

## KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held on 06.11.12 at The Village Hall

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

**Also Present:** Yvonne Boa (Youth Development Officer), Alison Sinton (Minutes Secretary)

**(1) Apologies:** Fiona Donaldson (Community Project Co-ordinator),  
Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor)

**(2) Yvonne Boa (Youth Development Officer)**

Yvonne Boa came to inform the Community Council on how things were progressing with the implementation of youth facilities in KLB. So far there have been no applications for the position of Youth Worker. Yvonne has arranged "Fusion Nights" which include residents from Durness, Scourie and Kinlochbervie. When the Portakabin is opened there will be funding for evenings of talks from local people who have interesting hobbies or skills such as photography. There are also Youth Achievement Awards that young people can aim towards. She left the committee with various leaflets: Bluelight, Youthvoice, Highland Youth Conference and Sutherland Youth Conference 2012

**(3) Minutes 02.10.12**

The minutes of the meeting held on 02.10.12 were proposed for approval by Murdo Macpherson with the change in item 4(a) that Sara Harkin was not approached concerning the Geocentre site - removing "ranger walks". Seconded by Mairi Eastcroft.

**(4) Matters arising from Minutes of 02.10.12**

**a) Highland Small Communities Housing Trust**

John read an email from Morven Taylor to which Gary had replied. There was some confusion over the number in Bervie Road of the NHS house. Murdo said that the NHS would consider selling the house to the community if an interest was expressed. Gary will speak to Morven about this. **Action: Gary**

**b) Geopark**

There has been no further communication about the ranger walks. There was a meeting to find directors for the board of The North West Highlands Geopark Ltd. on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 in Scourie. There were four representatives from KLB. Stuart McHugh, Fiona Donaldson, Murdo Macpherson and Graham Wild. There followed a short discussion on the company. The Geopark and the Geocentre are separate companies so each can exist without the other. The main aim is to boost the economy of the area. The Annual Report of Sutherland Partnership was available for the committee to read. Murdo will liaise with the Community Council on progress.

**c) Port Committee**

Christine informed the committee that the project is going ahead and various people concerned are due to visit.

**d) Brochure**

Gary is meeting next week to discuss this with Donald Fisher.

**e) Core Paths**

John mentioned that a lot of drainage work is being done on the Loch Innis walk..

**f) High School Availability to the community**

This is being considered by Susan Robertson (Head Teacher) and ways to make this possible are being discussed.

**(5) Community Project Co-ordinator's Report**

Although Fiona was unable to attend the meeting copies of the October report had been distributed to the committee by email.

**(6) Treasurer's Report**

Christine reported that there was no change from October. It was decided that Andy Dawson would lay the Community Council wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

**(7) Correspondence**

**Incoming:**

- ^ **Derek Logie** <[derek@ruralhousingscotland.org](mailto:derek@ruralhousingscotland.org)> – email attaching information on Housing Minister to speak at Rural Housing Conference on 22.12.13
- ^ **Kevin Arrowsmith** email regarding Cape Wrath and DUATHON
- ^ **Proposal for Wind Farm at Creag Riabhach** – emailed document to Community Council
- ^ **Ardgay & District Community Council** - letter proposing that electoral wards in Sutherland be made smaller
- ^ **George Farlow** – email giving a date for the inaugural meeting of the Company North West Highlands Geopark Ltd.
- ^ **Andy Mackay** – email with information about the Climate Challenge Fund grants sent by Tim Mullens, Marketing and Community Action Support Programme Officer
- ^ **Sutherland Voluntary Sector Leaders Forum** -leaflet
- ^ **Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor)** forwarded email from Bill Allan about 17, Manse Road KLB

**Outgoing:**

- ^ **Alistair Munro** – email declining his offer of land
- ^ **Durness Development Group** - email as open letter in support of the Durness Development Group's attempt to secure the land surrounding the Cape Wrath lighthouse

**(8) AOCB**

- ^ Mairi mentioned that clearer signs were needed for the laundry at the pier. **Action Christine**
- ^ Christine informed the committee that the televisions in Oldshoremore were affected during military exercises. There followed some discussion on this point.

**(9) Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7pm