

## KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held on 04.09.12 at The Village Hall

**Present:** John Mann (Chairman), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer),  
Murdo MacPherson (Secretary), Angus Ross, Kirsty Holland,  
Mairi Eastcroft, Gary Sutherland

**Also Present:**  
Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor), PC Ian Sutherland,  
Fiona Donaldson (Community Project Co-ordinator),  
Alison Sinton (Minutes)

(1) **Apologies** – Everyone was present

(2) **Minutes of 03.07.12**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 03.07.12 were proposed for approval by Hugh Morrison and seconded by John Mann.

(3) **Matters arising from Minutes of 03.07.12**

(a) **Geopark Ranger Walks** – Murdo said that they would be up and running by next year. He will speak to Donald Mitchell and find out more about the monthly programme.

(b) **Water Board** – nothing further has been heard but it was decided to keep it on the agenda. There was to have been a public meeting which hasn't taken place yet. Hugh said it should go on the agenda for December when it will be decided if further action is necessary.

(c) **Housing** – Jim Holden is dealing with the boarded up school house as it belongs to the Department of Education. Gary had heard it was to be moved into public housing although this has not been confirmed. Fiona said that a survey had been done but it did not meet up with the required specification. The empty NHS house is apparently to be transferred into public housing. John believes that this had to be chased up. **Hugh to action.**

(d) **Visit Scotland** – there has been no feedback as yet.

(e) **Port Committee** – the extension to the pontoons is due to start next month. The chiller will probably be started in December.

(f) **Brochure** – Gary offered to do a description of layout for the brochures. Progress is being made although there is some concern about funding. Hugh offered to find out how much the costs were in Durness.

- (g) **North West Care Alliance** – there was some discussion. This project is ongoing.
- (h) **Tourist Information** – Visit Scotland is to do more brochures. Christine suggested Pat Cooper's gallery might be a good location for the booth.
- (i) **Bervie Road** – these are complete.
- (j) **Core Paths** – Kirsty has spoken with James Andrews and he is prepared to donate another fish farm walkway to replace the dilapidated one on the Loch Innis walk. John spoke with Cathal Morrison, Mat Dent has offered to repair the one already there. John suggested that something more picturesque might be better but we may have to settle for a temporary solution until more funds are available. John mentioned that the peat road bridge is also in a state of disrepair and will forward photos of this to committee members. The council used to have a budget for peat roads but it is now unclear who is responsible. Murdo said that repairing the peat road bridge would require a stonemason. Hugh will find out who would take the job on but any group dealing with it would need a constitution and a bank account. He thinks a metal bridge would be better. Fiona said that Andy Mackay (Ward Manager) and George Farlow (Councillor) may have discretionary funds for improvements.
- (k) **School Cattle Grids** – Hugh thinks that the weld is broken on some of the cattle grids in the area. **Hugh to action.**
- (l) **Football Pitch** – Hugh had a meeting last Monday with the repair committee (Anne Mackay was not present). They have asked for companies to tender. The hall committee have submitted a funding application to the 2014 Homecoming fund but the application is reliant on the football pitch being available for use.
- (m) **High School Availability to the community** – Susan Robertson (Head Teacher) is in agreement with the idea of more access to the community but Murdo doubts that the Education Authority will be willing to spend the money
- (4) **Community Project Co-ordinator's Report** – Fiona issued a copy of her monthly reports for July and August 2012. Points discussed included the upcoming North West Sutherland Leadership Forum and Social Enterprise Academy courses on offer.
- (5) **Treasurer's Report** – Christine reported £2,267.97 in the bank account with £181.59 in the War Memorial Fund. There was an agreement reached on the type of Poppy Wreath to be purchased this year. No questions for Christine.
- (6) **Correspondence** – Email from Andy Mackay (Ward Manager), notifying the committee of the Highland council budget consultations in Durness on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012.  
Stuart McHugh has forwarded an email about a Police Community Consultation Event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the community centre in Helmsdale. Ian Sutherland thinks it would be a good idea to attend this as it concerns policing in

rural communities. Hugh suggested that if nobody can attend then emails from community council members with their concerns should be forwarded to them. There is a community council online training course on the internet, John asked anyone interested to contact him.

Discussion on the Highland Licensing Board's "door entry policy".

Notice of Military Exercise from 20<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

A letter from Migdale Hospital concerning civic government.

A letter from a member of the community regarding a complaint against the Village Hall Committee was received and discussed. It was agreed to send an appropriate reply. A copy of the letter is to be passed to the Village Hall Committee.

**Action Murdo**

**(7) AOCB**

(a) Ian Sutherland gave a short report on incidents in the community. KLB Fire Service turned out for an accident and they are to be commended for their quick action resulting in the full recovery of the patient.

(b) Christine would like some inquiries to be made concerning funding of the "Green Grocers" who distributed leaflets locally recently. **Action Christine Murdo Alison**

(c) Kirsty is concerned about the amount of rubbish round Loch Bervie. Christine will inform the harbour of the problem.

(d) John suggested organising "buying groups" being formed for the purchase of heating oil.

**(8) Date of Next Meeting -**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at 7pm