

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting 28th March 2017 at The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Graham Wild (Chair), Murdo Macpherson (Secretary), Kirsty Holland, Hugh Morrison, Margaret Meek, Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), PC George Silcock, Maaike Silcock (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mairi Eastcroft, Gary Sutherland

2. MINUTES 28/02/2017

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February 2017 were proposed for approval by Kirsty and seconded by Murdo. The minutes were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 28TH FEBRUARY 2017

- 3.1 **Oldshoremore matters** – No further updates on the planning application from Alexander Munro.
- 3.2 **Health Care Changes** – As last month: The NHS 24 is now in place. This means that after surgery hours, any medical issue is assessed by NHS24 over the phone and it will be their decision whether a Doctor is called or an Ambulance.
- 3.3 **Manse Road** – there has been a bit of a delay with the new boiler. Anew programming unit is needed.
- 3.4 **Geopark** – The Geopark's project 'Drifting Apart', must pay its subscription which amounts to quite a large sum. This will put a bit of strain on the funds available, though it is expected to gain money from the project which will more than cover the expense. The Rock Stop's lease holder may not be able to renew the lease due to health issues. The result of this will be that food services will be reduced to teas, coffees, cakes and sandwiches. There is the possibility that it will be taken back into Geopark hands and that someone is employed to run it, being paid a wage as well as a percentage of the profits. Scottish Government has not yet responded to the business plan.
- 3.5 **Play Park** - The application is progressing. Funds will be supplied by Leader and the play park should be finished by October 2017.
The football pitch application is still with Sport Scotland.
- 3.6 **Loch Clash Project** - The price for a hook-up has been increased to £15 per night. The site has been very well received by tourists who are keen to have more sites like this one in the area.
- 3.7 **Loch Clash Sheds** - The paper work is in the hands of the solicitors.
- 3.8 **Community Broadband** - Anyone who is not within the 2 miles from the cabinet that supplies the superfast Broadband, that would like an alternative, may like to have a look at the Community Company Website where there is information on grants available for installing a satellite for better internet connection.
- 3.9 **Signage at Kinlochbervie Turnoff** - There is no further news. Murdo will speak with Barry Pearson.

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- 3.10 **Patient Transport** - Graham Phillips, the committee member, will report back within 4 months to the Group of Six and the general public.
 - 3.11 **War Memorial** - There is some deterioration in the appearance of the War Memorial. Vancouver Police have donated a commemorative plaque which is due for delivery on 17th August. On the 15th September it gets laid, so before then, the Highland Council War Memorial Liaison, Alf Leslie, may help with sourcing funds to smarten up the Memorial.
 - 3.12 **Police Station House** - No more news on the letting of the Police Station House.
 - 3.13 **Range Notice** - The Range is in operation.
 - 3.14 **Sutherland Community Partnership** -Graham Wild and Michael Simpson attended a meeting to discuss all issues of Northern Scotland. NW Sutherland area was not discussed.
 - 3.15 **Dog Waste Bins** - Hugh Morrison will make inquiries as to who should be emptying the bins. They do not appear to be emptied often enough.
 - 3.16 **Alison Sinton** was reported to happy with the letter of support.
 - 3.17 **Sam Barnes** - A cheque for £200 will be given to Sam to buy equipment for the MMA classes.
- 4. DISCUSSION OF WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2017**
- 4.1 There are 14 'Passing Place' signs missing or have lost their luminosity between Rhiconich and Durness.
 - 4.2 Speed sign at Laxford - Hugh Morrison and Murdo Macpherson will write a letter to Graham Mackenzie stressing the importance of having the broken road sign repaired.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - There is £3381.88 in the account. A cheque for £200 will be written to Sam Barnes for equipment for teaching the MMA classes. £2.39 spent on copy paper.
6. **POLICE REPORT** - No Police matters to report. PC Silcock advised that any community advice messages for social media sites are coordinated through Police social media messaging.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None received.
8. **AOCB**
- 8.1 Group of 6 - There is £1000 available from the Ward Discretionary Budget to use for general expenses.
 - 8.2 Community Council Elections - George Farlow is retiring and Murdo agreed to write a letter of thanks to George for all his services. Hugh Morrison and Linda Munro will be going for re-election.
 - 8.3 Funding for Chill Market - Authorization has been received for funding to build the Chill Market.
 - 8.4 Harbour Master - The Harbour Master has resigned and the post for the new Harbour Master will be advertised in due course.
 - 8.5 Home Fire Safety Checks – Information will be available shortly.
9. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25th April 2017** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 28/03/2017

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.9	Signage at KLB turnoff	Murdo	Ongoing
3.15	Inquiries about who empties the dog waste bins.	Hugh	Ongoing
3.17	Write a cheque to Sam Barnes	Christine	Ongoing
4.1	Inquire about missing 'Passing Place signs between Rhiconich and Durness	Hugh	Ongoing
4.2	Laxford speed sign repair	Hugh and Murdo	Ongoing
8.2	Write a letter of thanks to George Farlow	Murdo	Ongoing
8.5	Information on how to book a Fire Safety Check	Kirsty	Ongoing