

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting 30th October 2018 at The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Graham Wild (Chair), Mairi Eastcroft, Murdo Macpherson, Margaret Meek, Maaike Silcock (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Hugh Morrison, Kirsty Holland, Gary Sutherland, Christine Mackenzie

2. **MINUTES 25th September 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th September 2018 were proposed for approval by Margaret and seconded by Murdo. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 25th September 2018**

- 3.1 Graham will pursue the skunk cabbage problem. SEPA have said that it is not their problem and that SNH should be dealing with it.
- 3.2 Graham will speak to Graham Mackenzie of the Highland Council Roads about the ditch outside Mairi Eastcroft's house.
- 3.3 There is now a new sign saying "No overnight parking". The location for it is still to be decided, but one site being considered is the lay-by above Bridge Cottage.
- 3.4 Graham has spoken to Andy Shaw about bigger bins at the popular tourist spots and he will supply them at some point before the tourist season becomes busy again.
- 3.5 Graham will thank Gill and George Ross on behalf of the KLB CC and residents for cleaning up the dreadful mess left by tourists at Loch Clash.
- 3.6 A letter is being drafted to Highland Council to keep the toilets in the Harbour open, although they are sub-standard. Lorne, the Harbour Master indicated that the Harbour toilets are not 'Public Toilets' and are not open to the public as they are not suitable. They are for the use of harbour workers and for yachts coming to the harbour. The two toilets by the Fisherman's Mission are used by everyone; tanker drivers, delivery drivers, divers, yachtsmen, and locals. A letter will be written to Alan Henderson indicating that these toilets must be kept open, as the one in the harbour is not suitable.

4. Donna Manson, the new CEO of Highland Council along with Linda Munro are coming to the area to visit communities. They are very keen to hear what people think about Highland Council; what they are doing well, what they are doing not-so-well and what people would like them to be doing. Donna is very keen to make a difference.

5. **WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2018**

Graham will contact Hugh for any updates.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The bank balance is £6,806.74, of which:

- 1) Christmas Lights fund has £3652.39.
- 2) Brochure fund has £456.38.
- 3) War Memorial Fund has £439.00. This year's wreath is paid for.
- 4) Community Council has £2149.71

£100 was given to the KLB Playing Field Assoc towards the bonfire from the Community Company. They also received a donation from KFS Norscot, Westminster. The Community Council could step in if there is a shortfall of funds.

7. **POLICE REPORT**

P.C. Frazer Mitchell has been away and will attend meetings when he can.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 There is a proposal to build a 4G mast at Blairmore.
- 8.2 Communications sent from Highland Council Departments to the Secretaries of the Community Councils seem to be inconsistent. Graham will check this out.

9. **AOCB**

- 9.1 The Roads maintenance Plan for winter. Graham Mackenzie can deliver the grit, and wondered if KLB council could organise its distribution. KLB CC are very happy with its gritters.
- 9.2 The pot holes along the Durness Road are getting worse, especially where there is no line of sight. A number of (mainly) tourists have had double punctures because of the pot holes, leaving them stranded in the middle of nowhere, often in the dark. With this in mind, it has been suggested that a letter be drafted to the NC500 company.
- 9.3 There is a Planning Bill Amendment 322 for Wildlands which must be read through by all CC members and discussed before it is signed on their behalf by the Chairman.

- 9.4 On behalf of the residents of Oldshoremore, KLB CC will contact Planning and Building Warrant in Highland Council with regards to what Alex Munro is doing there. There is great concern that he is not sticking to the plans. Graham will find out exactly what he is and what he is not allowed to do.
- 9.5 The new Air Ambulance landing site is to be discussed at 11am in the Fire Station on Monday 7th Nov.
- 9.6 Victor Clements will discuss Deer management in the Lairg Village Hall at 7pm on 8th November.
- 9.7 The Locality Plan was discussed at the last meeting of the Sutherland Community Partnership. The Council has gone back to the drawing board. The next meeting is in January 2019.

10. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th November 2018** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 25th September 2018

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.1	Graham to keep at SNH about Skunk Cabbage	Graham	Ongoing
3.2	Contact Graham Mackenzie about the ditch outside Mairi Eastcroft.	Graham	Ongoing
3.5	Graham to thank Gill and George Ross	Graham	Ongoing
3.6	Draft letter to Alan Henderson	Murdo	Ongoing
5	Check with Hugh for works update	Graham	Ongoing
8.2	Check communication from HC to the secretaries of CCs	Graham	Ongoing
8.3	Locate report by Phil Tomalin	Graham	Ongoing
9.4	Contact Planning and Building Warrant	Graham	Ongoing