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28/06/2016**

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 31 May 2016 in the Harbour Conference Room

Present: Gary Sutherland (Chair), Kirsty Holland (Vice-Chair), Christine MacKenzie (Treasurer), Murdo Macpherson (Secretary), Mairi Eastcroft.

Also present: Hugh Morrison (Councillor), Graham Wild (Community Company).

Apologies: George Farlow (Councillor), Margaret Meek.

Minutes of Previous meeting: proposed Kirsty Holland, seconded Murdo MacPherson

Matters Arising

Healthcare Changes – Adverts have gone out for another GP for the KLB/Scourie/Durness Practice. There has been a lack of continuity with 20 Locums in the last 6 months. Dr Anne Berrie is now working part time until her proposed retirement in 4 years' time.

17 Manse Road – All funds are in place. Just waiting for the 2 sets of solicitors to finalise the transfer of ownership.

18 Manse Road – Graham Wild spoke to George Farlow, while the transfer of the property has been authorised it will have to wait until an H/C resources meeting in August to get the formal go ahead.

Geopark – there have been changes to the Rock Stop in Unapool. The café has been franchised to Clive Ward of Drumbeg. The Geopark's own staff will run the exhibition side.

There has been internal restructuring of roles within the management of the Geopark. Extra directors have been appointed. Mike Goodwin, now that he is no longer an employee, has been appointed as a director. Pete Harrison is still an employee. There is an "Augmented Reality Sandbox" being installed. This has a computer, digital camera and projector so that you can see how a landscape will form over time in different conditions. The public will be able to operate the box.

Shona MacMillan, as manager, will promote the Geopark and seek funding.

Core Paths – No Further information

Football Pitch – Funding application to Sports Scotland was turned down on the basis that they do not fund maintenance or repair. As the condition of the facility is beyond that stage approaches have been made clarify the situation to Sports Scotland in the hope they will still fund the project.

Loch Clash Project – This is progressing, the concrete and the culvert pipes are on site awaiting installation if the weather holds. The picnic tables at the other end of Loch Clash will be reinstated.

Benches at Droman – Will need repainted before they are installed.

Loch Clash Sheds – Dougal Lindsay of Reay Forest has offered the sheds to the Community Company. Graham Wild is looking into this.

Droman Pier – Still no information from Tony Usher

Community Broadband – No update

Garage Noticeboard – No Update

Signs to indicate proper use of single track roads – with the popularity of the North Coast 500 there is increased traffic often in convoy which is causing problems. 8 new signs are to be installed between Rhiconich and Hope and leaflets in 4 languages have been produced to explain the Highway Code as it applies to single track roads.

Kinlochbervie Approach Signs – Murdo Macpherson will speak to Barry Pearson about the design.

Oldshoremore Car Park – the dog waste bin adjacent to the carpark has been repaired. Dog bins and roadside bins in other parts of the area have not been emptied. Hugh will chase this up. The Highland Council will no longer supply dog waste bags.

Patient Transport – the HQ has been moved from Inverness to the Central Belt. This is having a negative impact on the service. A joint meeting will be organised to find a solution that works for remote and rural areas. Hugh will let us know when the meeting is arranged so that we can send a representative.

Minute Secretary – No applicants as yet, members were encouraged to approach likely candidates.

Bus Shelter – A site has been identified near the Filling Station. Highland Council will arrange installation but as yet we do not have a date for this.

Access to Oldshoremore Beach – J R Morrison will do remedial work when he gets a chance.

Policing Survey – this was submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Community Council balance £2864.89, Christmas Lights £3,652.39, Brochure £456.38 and War Memorial Fund 244.45

Correspondence – Ward boundary change information – our ward is not subject to change.

AOCB - Achfary School Closure there will be a meeting in Scourie regarding where any future Achfary children go to school. Traditionally this would be Scourie but some of the information put out regarding the closure mentioned Kinlochbervie. HMI Inspectors are overseeing the closure process to ensure all procedures are followed.

Murdo will draft a letter of thanks to the John Muir Trust for the clean-up work they undertook on Oldshoremore and other beaches locally.

Tongue Community Council has organised a meeting on 11.6.16 for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the surrounding Community Councils to identify issues of common concern.

New Ambulance Technician – A new person is being appointed, enquiries are being made to identify suitable accommodation. The Police House at Rhiconich has been offered as a short term solution should it be required.

Speed Sign at Laxford – The sign has not been working for a while. Hugh will try and identify a timescale for it being repaired.

Loch Innis – The wooden barrier at the outfall of the loch is starting to rot. Hugh will have a look and draw it to the attention of the Highland Council for repair – if the barrier belongs to Highland Council.

With the next meeting being an AGM Gary Sutherland intimated that due to family circumstances he may be leaving the area and that he will not be available for re-election to the post of chairman.

Date of next meeting 28.6.16 Ordinary meeting followed by AGM