

**KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at The Harbour Offices**

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Murdo MacPherson, Gary Sutherland, PC George Silcock

2. **MINUTES 26/09/2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were proposed for approval by Mairi and seconded by Kirsty. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> September 2017**

3.1 **Geopark** – Mike Goodwin, George Farlow and Stuart McHugh have all resigned from the Geopark.

3.2 **Loch Clash Project** – It was suggested that the ‘Stopover’ could benefit from more advertising.

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

4.1 Grass cutting, hedge cutting and edge trimming still needs to be done around KLB. Hugh has requested a visit from Tracey Urray of Highland Council to discuss roads, transport and grass cutting. Graham to attend aswell.

4.2 Gary will report the Skunk Cabbage to environmental health as it is an invasive toxic species.

4.3 The sign at Laxford Bridge is coming on at speeds over 52mph. For increased safety, it was suggested that the sign should light up at speeds over 40mph.

4.4 The work on the fish market is to start very shortly and may reduce access to that area.

4.5 Sandra Kaczmareck (member of the public) will be speaking to Hugh about replacing the culvert by the Village Hall.

4.6 Highland Council is assessing the road to Oldshoremore to improve its safety.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT –**

5.1 There is £3132 in the account. The Highland council grant of £815 was received.

5.2 Johnny Rob to be paid for his labour, but there may be another bill for materials.

5.3 The likely shortfall in funds for the McBeath Memorial is approximately £212.36. KLB CC will pay the shortfall. Christine will check with Paula.

5.4 The wreath for Armistice Day has already been organised.

6. **POLICE REPORT** – No Police Report.

## 7 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 The next Community Council Forum Meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10am for 10:30am at Scourie Village Hall.
- 7.2 Scott Patterson will organise a Bon Fire.
- 7.3 No activity on Cape Wrath Range

## 8 AOCB –

- 8.1 Graham went to Ledmore Quarry. The chips cost £32/tonne and can be collected in a trailer.
- 8.2 Kirsty was informed by Rachael Mackay that it cost £1000 to change the coin slots in the laundry machines to accept the new £1 coins. This may be partly responsible for the large increase in prices. Hugh will speak to the Harbour Authorities about the price increase.
- 8.3 The poor pointing job that has been done at the War Memorial is to be questioned. Hugh will ask Highland Council if anything can be done.
- 8.4 Inquiries will be made to check that the drain past the old market has been cleared to avoid an area of black ice forming when frosty.
- 8.5 The red warning light is out on the communications mast. Kirsty will email Gary to inquire if he knows who to contact re getting it fixed.
- 8.6 The Tourist Office and Ranger’s Centre in Durness is to close. The owners have been leasing it to Visit Scotland, but this is not being renewed. The premises could be leased to someone else as it is a very busy information centre. The only other ones in the NW are in Ullapool and Inverness.
- 8.7 Matt Dent of Highland Council in charge of ‘Core Paths’, has identified two paths in need of improvement. One is the path to Ardmore, the other is the path from Achriesgill, past the old Generals Loch to the Durness Road.
- 8.8 KLB High School children are painting the pick-nick benches at Loch Clash.

- 9 **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices. (There is no meeting in December)

### SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 26/09/2017

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
4.2	Tackling the Skunk Cabbage	Gary	Ongoing
5.3	Check McBeath funds shortfall with Paula	Christine	Ongoing
8.2	Discuss laundry costs with Harbour Authorities	Hugh	Ongoing
8.3	Contact HC about poor pointing	Hugh	Ongoing
8.5	Red light on communications mast	Kirsty/Gary	Ongoing

