

Approved  
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## KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 25 October 2016 at The Harbour Offices

**Present:** Graham Wild (Chair), Murdo MacPherson (Secretary), Christine MacKenzie, Margaret Meek (Minutes)

**Also present:** Lorne Robertson (resident)

**Apologies:** Gary Sutherland, Kirsty Holland, Mairi Eastcroft, Hugh Morrison, George Silcock

#### 1.0 Minutes of 27 September 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2016 were proposed for approval by Margaret and seconded by Murdo. The minutes were approved.

#### 2.0 Matters arising from Minutes of 27 September 2016

##### 2.1 Various Oldshoremore Matters

- Murdo has written to Alexander Munro giving the Community Council's support in principle for his ideas about developing camping facilities. His plans are at an early stage.
- Margaret reported on waste bins in the Oldshoremore car park. The missing lid has been replaced. There is one large bin sitting on either side of the toilet block. The small "dog waste" bin was replaced with a bigger one but this was soon filled to overflowing with household waste from campervans that park there. This bin has now been removed.
- Margaret reported that one of the passing places on the road to Oldshoremore is used for parking when the adjacent land owner is visiting. The particular passing place is at a sharp corner where visibility is limited and poses a danger.
- Graham had received complaints about cattle on the beach. He spoke to the owners (the Osbornes) who see the beach as a public area and said there should be no livestock on the beach below the high water mark. It is the crofter's responsibility to keep cattle off the beach. It is a grey area as the cattle tend to stay very close to the machair. Clarification is needed.
- A local resident has been in touch to say that the road between Kinlochbervie and Oldshoremore and beyond is becoming dangerous with increased tourist traffic. A simple partial solution might be "Drive with Caution" signs.

**Action:**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>
1	Email Hugh Morrison and George Silcock to point out the above issues.	Margaret

## **2.2 Health Care Changes**

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

## **2.3 17 Manse Road**

Graham reported that work is continuing on 17 Manse Road. In recent days the electrician has been on site and the kitchen will be installed shortly.

## **2.4 18 Manse Road**

Margaret has written to the solicitors regarding timing for the lease for 18 Manse Road.

## **2.5 Geopark**

Murdo reported that the Geopark had held a meeting in Kinlochbervie yesterday that was preceded by a tour of the Pier. They were very impressed with the development.

Murdo reported on the meeting:

- There is a partnership project involving Geoparks on the Atlantic Ocean. Called Drifting Apart, there are aspects such as a computer simulation which would be of great benefit to the Geopark. There are other aspects that the Geopark is less interested in but form part of the overall project. The Geopark would have to pay into the project and there would be a lot of work involved. There will be further discussions with other Geoparks.
- The CEO/Marketing Officer of the Geopark has resigned. The position will likely be re-advertised as an Administration Officer. The person will take on day-to-day administration as well as sourcing funding opportunities and writing grant applications.
- The proposed Geocentre in Scourie is progressing. If any problems are encountered that jeopardise the development, it would be possible to go back to the concept of a centre in Scourie plus small satellite centres.
- The Geopark Guide will be rewritten and will be sold.
- The current leaflets will be put together and sold as a single document.
- There has been some discussion about enlarging the Rock Stop.
- The Rock Stop has been very busy and all of the stock has been sold.
- It is planned to increase the range of souvenirs with T-shirts, fleeces, buffs, books, etc.

**Action:**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>
1	Distribute the approved minutes to the Community Council mailing list and also to Gary for inclusion on the community web site.	Murdo

**2.6 Football Pitch and Play Park**

There has been no progress. The Planning for Play Association is going to write to Sport Scotland regarding the football pitch as there has been no further word from them. A further funding application has been made for the play park and word is expected shortly.

**2.7 Loch Clash Project**

Graham reported that he visits frequently and there has been a very positive response from users. Visitors have also made positive suggestions for improvement. A local resident has complained to Highland Council staff that the user cost is too low. Margaret undertook a survey of comparable sites (average fee £13 per night for sites that have up to 5 pitches, electrical hookup, fresh water, waste facilities). Graham wrote to our funders at Highland Council outlining the results of the survey.

The Company was unsuccessful in finding the shortfall funds for the Business Plan and decided to go ahead with a slightly reduced version of the Plan. A decision on the application for the design charrette is expected in mid-November.

