

## KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at The Harbour Offices

**PRESENT:** Graham Wild (Chair), Kirsty Holland, Christine Mackenzie (Treasurer), Murdo Macpherson, Gary Sutherland, Margaret Meek, Maaike Silcock (Minutes), Jasmine Clarke (member of the public).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mairi Eastcroft, Hugh Morrison.

2. **MINUTES 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were proposed for approval by Gary and seconded by Christine. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

- 3.1 Although the Skunk Cabbage was sprayed, it does not seem to have done much damage. Graham will Get in touch with SEPA to report back.
- 3.2 The ditch outside Mairi Eastcroft's house is dangerously overgrown. Hugh will make inquiries about cutting back the growth, so the ditch can be seen and so be avoided by traffic.
- 3.3 Signs that say "No Overnight Parking" were discussed, as local residents would rather tourists did not spend the night at the bottom of their drives. Signs are not allowed to be put up on Council land, but they can go up on private land. Graham will check the validity of the rule that people cannot camp within 200m of private houses. Some means of moving campers on when spending the night in the wrong place, patrolling camp fires and preventing defecating in public places, was discussed, though funding for this would prove to be an issue.
- 3.4 Graham will ask Andy Shaw for larger bins in popular areas in time for next year's tourist season.
- 3.5 Signs are to go up to direct tourists to W. C.s and bins, and the brown sign at Rhiconich will be checked.
- 3.6 The next Tourism Group Meeting to discuss signs will be at "Worth A Look" on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

4. **REPORT FROM HIGHLAND COUNCIL DROP-IN**

4.1 This meeting was attended by the Chairmen of the Durness, Scourie and KLB Community Councils with the aim of establishing what Highland Council expects from the Community Councils.

The main matters arising from this meeting were:

- i) A lack of communication from Highland Council with the Community Councils,
- ii) Improving the discussions over budgets
- iii) Funding from Highland Council is inadequate,
- iv) Acknowledgement and responding to letters sent to Highland Council.

Overall, the Community Councils are disappointed with the lack of engagement and support from Highland Council, and that the hope is that relationship with them will improve.

## 5. **WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2018**

5.1 There is a Communities meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October and a full Council Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the Toilets.

## 6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There is £2991.97 in the bank.

Christmas Lights fund has £3652.39.

Brochure fund has £456.38.

War Memorial Fund has £439.00.

Fencing was repaired at the Helipad, costing £90.00

The walkway at Droman Pier was repaired, costing £45.00.

## 7. **POLICE REPORT**

No Police Report, but Graham will speak to P. C. Frazer Mitchell about the abandoned motorbike in the layby, as it keeps falling over and leaking oil.

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 A letter advertising Hannah Stevens giving a talk on Women In Parliament in Inverness on the 20<sup>th</sup> October to encourage women to consider a career in politics. Graham will put a poster up in the Post Office.

8.2 The Geopark is up for re-evaluation next year.

The Scourie Geo-Heritage Centre is still being developed.

The Rock Stop is open on Sundays and will be staying open until November. More staff are needed.

The "Geobus" will be at the Rock Stop on Thursday and will be visiting schools the same week.

It was mentioned that Scottish Government needs to be involved to keep the Geopark going.

## 9. AOCB

- 9.1 The condition of the roads along the NC500 are being complained about.
- 9.2 Graham will phone Margaret Davidson, Leader of Highland Council, and Alan Henderson, Head of corporate services, to ask them to come to KLB to meet with all 3 Community Councils to discuss the Toilets, again.
- 9.3 Jasmin Clarke spoke to the council about the up-coming Poppies Scotland starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, with the idea that some of the money collected could be kept to help buy a "Poppy Bench" that could be placed in a good spot so that residents who have no form of transport can stop and sit while walking to and from the shop, Post Office, Doctors, etc. Perhaps the Community Council could also give something towards the buying of a bench.

10. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

## SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>Completed /Ongoing</b>
3.1	Graham to report back to SIPA about Skunk Cabbage	Graham	Ongoing
3.2	Hugh to check out the ditch outside Mairi Eastcroft.	Hugh	Ongoing
3.3	Graham to check on camping rules.	Graham	Ongoing
3.4	Speak to Andy Shaw about larger bins.	Graham	Ongoing
7	Graham to speak to P. C. Mitchell about abandoned motorbike.	Graham	Ongoing
9.2	Phone Margaret Davidson and Alan Henderson	Graham	Ongoing