

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 24th September 2019

at The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Graham Wild (Chair), Kirsty Holland, Christine MacKenzie, Hugh Morrison, Andrea Boyes, Maaike Silcock (Minutes),

1. **APOLOGIES:** Margaret Meek, Murdo Macpherson, Sandra Armes-Harris, Mairi Eastcroft.

2. **MINUTES of the 3rd September 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2019 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Kirsty. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 3rd September 2019**

3.1 Stewart Barraclough has been appointed as the new Assistant Harbour Master.

3.2 The Stone Wall at Loch Clash has received some complaints from the local community, as they can no longer park their camper vans there to have a picnic. The excess stone could be used to erect a 'Welcome to Kinlochbervie' monument.

3.3 The Pavements, overgrown with Gorse and Brambles need to be cut back. Hugh will make inquiries as to when this might be done.

3.4 Murdo has re-sent a letter to Joanne Sutherland, the temporary area manager at Highland Council, asking for a barrier to be placed along the edge of Big Brae to prevent further accidents.

3.5 Alexander Munro's planning application for a café at Oldshoremore has been granted.

3.6 Timetables have been posted at Spar, the Community Council Notice Board and the Garage for the Community Council Elections. Nomination packs will be available at the Garage. Margaret will post the timetable on the KLB Facebook

page. If there are new Council Members after the elections, there will probably be a KLB CC Meeting before Christmas to introduce the new members to the rest of the Council. Waiting to the KLB CC meeting on 28th January 2020 was thought to be too long a wait.

- 3.7** The Community Company meeting discussed the Hydro scheme at Rhiconich. It is expected that the finalisation date will be in 2021. Any excess revenue over what goes to the National Grid will come to the community.
- 3.8** The Salachy Wind Farm discussions are on-going, with 30% of the profits being divided between Scourie, Durness and Kinlochbervie.
- 3.9** The Electric hook-up was initially planned for in the Village Hall car park, but its proximity to the children's play area, and the interference with the parking of Hall users, it was suggested that a better place for it would be near the toilets in the Harbour. Graham will discuss this with Sandra of the Hall Committee.
- 3.10** There is no information yet from the Red Cross regarding funding for the defibrillators in the village.
- 3.11** Graham to send apologies to Sandra for not reminding her of the council meeting.
- 3.12** With the winter on the way, it was pointed out that there are two gritting lorry drivers in Durness, two in Scourie, but Kinlochbervie has one, and he is retiring in October!

4. WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2019

Nothing to report.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Kinlochbervie Community Council bank balance is...£1132.18

The Christmas Lights fund stands at.....£3824.77

The Brochure fund has.....£456.38

The War Memorial Wreath fund.....£300.00,

Christine has the flag and the wreath for this year's Remembrance Day.

6. POLICE REPORT

No Police Report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Only that Murdo has re-sent the letter to Joanne Sutherland asking for a barrier along Big Brae.

8. AOCB

8.1 The Poppy Bench has now been paid for and will be sent shortly.

8.2 Andrea mentioned that the Church was looking at the possibility of getting a bench with an integral noticeboard in the back rest, and whether something like this would be beneficial for the community. Graham will get the information from Andrea.

8.3 The stone buildings along the side of the road at Loch Clash cannot get planning permission for anything due to the fact that the doors open straight onto the road. It was suggested that they could be moved to the Loch Clash Development area.

8.4 Planning for the Bunkhouse at Loch Clash will be submitted shortly.

8.5 The Church has a Nativity set with very large characters. Andrea asked if it would be ok to hide them around the village for the children to find.

8.6 As this was the last meeting that Hugh would be at before the election of the council, he thanked Graham and the council members for all their efforts over the past few years.

9. **NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29th October 2019** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 24th September 2019

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.3	Inquire when someone would be Cutting back the gorse and brambles.	Hugh	ongoing
3.6	Post the CC election timetable on the KLB Facebook page.	Margaret	ongoing
3.9	Discuss electric hook up with Sandra	Graham	ongoing
3.11	Apologise to Sandra Armes-Harris.	Graham	ongoing
8.2	Information on noticeboard bench from Andrea.	Graham	ongoing