

KINOCHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 05.03.13 at The Village Hall

Present: John Mann (Chairman), Gary Sutherland (Vice Chairman), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Murdo Macpherson (Secretary)

Also Present: Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor), Alison Sinton (Minutes)

(1) Apologies – Fiona Donaldson, Kirsty Holland, Mairi Eastcroft, Angus Ross

(2) Minutes of 05.02.13

The minutes of the meeting held on 05.02.13 were proposed for approval by Gary and seconded by Murdo

(3) Matters arising from Minutes 05.02.13

(a) Highland Small Communities Housing Trust

There was nothing to report on this topic at the moment.

(b) Geopark

There is to be a meeting concerning the Geopark on 24th March 2013.

(c) Core Paths

The report on the Innis Walk is still to come out.

(d) Brochure

The work on the brochure is ongoing.

(e) High School Availability

The plan to open the high school to the public for sports facilities is still ongoing.

(f) Pier Laundry Signs – are now on display.

(4) Creag Rhiabhach Wind Farm

No further news on developments.

(5) Community Project Co-ordinator's Report

As Fiona was unable to attend tonight's meeting this was postponed until the next meeting.

(6) Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report.

(7) Correspondence

Incoming:

- ▲ **War Memorials-Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme** – email containing a link to application.
- ▲ **Brochures from Scottish Government** – How you can help make your community more resilient and Guide to emergency planning for community groups.

Outgoing since last meeting:

- * **HMS Sutherland** – email from John Mann suggesting projects for the crew.

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- ⤴ **John Muir Trust** – letter requesting display of leaflets and posters
- ⤴ **European Geopark Network Meeting** – email discussion among Community Council members
- ⤴ **NHS Highland** – email invitation to open day on 2nd April 2013
- ⤴ **HMS Sutherland** – email offering voluntary work in our area on 30th April.
- ⤴ **HMS Sutherland** – email forwarded from Andy Mackay with invitation from HMS Sutherland at Invergordon on Sunday 28th April.
- ⤴ **Ron Shanks Development Projects Ltd** – email requesting a nomination to represent KLB Community Council in a North & West Sutherland Charitable Trust. Gary Sutherland has volunteered to do this.
- ⤴ **Lairg Mayfest** – email from Fiona with a poster for distribution for the Lairg Mayfest attached. This will be held on Saturday 4th May.
- ⤴ **HMS Sutherland** – email from Brian Stirk suggesting the play park tidy up as an appropriate project for the crew.
- ⤴ **HMS Sutherland** – email from Alan Wormald enquiring about accommodation and tools available for the crew.
- ⤴ **Local Biomass Energy Solutions Conference 2013** – forwarded email from Fiona Donaldson. Flyer attached for conference by Andrew Adam. This is to take place on 7th May 2013.

(8) AOCB

Hugh is to get an update from the council on the problem with lying water in Bervie Road.

Action Hugh

It was decided to put discussion for the distribution of leaflets for pavement clearing on October's agenda.

Susan Robertson is in favour of First Aid courses to take place for High School pupils. Murdo and Hugh talked about who would provide these and what the costs would be.

Hugh was hoping to finalise a meeting with Ivor Souter (Highland Council Rural & Community Transport Officer), Durness Community Council and the public for next Tuesday, 12th March 2013, to discuss the introduction of a bus service to and from Lairg in the evenings. He is seeking letters of support and will report back to the Kinlochbervie Community Council on progress. Gary suggested a phone and book service.

The dentist in Lochinver is still accepting new NHS patients.

Hugh brought to the attention of the council the problem of large amounts of mackerel being dumped at sea. George Farlow has taken this up with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall who is interested in making a documentary about it.

The rubbish being washed into Loch Clash pier is still a problem. Hugh mentioned that in Shetland boats were required to land their rubbish before their catch. Christine will discuss this at the Port Committee Meeting at the end of March. Christine will also discuss this with the skippers. **Action Christine**

(9) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th May 2013 at 7pm in the Harbour Offices