**2.8 Benches at Droman**

The benches are currently being painted.

**2.9 Loch Clash Sheds**

The sheds have not been transferred yet. Quotations are required for a new roof and new stonework.

**2.10 Community Broadband**

Margaret reported that the Ullapool community broadband proposal received enough subscribers and the project will be going ahead. There have been no further developments from Community Broadband Scotland regarding promised studies. BT OpenReach were at work recently in the village installing the cabinet.

**2.11 Garage Notice Board**

A notice board is no longer needed because the new bus shelter has provision for notices.

## 2.12 Signage at Kinlochbervie Turnoff

There has been no further news.

## 2.13 Patient Transport

There has been no news on whether Assynt Community Council has had the planned meeting on patient transport.

### Action:

	Action	Who?
1	Contact Assynt Community Council for an update.	Murdo

## 2.14 Minute Secretary

There is no further news.

## 2.15 Speed Sign at Laxford

The speed sign is still not working.

## 2.16 Meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

The planned autumn meeting of Community Council Chairs and Vice-Chairs will now take place in November. The groups involved are Assynt, Lochinver, Scourie, Kinlochbervie, Durness and Tongue.

## 2.17 Works Report

There is a definite vacancy in Kinlochbervie. It should be advertised via *myjobscotland* within the next fortnight.

## 2.18 Rob Donn Project

Murdo reported that the MacKay Country display board could go at Rhiconich – either at the Geopark pod or by the Community Council Board. This may be a better location than Achriesgill.

### **3.0 Treasurer's Report**

Christine reported that there is £3,894 in the account and that the only outstanding payable is the paint for the benches.

There is £289.41 in the War Memorial Fund. Activity this month includes the purchase of a memorial wreath and the pay-in of £93.36 from the sale of plastic carrier bags at Bervie Stores.

### **4.0 Discussion of Works Priorities for 2017**

As Hugh Morrison was unable to attend the meeting, it was decided to move this item to the November meeting. A brief discussion identified the safety of the road from Kinlochbervie and beyond and on-going problems with dog fouling.

### **5.0 Correspondence**

#### **5.1 Email from George Silcock**

George Silcock sent his apologies but sent an email with a note about police advice to be raised at the meeting. These included advice on scam emails/telephone calls and the need to ensure household security.

A copy of the email is attached.

#### **5.2 Email re Highland Council Redesigning for Community Action**

As part of the process of considering a redesign of Highland Council, an event has been arranged for 11 November in Inverness called "Redesigning for Community Action". Margaret will attend the event.

A copy of the poster is attached.

#### **5.3 Cape Wrath Range Notice**

Notice of Cape Wrath Range activity for November 2016 – no activity. Graham Wild mentioned that the distribution list needs updating.

A copy of the poster is attached.

### **6.0 A.O.C.B.**

#### **6.1 Appointment of Community Council Representatives on the Community Company Board of Directors**

The Annual General Meeting of the Kinlochbervie Community Company takes place tomorrow 26 October 2016. Two members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the Community Council.

It was decided to appoint Christine MacKenzie and Margaret Meek to the Board of Directors of the Kinlochbervie Community Company.

## 6.2 Memorial Wreath

A person will need to be asked to present the wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service. Two names were mentioned: Lee Molloy and Thomas Forbes.

## 6.3 Money for War Memorials

Lorne Robertson stated that as part of government initiatives to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I, there was money available to refurbish war memorials across Scotland. Community Council members felt that Kinlochbervie's war memorial was in good condition. However, it might be possible to get funding for maintenance or to host an event. Suggestions as to who to contact for further information included Highland Council, Poppy Scotland and the British Legion.

### Action:

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>
1	Find out more about this funding initiative.	Murdo

## 6.4 Parking Problems on Bervie Road

Several unmarked parking spaces are provided at the end of Bervie Road. A local resident has suggested that line markings be applied in the parking area to encourage good use of the space.

### Action:

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>
1	Contact Hugh Morrison about the possibility of putting in line markings to define the parking spaces.	Margaret

## 7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on ~~Tuesday 29 November 2016~~ at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

***Date of next meeting changed to: Tuesday 22 November 2016.***