

KINOCHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on 01.07.14 at the KLB Fishselling Offices

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

Also Present: Alison Sinton (Minutes)

(1) Apologies – Murdo Macpherson, Hugh Morrison

(2) Minutes of 03.06.14

The minutes of the meeting held on 03.06.14 were proposed for approval by John and seconded by Gary.

(3) Matters arising from Minutes 03.06.14

^ **Laxford** – there has been a great improvement in visibility since the trees obscuring oncoming traffic have been cut down. Gary will email thanks to the council and a letter of thanks will go out to the Reay Estate..

Action Gary and Murdo

^ **Ambulance Service Public Meeting** – Kirsty has a letter ready to be sent out to Graham Macleod by Special Delivery stating the case for more staff for our area and requesting a reply. Copies to be sent to Pauline Howie, John Thurso, Rob Gibson, Hugh Morrison, Donald Fisher and Kevin Crowe. **Action Kirsty and Murdo**

(b) Highland Small Communities Trust

Ongoing.

(c) Geopark

Murdo was unable to attend this meeting due to other commitments but reports on progress were received by members.

(d) Core Paths

Matt Dent has contacted Murdo and is to visit shortly. Sara Harkins is going to look into help with funding repairs to the peat road bridge.

(e) Brochure

No further news.

(f) High School Availability

Still waiting on news of final funding.

(4) Community Rubbish Bins

Waiting on new bins arriving..

(5) Treasurer's Report

Christine gave the balance as £6,881.19 minus £3,312.26 Christmas Lights Fund and minus Brochure Funds of £456.38. Leaving a final balance of £3,112.55. £100 has been donated to the McBeath Project at the high school.

(6) Correspondence

Incoming:

- ⤴ **Geopark Business Managers Report** – Meeting 9.06.14
- ⤴ **Geopark** – Minutes of Board Meeting 9.06.14
- ⤴ **Geopark** – Chairman's Report 9.06.14
- ⤴ **Highland Council Budget Forum** – 8.07.14 in Strathy
- ⤴ **Community Challenge Fund** – Highland Council info.

Incoming since last meeting:

- ⤴ **HMS Sutherland** – Spring Newsletter
- ⤴ **Community Resilience Open Day** – Scottish Energy 30.08.14
- ⤴ **Droman Pier** – email from Tony Usher
- ⤴ **Laxford Bridge Road Improvements** – reply from Garry Smith
- ⤴ **NW Sutherland Deer Management Plan** – email from Victor Clements, Native Woodland Advice

Outgoing since last meeting:

- ⤴ **Graham Macleod (SAS)** – letter to Graham Macleod
- ⤴ **Droman Pier** – email to Tony Usher
- ⤴ **Highland Council** – email to Hugh Morrison concerning grass verge at pier
- ⤴ **Reay Forest Estate** – thank you letter for cutting foliage to improve view for drivers
- ⤴ **Highland Council** – thank you email to Garry Smith for Laxford Bridge road improvements
- ⤴ **Fifth Reviews of Local Government Electoral Arrangement. Public Consultation of our Proposals for Councillor Numbers** - comments returned
- ⤴ **Grazings Committee** – letter expressing concern over livestock in public places after a member of the public complained.

(7) AOCB

- * Closure of Service Points – ongoing
- * Dog Fouling Campaign – still waiting on dispenser at Loch Clash
- ⤴ Dentist – no news
- * Picnic Spots – complete
- * Football Pitch – ongoing
- * Chilled Market – waiting
- * Playpark – parents have cleared bushes and painted benches etc. There is to be a funding meeting shortly.
- * Bus from Lairg – a work still in progress
- * Loch Clash Project – the sale has gone through
- ⤴ Sandwood – sign to be put in place shortly
- ⤴ Steve Barron (New Chief Executive) – anyone wishing to meet him when he passes through Kinlochbervie on 2nd September please contact Hugh.

(8) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7pm