Introducing recently formed *Community Safety Team* with HC’s Trading Standards Service.
- Email Andy Mackay – dates of forthcoming meetings for *Planning for Integration for Health, Education and Social Care Services* (e-mailed to Committee)
- Email George Farlow – re VisitScotland & Tourism in North Highlands (emailed to Committee)
- Email Robbie Rowantree – re forthcoming Council election and his decision to stand for election in the East Sutherland Ward
- Email Henry Flett – reply to outgoing letter below

SNH - Email Sue Agnew – reply to outgoing letter below

NHS Highland - Email Steve Gorman SAS – Area Service Manager – PTS leaflet giving information on who is eligible

Fiona Donaldson – Grants for Fishing Communities

NWS LHP – Notes of December meeting and paperwork for next at KLB on 2 February.

CKD Galbraith – as agents for Reay Forest Estate. New deer grids proposed for the A838 public carriageway. Letter and map.

### OUTGOING

SNH – letter re cattle on machair

Henry Flett - letter re water ponding in Bervie Road

Cllr George Farlow - email re Treatment Plant visit / Wind Turbine revenue

CKD Galbraith - John read out a letter he had received from Tim Lucas in respect of a proposal for new deer grids at Reay Forest and asked for any concerns the CC may have. Stuart raised the issue of the installation on a single track without impeding traffic. PC Sutherland confirmed that a passing place would be created. There were no other concerns.

## (7) AOCB

### (a) Scam

PC Sutherland conveyed an issue raised by Chief Inspector Matthew Reiss. This concerned a scam by an organisation purporting to be acting for the Police and offering advertising space in a police magazine. Businesses have been contacted in the past and been duped. This is not something the police ever do and businesses should be aware of this.

(b) **Trust Housing** - An update on the situation was given by PC Sutherland.

### (c) Dates of future meetings

Cllr Munro asked for confirmation of future meetings and pointed out that it was unlikely a councillor would attend in May as this was the week of the elections.

### (d) Copies of Draft Minutes

Stuart said that in the past these has been placed around the community and was proposing only one draft copy to be held in the file at the Advice Centre. It was felt that they played a part being displayed in the Health/Day Centre, along with the Garage and School. It was agreed that Mairi would supply the Health and Day Centre, Christine the Garage and Murdo the school.

**Action: Mairi/Christine/Murdo**

## (8) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm on Tuesday 6 March 2012.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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