

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 27th February 2018 at The Harbour Offices

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Murdo MacPherson, P. C. Frazer Mitchell.

2. **MINUTES 30th January 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th January 2018 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Gary. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 30th January 2018**

3.1 The drain by the Old Market is still flooding.

3.2 The red warning light on the communications mast is still out, though work has been carried out at the mast, adding apparatus that seems to have raised the height of the mast. Gary has sent e-mails to contact Cornerstone Telecom Infrastructure Ltd., but they seem to be difficult to get hold of. Graham will contact Lawrence Macleod of the Coast Guard to ask his advice.

3.3 Skunk Cabbage and Gunnera are both invasive species which need to be destroyed. Shona Marshall is trying to find funding from the Fisheries Trust to destroy these plants.

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

4.1 Graham will check on the damaged wall at the Oldshoremore Cemetery.

4.2 The Laundry charges at the pier are still being discussed. At Bught Park, Inverness, the laundry machines are owned by the Council and the cost for a wash and a dry are £3 each. Hugh will speak to Tony Usher.

4.3 The drainage at Loch Clash has been cleared.

4.4 The drain approaching Bervie Road needs attention.

4.5 Toilets are planned to close due to Budget Cuts. Hugh will calculate the cost to keep each toilet block open with ideas on where running costs may be reduced, e.g. motion sensors and timer switches on the lights to reduce electricity usage. The Chief Executive of The Highland Council will be contacted directly to discuss keeping the toilets open.

4.6 Planning of a safety barrier on the Kinlochbervie Big Brae is being discussed. Murdo has sent a letter to Graham MacKenzie, the Roads Operation Manager and Hugh will write a backup letter to him, stressing the urgent need of this barrier.

4.7 Community Council Grants are being cut by 58%. Some Community Councils may not be able to function with such a large cut in funds. If there is a shortfall in funds, applications to the Ward Discretionary Budget can be made, who may finance the shortfall.

- 4.8 The road edges between KLB and Durness are particularly bad with large holes in some of the passing places. Highland Council is working on filling in pot holes.
- 4.9 The Rock Fall south of Scourie is waiting on contractors to come and clear it. More of the rockface needs to come down before that section of road can be made safe.
- 4.10 The White Lining Machine will be back in the area in May.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT –

- 5.1 There is £2800.00 in the account.
- 5.2 The Christmas light fund has £3600.00
Graham will see Christine Corbett about 'sockets and holders' for the Christmas decorations. Fitting is shortly going to be chargeable, but at the moment it is still free.
- 5.3 The War Memorial fund has £390.01

6 POLICE REPORT – There is no Police Report.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Concerns were raised over Village Tourism. It was agreed that a Tourism Strategy needs created which will inform tourists:
 - a) How to drive on single track roads,
 - b) Where they can leave their rubbish,
 - c) Where to empty chemical toilets, and
 - d) How to treat the countryside.Laminated Information poster could be up before Easter.
Graham will ask Matt Dent, the Access Officer for signage, about organising some signs. Naimh O'Driscoll will be asked if there is any funding for signs from the John Muir Trust or the Coastal Communities Fund, and other Landowners could get involved.
This can be discussed at a Public Meeting, the date for this is still to be set.
- 7.2 At present, only eleven establishments have signed up to accept the NC500 discount card along the NC500 route.
- 7.3 Cape Wrath Range. There is no activity on the range from 1st-31st March.
- 7.4 Martin Thomsen, the Kyle of Sutherland Community Engagement officer, will be attending the next KLB CC Meeting.
- 7.5 Margaret will load Rural Watch Scotland onto the KLB Facebook Page to encourage people to become involved.
- 7.6 The Altnaharra Wind Farm planning has been delayed until April 2022.

8 AOCB –

- 8.1 Dr. Berry will not be working at the surgery for the foreseeable future as her husband is very unwell. Locum Doctors will be available for consultation.
- 8.2 2000 brochures giving details on How To Drive On Single Track Roads are in Grahams possession. If anyone would like some for distribution, please contact him.

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

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 30th January 2018

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.2	Contact Lawrence Macleod	Graham	ongoing
4.1	Check Oldshoremore cemetery wall	Graham	ongoing
4.2	Ask Tony Usher about laundry prices	Hugh	ongoing
4.5	Calculate running costs of toilet blocks	Hugh	ongoing
4.6	Letter to Graham MacKenzie	Hugh	ongoing
5.2	Ask Christine Corbett about sockets and holders for Christmas lights	Graham	ongoing
7.1	Ask Matt Dent about signage	Graham	ongoing
7.5	Load Rural Watch Scotland onto KLB Facebook page	Margaret	ongoing