

Approved  
30 August 2016

## KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held on 28 June 2016 at The Harbour Offices

**Present:** Gary Sutherland (Chair), Kirsty Holland (Vice-Chair), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Murdo MacPherson (Secretary), Margaret Meek (Minutes)

**Also present:** Hugh Morrison (Local Councillor), Graham Wild (Kinlochbervie Community Company)

**Apologies:** Mairi Eastcroft, Hugh Morrison

### 1.0 Minutes of 31 May 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2016 were proposed for approval by Kirsty and seconded by Murdo. The minutes were approved.

### 2.0 Matters arising from Minutes of 31 May 2016

#### 2.1 Health Care Changes

There has been no response to advertisements for another GP for the KLB/Scourie/Durness practice.

#### 2.217 Manse Road

The lease has been signed and work has begun.

#### 2.318 Manse Road

In August, the Highland Council Resources Committee will consider whether 18 Manse Road is surplus to requirements and can be transferred to the Kinlochbervie Community Company.

#### 2.4 Geopark

Murdo reported the following:

- The Rock Stop is popular.
- The Augmented Reality Sandbox at the Rock Stop very popular and extremely impressive.
- There will be article on the Sandbox in an upcoming geology magazine.
- There will be a Geopark Board meeting tomorrow.

## **2.5 Football Pitch and Play Park**

Alan Jones has been in discussion with Sport Scotland; it is hoped that they will reconsider.

## **2.6 Loch Clash Project**

The work is nearing completion.

The Community Company has been awarded a grant from Awards for All for £9,200 to be put towards the preparation of an Options Appraisal and Business Plan. As the budget is £12,000 a further £2,800 must be raised.

A pre-application for Highland Leader has been submitted for the Business Plan shortfall, concept plans, energy consultants to advise on design and architectural drawings.

## **2.7 Benches at Droman**

George Fulton will take 1-2 benches to Droman.

## **2.8 Loch Clash Sheds**

Dougal Lindsay (Reay Forest) has offered the sheds to the Community Company but the Duke of Westminster will need to approve.

## **2.9 Community Broadband**

Margaret represented the Community Company at a meeting held on June 13 with representatives from communities from the West and North coasts. The purpose was to discuss whether the communities should join up. Community broadband in Kinlochbervie would not be viable unless run completely by volunteers. None of the communities had the appetite to “go it alone” but wished to co-operate.

The Scottish Government has announced a target of all Scottish households having access to broadband speeds of 30 mbs by 2021. Community Broadband Scotland will be taking a more proactive role and will carry out a post code study of current broadband availability throughout the Highlands.

The above developments mean that a technical options study for Kinlochbervie alone is no longer a priority.

## 2.10 Garage Notice Board

There is no news.

## 2.11 Tourist Traffic

Hugh stated that the Council would be getting instructional signs on how to use passing places and repositioning some of the existing ones.

## 2.12 Signage at Kinlochbervie Turnoff

Barry Pearson has been consulted and will produce a design.

## 2.13 Oldshoremore Car Park

The dog waste bins were emptied shortly after the last meeting.

## 2.14 Patient Transport

It would be helpful if Steven Gorman of the Ambulance Service could attend a Community Council meeting.

## 2.15 Minute Secretary

There still have been no applicants for the Minute Secretary position. It was agreed to increase payment to £50 per meeting (from £40). Margaret will do a new sign which will advertise the rate, state that there are 10 meetings per year and provide an email address: [communitycouncil@kinlochbervie.info](mailto:communitycouncil@kinlochbervie.info)

### Action:

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>
1	New advertisement	Margaret

## 2.16 Bus Shelter

This is on-going.

## 2.17 New Ambulance Position

The family will be moving to Kinlochbervie in July. One person will take up a post of paramedic/nurse while her husband will begin training in Inverness as an ambulance technician.

## 2.18 Access to Oldshoremore Beach

Dave De Boer continues to repair the steps as required.

## 2.19 Speed Sign at Laxford

This sign is still not working.

### Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Confirm the timetable for repair.	Hugh

## 2.20 John Muir Trust

Murdo has spoken to Don O'Driscoll but has not yet drafted a letter of thanks to the John Muir Trust for the clean-up work they have undertaken at Oldshoremore and other local beaches.

### Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Letter to John Muir Trust	Murdo

## 2.21 Meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Gary attended a joint meeting of area Chairs and Vice-Chairs that had been organised by Tongue Community Council. The meeting was very positive. There was agreement that the area needs its own tourist identity and should have a joined-up approach.

## 2.22 Loch Innis

The wooden barrier at the outfall of the loch has been repaired.

## 3.0 Treasurer's Report

The Community council has received its £850 Annual Grant. There has been no other activity this month. The Council will need to pay John Robert Morrison for work done and for work done on the picnic tables.

## **4.0 Correspondence**

None.

## **5.0 A.O.C.B.**

### **5.1 New Bus Timetable Brochure**

The Melness and Tongue Development Group have published a bus timetable for the North which has been widely distributed. It was noted, however, that the maps contained some locational errors. If anyone didn't get a copy, there are lots at the Rhiconich Hotel.

### **5.2 Toilets**

Hugh reported that the Council is looking at handing over public toilets to the community and would give each community £280 per month to employ a local person to clean them.

### **5.3 Works Report**

Hugh reported that white lining would start in September and grass cutting would start in the next couple of weeks. The Council was looking into replacing crash barriers.

Kinlochbervie has 3 Works employees instead of 4. Lochinver is short 3 staff. Throughout Ward 1, there are 10 vacancies. Hugh suggested that one possibility was to employ school leavers in trainee positions. There should be local advertisements; My Jobs Scotland is not enough.

### **5.4 Skills Education**

Hugh reported that some Ullapool high school pupils stay in the hostel on Thursdays and then go to Inverness for college on Fridays. It was agreed that this arrangement could be very useful for Kinlochbervie High School pupils.

### **5.5 North West Training Centre**

Margaret Meek (Chair, North West Training Centre) reported that Scourie Community Council had given the group a grant of £250 and asked whether Kinlochbervie Community Council could provide a similar amount. It was agreed to provide the NWTC a grant of £250.

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 August 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.