

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 02.10.12 at The Village Hall

Present: Gary Sutherland (Vice Chairman), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer),
Murdo Macpherson (Secretary), Angus Ross, Mairi Eastcroft

Also Present: Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor), Fiona Donaldson (Community Project
Co-ordinator), Morven Taylor (Highland Small Communities Housing Trust),
Graham Wild, Alison Sinton (Minutes Secretary)

(1) Apologies – John Mann (Chairman), Kirsty Holland

(2) Minutes of 04.09.12

The Minutes of the meeting held on 04.09.12 were proposed for approval by Mhairi Eastcroft and seconded by Murdo Macpherson

(3) Morven Taylor from the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust

Morven Taylor gave a talk to the committee on the services available to the Community Council from the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust. Amongst the literature handed out to the committee were an Affordable Housing Needs Survey form, Making Affordable Rural Homes a Reality and a Self Build Initiative Fund leaflet. It would cost £600 (approx) to conduct a Housing Surgery to assist in establishing need in the area. There followed a discussion on whether the services offered would be useful to Kinlochbervie and whether conducting a survey to establish need would be advantageous. Morven will ask Jim Holden about the NHS house and further information will be sought on the plans for the empty Education Committee house in Manse Road. Hugh suggested that for the moment the Community Council apply for transfer of ownership to the community of these houses and they be occupied on a “right to buy” basis. Murdo will give Hugh the name of the person who surveyed the Education Committee houses for the council. **Action Murdo**
Gary thanked Morven for her talk.

(4) Matters arising from Minutes of 04.09.12

(a) Geopark Ranger Walks

Murdo suggested some sites to Donald Fisher so as we would be included in the audit. The Kinlochbervie area is under-represented. Fiona informed the committee that Sara Harkin was not approached concerning the ranger walks.

(b) Port Committee

Christine informed the committee that the market chilling grant application for The European Fisheries Fund will be ready by December.

(c) Brochure

It was decided to get original print templates and alter them as this would be the most cost effective way to produce the brochure.

(d) Tourist Information

Christine reported that there are an abundance of tourist brochures in stock.

(e) Core Paths

Hugh suggested some temporary repairs could be done on the Peat Road Bridge.

(f) School Cattle Grids

Hugh said that there are number of cattle grids in the area need attention. Unfortunately the machinery required to do this is out of commission at the moment but as soon as it is available this work will be started.

(g) Football Pitch

Report from Hugh-two firms have tendered for the job. Graham and Hugh discussed access to the pitch and could not see a problem. There will be a meeting arranged with the repair committee to finalise details.

(h) High School Availability to the community – nothing further to report.

(i) Community Project Co-ordinator's Report

Fiona gave her report and mentioned amongst other things that she had had an interesting meeting with Sara Harkin regarding renewable energy opportunities on the Kinlochbervie Estate. Fiona stressed that we need to appear on the Cape Wrath Trail.

(j) Treasurer's Report

The balance at 07.09.12 was £3,389.61. The Christmas Lights Funds stand at £2,917.14. There was a short discussion on replacing the rope for the flag at the monument.

(k) Correspondence

Outgoing:

* Letter to GREAN concerning the effect of subsidised produce being sold in the area on local business and employment.

(5) AOCB

Hugh showed the committee an example of the Highland Council Survey Form. These are available online www.highland.gov.uk/NR/...CC99.../performancesurvey2012.pdf

(6) Date of Next Meeting -

Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7pm