

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 30th January 2018 at The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Graham Wild (Chair), Kirsty Holland, Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Gary Sutherland, P. C. Frazer Mitchell, Don O'Driscoll, Niamh O'Driscoll, Julien Morau, Maaïke Silcock (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Murdo MacPherson, Margaret Meek, Hugh Morrison, Mairi Eastcroft, Inspector David Ogilvie.

2. **MINUTES 24/10/2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th October 2017 were proposed for approval by Kirsty and seconded by Christine. The minutes were approved with a few small changes.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24th October 2017**

- 3.1 The drain by the Old Market is still flooding.
- 3.2 The red warning light on the communications mast is still out. Inquiries have been made but there has been no response. There are concerns that this may affect helicopter flights and may be an issue for the Joint Warrior exercise.
- 3.3 No more news on the Skunk Cabbage, it has died down for the winter. However, it is an invasive species and Shona Marshall of the Fisheries Trust may have information on who might be able to help.

4. **DISCUSSION OF WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2018**

- 4.1 The Damaged wall at the Oldshoremore Cemetary will be repaired in the first week of February.
- 4.2 The Laundry charges at the pier are still unchanged. Gary will find out the charges at the new machines in Ullapool.
- 4.3 The condition of the roads is high on the priority list at the Highland Council Meeting.
- 4.4 The drainage at Loch Clash has work planned.
- 4.5 The drain approaching Mairi Eastcroft is full to overflowing and in need of clearing.
- 4.6 The drain along Bervie Road also needs attention. It is choked with rushes and water is flowing into peoples gardens.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT –**

- 5.1 There is £2872.65 in the account.
- 5.2 The Christmas light fund has £3600.00
- 5.3 The War Memorial fund has £390.01

6 **POLICE REPORT** – The council was delighted to see P. C. Frazer Mitchell, the new Police officer at Rhiconich, at the meeting.

7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 The Day Marker Project is asking for thoughts on the exact locations for markers, one in Scourie, one on Eriboll and one in KLB. Possible locations for KLB include the Loch Clash picnic site and on the top by Oldshoremore Beach. Kirsty will find exact grid references for the possible locations.

7.2 A local hotel has contacted the NC500 regarding their discount cards. Tourists can present these at restaurants and accommodation to get a discount. Clarification needs to be sought as to how this card works and whether establishments need to sign up for this and what, if any, the benefits are.

7.3 The John Muir Trust is getting funding from the Coastal Communities Fund to finance projects that will increase the number of visitors, improve existing facilities, improve signage and increase awareness on how to use the land with respect.

7.4 Julien Morau from the John Muir Trust is working with the High School to help children participate in outdoor activities, studying wildlife, organising beach cleans, discussing recycling and creating art from waste.

7.5 The amount of rubbish that is ending up on our beaches is increasing. Over 200kg of rubbish has been collected from Loch Clash Beach over the past few weeks and Oldshoremore Beach is very polluted with most of the rubbish buried under sand. Julien is trying to set up a company that will pay for beach cleans.

7.6 Niamh O’Driscoll of the John Muir Trust is working on resurfacing the track to Sandwood and is waiting on a quote.

7.7 There are plans to resurface the parking area for Sandwood, along with new signs and stand-alone information boards.

7.8 Highland Council is putting money aside to upgrade the Ardmore and Achriesgill tracks.

8 **AOCB** –

8.1 Camper Van waste disposal needs to be addressed. At the moment there are no facilities for this and tourists are using the public toilets to empty them which the septic tanks can not cope with. A paying system needs to be implemented.

9 **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27th February 2018** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 30th January 2018

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
4.2	Research laundry prices in Ullapool	Gary	ongoing
7.1	Find grid references for potential Day Markers	Kirsty	ongoing
7.8	Ardmore and Achriesgill paths	Graham	ongoing

