

KINOCHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 06.05.14 at The Harbour Offices

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

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

(1) Apologies – Mairi Eastcroft

(2) Minutes of 04.03.14

The minutes of the meeting held on 04.03.14 were proposed for approval by Kirsty and seconded by Murdo

(3) Matters arising from Minutes 04.03.14

^ Laxford – Representatives of the Highland Council have emailed to say they are coming for a meeting at Laxford on Thursday morning (8.5.14). Gary will attend. It was agreed by council members that the chevrons should be moved and the sign on the south side removed.

^ **Ambulance Service Public Meeting**

There has been no response from Graham Macleod or Pauline Howie yet to the letter sent by Murdo despite John Thurso having acknowledged receipt of his copy. Murdo will send a hard copy of the letter to Graham Macleod and Pauline Howie along with the statistics for the area, Rob Gibson's press release and a request for a reply. A copy of this will be sent to John Thurso. **Action Murdo and Kirsty**

(b) Highland Small Communities Trust

Graham Wild reported on progress with the empty houses in the village. The NHS is selling the house in Bervie Road and the Community Company is to get possession of the house in Manse Road.

(c) Geopark

Murdo reported on the Geopark. There are two "package tours" being offered. The Pebble Route will include Kinlochbervie as it comes off The Main Spine Rock Route. The wooden skiff being built by the high school pupils with the assistance of John Wood is to be included in the publicity for the Geopark. At the moment Laura Hamlet, one of the new directors, is working at Knockan Crag.

(d) Core Paths

It was decided to contact Robert Elrick for a quote on the work required to repair the peat road bridge. Hugh will ask Matt Dent for information on the Loch Innis core path. **Action Alison and Hugh**

(e) Brochure

No further news.

(f) High School Availability

The High School has secured funding for the upgrading of the exercise facilities and they had a successful fund raising day.

(4) Community Rubbish Bins

There are to be new bins put in place this summer.

(5) Treasurer's Report

Christine gave the balance as £6,890.19 minus £3,341.66 Christmas Lights Fund and minus Brochure Funds of £456.38. Leaving a final balance of £3,092.15.

(6) Correspondence

Incoming:

- ^ **Kinlochbervie Ambulance** – press release forwarded by email from Am Bratach editor
- ^ **Cold Call Control Zone Project** – email from James Proctor
- ^ **Report on Laxford & Geopark** – letter from George Farlow (Highland Councillor)

Incoming since last meeting:

- ^ **North West Sutherland LHP Notes** – email with attached notes stating that the head teacher at Kinlochbervie would be willing to allow adults to be seen at the mobile dental unit in the school grounds.
- ^ **North West Sutherland Joint Community Council Development Meeting** – notice of meeting to be held in Scourie on 20.05.14.
- ^ **Donation to McBeath Project** – letter of thanks from Susan Robertson (Head Teacher) for a donation from the Community Council
- ^ **Ambulance Staffing** – letter from John Thurso to Kirsty with attached copy of letter to him from Pauline Howie

Outgoing since last meeting:

- ^ **Graham Macleod and Pauline Howie** – letter requesting a response to the letter from Murdo sent on behalf of the Community Council last month.

(7) AOCB

- * Closure of Service Points – ongoing
- * Dog Fouling Campaign – posters to go up on notice boards. Hugh will request a bag dispenser for Loch Clash **Action Gary and Hugh**
- * Dentist – no further news
- * Picnic Spots – Graham Wild spoke about these. Gary and Graham will attend to some of the jobs needed doing.
- * Football Pitch – Graham says funding will be coming in shortly
- * Chilled Market – waiting to hear
- * Playpark – no action so far
- * Bus from Lairg – a work in progress
- * Donation for High School pupils Vancouver trip – it has been decided that the Community Council would donate £100 to the McBeath Project.
- * Loch Clash Project – Graham reported on progress with this

(8) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd June 2014 after AGM