

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 26.05.15 at The Harbour Offices

Present: Gary Sutherland (Vice-Chair), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Murdo MacPherson (Secretary), Mairi Eastcroft, Angus Ross

Also present: Graham Wild (Kinlochbervie Community Company), Margaret Meek (Minute Secretary)

Apologies: Kirsty Holland, Hugh Morrison (Highland Councillor)

John Mann was detained en route to the meeting and arrived late. Gary Sutherland chaired.

1.0 Minutes of 28.05.15

The minutes of the meeting held on 28.05.15 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Mairi. Approved.

2.0 Matters arising from Minutes of 28.04.15

2.1 Proposed Health Care Provision Changes

Mairi reported that the receptionist at the Durness surgery would be leaving at the same time as Dr Belbin.

2.2 Highland Small Communities Trust – Manse Road House

The ownership of the house has now been transferred to the Kinlochbervie Community Company. It is hoped that it will be ready to rent by summer.

2.3 Geopark

- Murdo has passed on the Community Council's comments regarding the brochure map to Mike Goodwin and will mention it again at the next meeting.
- The planning application for the Geopod at Rhiconich has been submitted to Highland Council. Scottish Natural Heritage would like the plinths to be stone but there are no funds for this.
- Mike Goodwin and Graham Wild have spoken about the Rhiconich notice board.
- The Unapool Geocentre is open. The plan is for daily opening with a staff person on duty 5 days a week and volunteers recruited for the remainder.
- The Geopark hosted a successful conference for area businesses.
- The Geopark and Scourie Community Council are moving towards an agreement for development and use of the permanent Geocentre in Scourie.

Action: *Murdo will speak to George Farlow at the next Geopark meeting regarding the possibility of multi-purpose road signage (Geopod, notice board, toilets).*

2.4 Core Paths

Matt Dent has the signs and will install them when his schedule permits. Regarding the proposed work at the bridge, the statement regarding SEPA's concerns has not yet been received. The project will be put into the budget for the next round of Council funding but Matt is not hopeful. It was agreed that the bridge surface is currently a hazard and requires immediate attention.

Action: *Murdo and Graham will ask Johnny Robb to resurface the bridge in a manner similar to the one at Droman. The Community Council will pay.*

2.5 Kinlochbervie High School Community Gym

The gym will be open shortly; opening hours will be 8:00 am – 9:30 pm with entry via a coded panel. Users require an induction.

2.6 Football Pitch and Play Park

Christine reported that the lease has been renewed for 10 years and that it will be renewable after that.

2.7 Loch Clash Project

Graham met last week with Andy MacKay. Unfortunately, Alan Webster (Vacant and Derelict Land Fund) was unable to attend. The Community Company has received quotations for project management services and these will be reviewed by Andy MacKay.

2.8 Benches at Droman

Graham has the wood and will make the repairs when the weather is better.

2.9 Storm Damage

Only part of the problem has been addressed.

2.10 Oldshoremore Beach

David De Boer has put in posts and a guide rope.

Action: *Margaret Meek will send a letter to David De Boer expressing the Community Council's thanks.*

2.11 Commemorative Paving Stone

The paving stone will go to Aberdeenshire as this is thought to be Robert McBeath's birthplace. But his strongest connection is with Kinlochbervie and plans are underway to commission a replica stone and host an event in Kinlochbervie in 2017.

2.12 Policeman

The new policeman is in place.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

There has been no change since the last meeting. Christine tabled a financial statement.

4.0 Correspondence

None.

5.0 A.O.C.B.

5.1 Sandwood Snack Shack

There has been a planning application for a Snack Shack in the Sandwood car park. Neither the John Muir Trust nor the immediate neighbour is objecting. No community member has approached the Community Council about the matter.

5.2 Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on 30 June 2015 at 7:00 pm with a regular meeting to follow.

Action: Margaret will put up notices in the shops and garage.

5.3 Meeting Minutes

Minutes used to be available in the garage but this practice has not been followed lately.

Action: Margaret will deposit copies of the draft minutes in the garage.

5.4 Geopark Minutes

Gary will put the Geopark minutes on the community website.

6.0 Date of Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 June 2015 at the Harbour Offices at 7:00 pm followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Community Council.