

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 07.05.13 at The Harbour Offices

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

Also Present: Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor), Graham Wild, David Forbes, Fiona Donaldson (Community Project Co-ordinator), Alison Sinton (Minutes)

(1) Apologies – Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer)

(2) Minutes of 05.03.13

The minutes of the meeting held on 05.03.13 were proposed for approval by Gary and seconded by Murdo.

David Forbes asked for a donation from the community council for a school trip to the Faroe Islands. Two pupils are to share a video of Kinlochbervie and establish links between the communities. It was agreed in principle to make a donation but the council would like further information as plans for the trip go along.

Graham Wild expressed concerns about a lack of policing in Kinlochbervie as PC Ian Sutherland is due to be moved to another area. He also brought the council's attention to missing ambulance staff who are due to be replaced .

(3) Matters arising from Minutes 05.03.13

(a) Highland Small Communities Housing Trust

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

(b) Geopark

Awaiting revalidation.

(c) Core Paths

The new walkway for the river on the Loch Innis Walk needs to be put into place. Hugh will try to arrange this. **Action Hugh**

(d) Brochure

Ongoing.

(e) High School Availability

Waiting on further news from next meeting.

(f) Creag Rhiabhach Wind Farm

No further news on developments.

(4) Community Project Co-ordinator's Report

Fiona commented on her Monthly Activity Summary dated April 2013 which had been distributed to community council members by email. Money is available from the discretionary fund which will be used to carry out the "Need for Housing" survey in May. It is essential that the Community Company will recoup the money for refurbishment of the two houses intended for community ownership from rent.

It was decided that Kinlochbervie Community Council would donate a hamper as a prize in a draw of people who completed and returned the "Need for Housing" forms before the closing date to encourage participation.

(5) Treasurer's Report

As Christine wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting this was postponed to the next meeting.

(6) Correspondence

Incoming since last meeting:

- ⤴ **Scottish Government** – email headed National Planning Framework3/Scottish Planning Policy-Engagement-community council liaison officers.
- ⤴ **Sallachy Wind Farm** – email from Hugh Morrison (Councillor)
- ⤴ **Sutherland District Partnership Meeting 31st May** – email with poster for display, agenda from last meeting and draft minutes attached.
- ⤴ **Historic Scotland consultation on KLB wreck**– email concerning Historic Marine Protected Areas-Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
- ⤴ **Christine Mackenzie** – email attachment of KLB Community Council accounts.

Outgoing since last meeting:

- ⤴ **Sallachy Wind Farm** – email to Hugh Morrison inquiring about assurances that Kinlochbervie would be included in the Community Benefit package.
- ⤴ **HMS Sutherland** – letter to the Commander thanking him for the voluntary work done on the play park.

(7) AOCB

Hugh is still waiting on the report on Bervie Road. **Ongoing Action**

Susan Robertson (Head Teacher) is still waiting on the final word for the go ahead of the First Aid courses at the high school. Murdo will try to facilitate their commencement. **Action Murdo**

There has been a meeting in Durness concerning public transport and discussions are ongoing concerning this.

Mairi is concerned about the shortage of firemen, particularly drivers in our area. There was a discussion about this.

Kirsty initiated a conversation on the condition of the bridge on the peat road and possible solutions to the problem were discussed.

It was agreed that a sign should be erected clearly pointing out the direction of Sandwood Bay at the car park.

(8) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th June 2013 at 7pm in The Village Hall