

Approved
27 September 2016

KINOCHELVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 30 August 2016 at The Harbour Offices

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

Also present: Hugh Morrison (Local Councillor)

Apologies: Mairi Eastcroft, George Silcock

1.0 Minutes of 28 June 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2016 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Murdo. The minutes were approved.

2.0 Matters arising from Minutes of 28 June 2016

2.1 Health Care Changes

There has been no progress in the search for another GP for the KLB/Scourie/Durness practice.

2.217 Manse Road

Graham reported that much work had been happening at 17 Manse Road and that two quotes had been received for the decorating work.

2.318 Manse Road

Graham reported that Highland Council has agreed to transfer 18 Manse Road to the Community Company. The lease was in the hands of the solicitors. It would be a copy of the lease for 17 Manse Road with a slight alteration. More funds need to be raised for its repair and renovation. Ultimately the house will be let through the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust.

2.4 Geopark

Murdo reported the following:

- The Geopark's financial position is better than was originally thought.
- The Board has been reorganised so that each member takes on specific roles.
- The positions for Community Council representatives from Durness and Scourie are currently vacant.
- The Board will seek core funding from the Scottish Government.

- The Rock Stop is going well.
- The Geopark's Marketing Officer has been seconded to the Scourie Community Development Group for two days per week to work on plans to develop the Scourie Centre.
- The Board decided that the Geopark would retain an educational focus that was in line with other Geoparks.
- An advertisement for Earth Sciences Week Geopark will be on buses in Inverness; the design was done by two local high school pupils: Gemma Flett and Caitlin Corbett.

Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Email Geopark meeting notes to Kinlochbervie Community Council members	Murdo

2.5 Football Pitch and Play Park

There has been no news since the June meeting.

2.6 Loch Clash Project

Graham reported that the site's signs were installed on 25 August 2016 and the first visitors were received the next day. Visitors and local people have made some positive suggestions as to how to improve the site; e.g. a drinking water pipe (will be installed).

With respect to Phase 2, Margaret reported that the Community Company was still searching for the £2,800 shortfall for the Options Appraisal and Business Plan. Highland Leader staff were initially very positive about our proposal particularly for the Business Plan shortfall and for the preparation of concept designs (to include community feedback). However, there have arisen a number of bureaucratic hurdles which make it impossible to take the application further. The Business Plan shortfall (£2,800) is ineligible because we have already appointed a consultant and the concept design portion (£1,500) is ineligible because it doesn't have match funding. Graham stated that the whole Highland Leader process is delayed generally because staff are still working on a new application process. The Awards for All grant must be spent within 12 months and Company has decided not to take the Leader application further.

2.7 Benches at Droman

The benches need painting.

2.8 Loch Clash Sheds

Graham reported that the Reay Forest Estate has agreed to transfer the sheds to the Kinlochbervie Community Company.

2.9 Community Broadband

BT are currently in the process of installing the cabinet.

The “postcodes” study to be undertaken by Community Broadband Scotland has not yet begun. This study will identify who can and cannot receive broadband on a postcode basis.

2.10 Garage Notice Board

The sign at Rhiconich is out of date. When it is replaced, the old sign will be moved to the garage.

2.11 Tourist Traffic

Hugh reported that the new “passing places” instructional signs have been installed between Durness and Kinlochbervie. In addition, the North Coast 500 has 10,000 road safety brochures.

2.12 Signage at Kinlochbervie Turnoff

Barry Pearson has agreed to do a design.

Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Remind Barry	Murdo

2.13 Oldshoremore Car Park

One of the big bins is missing its lid. Also one of the passing places on the road to the beach is being used to store construction materials and another passing place is periodically used for car parking.

Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Follow up on missing lid and passing places	Hugh

2.14 Patient Transport

A meeting to discuss patient transport is scheduled for Assynt. It was agreed to wait for the outcome of this meeting before asking Steven Gorman of the Ambulance Service to attend a meeting in Kinlochbervie.

2.15 Minute Secretary

Margaret has not yet put up a new sign. It was agreed that the sign would direct enquiries to Graham as he will shortly be assuming the role of Chairman.

Action:

	Action	Who?
1	New advertisement	Margaret

2.16 Bus Shelter

The foundations have been installed.

2.17 New Ambulance Position

The family have moved to Kinlochbervie.

2.18 Speed Sign at Laxford

Hugh has enquired about the sign but it is still not working.

2.19 John Muir Trust

Murdo not yet written to the John Muir Trust thanking the group for clean-up work done at Oldshoremore and other local beaches. He will also thank the Trust for recent path building at Oldshoremore.

Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Letter to John Muir Trust	Murdo

2.20 Meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

There will be another joint meeting of area Chairs and Vice-Chairs in September.

2.21 Toilets

The Highland Council is considering closing some of its toilets. Hugh stated that although closure was under discussion, the popularity of the North Coast 500 has brought about a change of view about the need for toilets.

2.22 Works Report

Grass cutting has started. Painting white lines and arrows on the roads will begin shortly. There are still staff vacancies.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

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

4.0 Correspondence

4.1 Rob Donn Project

Ronnie Lansley (Durness) has written about a project that will celebrate the life of Durness poet, Rob Donn. The organisers would like to put up an interpretive panel in Kinlochbervie. The Council agreed to support the proposal and is in favour of the site proposed by Ronnie at Achriesgill.

Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Letter to Ronnie Lansley offering the support of Kinlochbervie Community for the project as a whole and for display board to be situated at Achriesgill.	Murdo

4.2 Oldshoremore Camping and Caravan Proposal

Alexander Munro has asked that the Community Company give its support to his proposal for a camping and caravan site on his croft at Oldshoremore. Members agreed to invite Mr Munro to come to the next Council meeting and present his plans.

Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Contact Alexander Munro and invite him to the next meeting.	Murdo

5.0 A.O.C.B.

5.1 New Appointments at Kinlochbervie High School

Graeme Smart has been appointed as Acting Head and Heather Paterson has been appointed as Acting Depute.

5.2 New Community Council Chair

Graham has agreed to take over as Chairman of the Community Council.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.