

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 9th July 2019 at The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Graham Wild (Chair), Christine MacKenzie, Murdo Macpherson, Margaret Meek, Hugh Morrison, Maaike Silcock (Minutes).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Andrea Boyes, Mairi Eastcroft, Kirsty Holland (called out)

2. **MINUTES of the 11th June 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th June 2019 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Margaret. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11th June 2019**

3.1 Graham spoke to Stan Wainwright of SNH who informed him that Skunk Cabbage is not classed as a top priority invasive species. He will be sending the KLB CC information on how it can be controlled by the community. The KLB CC has been asked to provide him with information on how fast the Skunk Cabbage is spreading and the extent of the spread.

3.2 The Stone Walling Course that has been arranged by Gary Sutherland has had substantial interest, though the issue of sourcing appropriate stone has caused a bit of a problem. Graham will contact Norman Elrick to see if he can make some suggestions.

3.3 One of the 'Toilet signs' at Rhiconich has been removed, the other one is proving to be a bit heavy, but will also be removed in due course.

4. **WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2019**

- 4.1 Grass cutting is working its way from the East over to the west, so will be with us at some point. The white-lining machine will also be around KLB some time this summer.
- 4.2 Weed Killing the pavements has been stopped because the poison spray carries too far and seems to be killing the grass, which is not what is wanted and quite unsightly.
- 4.3 The Harbour Master and Assistant Harbour Master have both resigned. Both posts will be advertised.
- 4.4 Council workers at KLB are no longer working on Fridays, but are working extra hours on Mondays to Thursdays to make up the hours.
- 4.5 One of the loaders on the refuse lorry has left, so at present there is one driver and one loader on the lorry.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

5.1 The balance is £1488.56, with money still owing to David Forbes for the signs at Scourie, Durness and KLB. Graham will contact David for the bill.

6. **POLICE REPORT**

P.C. Frazer Mitchell will attend meetings when he can.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 There is a 'Small Grant Scheme' for community groups from the 'Resilient Communities.

8. **AOCB**

8.1 When the new Roads Operations Manager is appointed, the letter that was sent about the accident on Big Brae, will be resent, as no reply was received from the first letter.

8.2 An Algal Bloom was reported in Loch Innes. Whether it was a blue-green algae or red algae was not mentioned. The blue-green algae is deadly for dogs, so the public need to be advised to not let their dogs swim, posting notices on facebook, etc. Graham will contact Environmental health regarding algal blooms.

8.3 Laurence is organising someone to take the scrap cars away. Once the council knows more details, they will put up posters to let the community know.

8.4 Sandra Kaczmarek has resigned her council position.

- 9. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 9th July 2019

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.2	Speak to Norman Elrick about stone	Graham	Ongoing
5.1	Contact David Forbes	Graham	Ongoing
8.2	Contact Environmental Health	Graham	Ongoing