

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 29th May 2018 at The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Graham Wild (Chair), Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Gary Sutherland, Margaret Meek, Hugh Morrison, Mairi Eastcroft, Maaike Silcock (Minutes) and David Forbes (member of the public).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Murdo MacPherson, Kirsty Holland.

2. **MINUTES 27th March 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th February 2018 were proposed for approval by Gary and seconded by Christine. The minutes were approved.

3. **David Forbes (member of the public)**

David came to the KLB CC Meeting to raise concerns about the head on and near head on crashes that are increasing in number with the increase in the number of foreign tourists, some of who impulsively move to the wrong side of the road when meeting on coming traffic.

David came with several researched and designed signs that will help to remind tourists to drive on the left. He asked the Council whether they would support this safety campaign, to help save lives, in and around KLB as well as around Durness and Scourie, with a view to expanding the campaign at a later date.

The cost of 10 x A3 signs works out at approximately £10 each.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 27th March 2018**

4.1 The red warning light on the communications mast has been fixed! The general opinion is that the mast still need to be upgraded. Graham will speak to the Coast Guard Authority.

4.2 Skunk Cabbage is now rampant, and nothing has yet been done to control it. Graham will speak to Shona Marshall about this invasive species, who will hopefully raise this with Highland Council.

4.3 The Diabetic Clinic has stopped coming to KLB as a way for the NHS to cut costs. People are asking for it to return. Graham will contact Lorraine Coe at NHS Highland to see if anything can be done.

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

5.1 The Laundry charges at the pier are still much higher than in Inverness. Hugh will chase this up and see if they can be lowered.

5.2 The issue of over growing verges was raised. There is one tractor which has to do all the verges from Lochinver to Durness. There just aren't enough people employed to

keep the verges cut. Graham will raise this issue with Phil Tomalin, The Ward Manager, on Monday 4th June 2018.

5.3 The Bin at Loch Clash Picnic site has gone missing. Hugh Will contact Highland Council with regards to getting it replaced.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT –**

6.1 There is £2624.84 in the account.

6.2 The Christmas light fund has £3652.39

6.3 The War Memorial fund has £390.01

7. **POLICE REPORT –** There is no Police Report, but it has been noticed that P.C. Frazer Mitchell is cracking down on vehicles going over the speed limit.

Graham will contact D.C.I. Ian Ogilvy regarding the increased Police presence in Durness and why they seem to be targeting the locals rather than the speeding tourists.

8. **CORRESPONDANCE**

North & West Sutherland Wind Farm Trust has submitted their paperwork.

9. **AOCB –**

9.1 There will be a Public Meeting on the 19th June, to discuss the proposed toilet closures.

9.2 Graham had a meeting with Jamie Stone MSP, when he was up, visiting KLB. He will help to have our concerns represented.

9.3 Phil Tomalin is keen to meet everyone on the KLB CC at the meeting on the 4th June 2018.

9.4 The Rural Affairs Minister, Fiona Hislop, is coming to have a look at the Community Company and the Loch Clash Stop Over as it is the only one of its kind in Scotland.

9.5 Hugh Morrison will speak to the Highland Council Team about cutting back the verge along the harbour.

9.6 Hugh is to speak to WKN, the company that is to reapply for planning permission for the Sallachy Wind Farm, which will benefit the community.

10. **NEXT MEETING - The next meeting and AGM will be held on Tuesday 26th June 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Harbour**

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 30th January 2018

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
4.1	Contact Coast Guard Authority	Graham	Ongoing
4.2	Contact SNH about Skunk Cabbage	Graham	Ongoing
4.3	Contact Lorraine Coe, NHS	Graham	Ongoing
5.1	Laundry charges inquiries	Hugh	Ongoing
5.2	Raise the lack of verge cutters with Phil Tomalin	Graham	Ongoing
5.3	Replacement Bin at Loch Clash	Hugh	Ongoing
7.0	Discuss Police presence with DCI Ian Ogilvy	Graham	Ongoing
9.5	Speak to Highland Council about verge cutting along the Harbour	Hugh	Ongoing
9.6	Speak to WKN about Wind Farm	Hugh	Ongoing