

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting 29th August 2017 at The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Graham Wild (Chair), Hugh Morrison, Kirsty Holland, Gary Sutherland, Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Mairi Eastcroft, Maaike Silcock (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Murdo MacPherson, Margaret Meek, PC George Silcock

2. **MINUTES 27/06/2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th June 2017 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Gary. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 30th May 2017**

3.1 **Geopark** – No report from the Geopark, except that The Rock Stop has been very popular this summer and is doing good business.

3.2 **Loch Clash Project** –The mis-information in the Brit Stops Magazine is still causing the occasional problem, but also being praised for the excellent stop over. There is now a sign up providing local information.

3.3 **Community Broadband** – Unfortunately, this will get slower and slower for those not on fibre. However, 4G is being trialled in Kinlochbervie and Scourie.

EE coverage should also be improving as the Emergency Services are all on EE and they aim to have coverage on all drivable roads.

4. **DISCUSSION OF WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2017**

4.1 Grass cutting has been done privately, by the KLB residents. There is only one person doing everything from Lochinver right up to Durness. Hugh is looking into the inadequacy of this, as grass is covering up road signs, etc.

4.2 Ruben Brown from Highland Council came to look at the Skunk Cabbage growth. He acknowledged the problem and is working on having it dug out.

4.3 The sign at Laxford Bridge is now WORKING!

4.4 All the waste bins now have proper stickers, indicating what waste can be put in them. An email sent by Gary Cameron to Andy Shaw stated that all static bins can accept dog waste.

4.5 The work on the fish market is to start in October and hopefully be finished by the end of January.

4.6 The road surrounding the cattle grid at the top of The Brae has been beautifully repaired.

- 4.7 After the flooding of the Village Hall, it was agreed that the drains need to be checked several times a year, as the insurance of the hall may otherwise be compromised. The KLB road team will clear the left hand side of the Burn to open it out a bit.
- 4.8 With the increasing number of tourists, the bins and bottle banks are overflowing alarmingly. Hugh will make some inquiries before the November Meeting (Highland Council)? To see if something can be done before next Summer to increase the frequency of waste collection, or have additional bins in place.
- 5 **TREASURER'S REPORT** – There is £2436 in the account. £3600 has been appointed for Christmas Lights
- 6 **POLICE REPORT** – No Police Report.
- 7 **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 7.1 Gary received notification that the laundry service has doubled to £5 a wash and £5 for the drier. This increase may result in less income rather than the anticipated increase as fewer people may now use these services as they are too expensive. This also risks the service being removed altogether, as it is not generating enough income. Better advertising may increase its use. Gary wrote to suggest an increase from £2.50 to £3.00 but has had no reply.
- 7.2 The mobile Dentist will no longer be coming to KLB for the children's dental care. This matter is being taken up by Hugh with the NHS representative who was at the Sutherland Partnership meeting. Gail Ross has also written to the NHS about this matter.
- 7.3 Oldshoremore Beach access road has been discussed with the result that Graham has written to 'Planning' suggesting that further passing places should be made and enforcing the 'No Parking' regulation in the existing passing places.
- 7.4 The NC500 appears to be developing more and more 'unofficial' passing places with the result that very deep holes are forming at the side of the road, posing a serious hazard to drivers. NC500 have also ordered 10000 road safety brochures. An extra 2000 have been ordered by the KLB CC for distribution.
- 7.5 There is concern that the number of camping pods planned for the development on Mr. Munro's croft is to be increased. Applications are now for an 18 pod Glamping site and a 32 bed hostel with a 36 bay car park. Amendments to the planning application were made on the 5th Sept. 2017. There is concern that the infrastructure will not cope with the additional people/cars/sewage/etc.
- 7.6 Hugh will enquire why the 2 large bins at the Oldshoremore Carpark have been reduced to one small one.
- 8 **AOCB** –
- 8.1 The Robert MacBeath Memorial is to receive a substantial donation from Tesco's as well as a donation from the Kinlochbervie Community Council. The railings have been sanded and painted and KLB CC will pay a shortfall donation.
- 8.2 Graham is to pay a visit to Ledmore Quarry to discuss the acquisition of white chippings for the Memorial as telephone calls have been unsuccessful. Hugh will also try to find out who is best to get in touch with.
- 8.3 Fencing at the Heli Pad has not been done yet, but Johnny Rob has sent a quote for £675.

8.4 The new play park is looking fantastic. Murdo will write a note of thanks from the KLB CC to the volunteers who helped to get the site ready for the contractors and post it on the KLB website.

8.5 Hugh will write a thank you note to Alec for all the work he has done to clear the roads from the debris that the recent flooding created.

9 **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26th September 2017** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 29/08/2017

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.4	Looking into the number of people employed to cut the grass	Hugh	ongoing
3.11	Trying to organise better waste facilities for next year's tourist season	Hugh	ongoing
6.6	Oldshoremore bins	Hugh	ongoing
7.2	Ledmore quarry visit	Graham	ongoing
7.4	Play Park thank you to volunteers	Murdo	ongoing
7.5	Thank you letter to Alec	Hugh	ongoing