

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 26th November 2019

At The Harbour Offices

PRESENT: Kirsty Holland, Hugh Morrison, Christine MacKenzie, Margaret Meek, Murdo Macpherson, Sandra Armes-Harris, Andrea Boyes, P. C. Frazer Mitchell, Maaike Silcock (Minutes),

1. **APOLOGIES:** Graham Wild, Mairi Eastcroft.

This being the first Community Council meeting after the re-election of the Community Council members, Hugh Morrison, the Highland Council Representative, took the Chair.

Hugh thanked everyone present for putting themselves forward for re-election.

Election of office bearers as follows:

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
CHAIRMAN	Graham wild	Christine MacKenzie	Margaret Meek
VICE-CHAIR	Kirsty Holland	Christine MacKenzie	Margaret Meek
SECRETARY	NO TAKERS		
TREASURER	Christine MacKenzie	Kirsty Holland	Margaret Meek

The position of secretary to be left vacant until the next Community Council meeting, when hopefully a candidate will come forward.

Hugh will print out the 'Constitution and Standing Orders' for the new Council Members to read.

Hugh handed the Chair over to Kirsty Holland, in the absence of Graham Wild.

2. MINUTES of the 29th October 2019

Two amendments were made to the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th October 2019.

Item 3.3, the new Caithness & Sutherland Area Manager at Highland Council IS Joanne Sutherland.

Item 7.1, the two telecommunication masts are STILL WAITING for planning permission.

The minutes were proposed by Christine and seconded by Margaret.

The minutes were approved.

Margaret proposed that Andrea Boyes becomes a member of the KLB Community Council.

Sandra seconded the proposal. Andrea's membership was approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 29th October 2019

3.1 The electric hook-up was questioned and when it might be installed. Sandra Kaczmarek was making inquiries at Highland Council.

3.2 Gorse and Brambles have been cut back, but there is a lot more to be done. All the pavement edges are overgrown, reducing walking space and the brambles are a trip hazard. This was noted by Hugh and will be added to the works priorities list.

3.3 A letter has been sent to Joanne Sutherland, requesting a barrier along the edge of Big Brae. It was suggested that there may be a better response if Tracy Urry, the Manager based in Inverness, were contacted about the barrier.

3.4 One of the picnic benches will be taken to the shed to be weather-proofed.

3.5 The 'Poppy Bench' is due on Friday, 29th November 2019.

4. WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2019

Clearing of pavement edges in the village of overgrown verges/brambles

Clearing of ditches at Oldshoremore

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Kinlochbervie Community Council bank balance is...£1400.39

The Christmas Lights fund stands at.....£3361.57

The Brochure fund has.....£456.38

The War Memorial fund.....£349.01

6. POLICE REPORT

Nothing to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 KLB CC received a letter from an Energy company, asking to consider supporting the 'Local Electricity Bill', which encourages local Community Councils to set up renewable energy generation schemes for the benefit of the local community. It may be that the Kinlochbervie Community is too small to benefit from such a scheme. Original email to be forwarded to Klb community company secretary by Kirsty.

The Altnaharra Wind Farm will be the first development to become operational and the estimated £250,000 income will be divided between Tongue, Bettyhill, Scourie, Durness and Kinlochbervie.

Scourie benefits from the Maldie Burn Hydro-electric station.

7.2 On Wednesday 4th December, there is a 'Debate Night' in Inverness, to be televised on BBC Scotland. Posters will be posted on the KLB Facebook page and in the Garage window to advertise this event.

7.3 Loch Duart Fish Farm have asked for planning permission for a fresh water pipeline at Fanagmore.

8. AOCB

8.1 Andrea has arranged for "The Wise Men" to come to the Village Hall on 6th December and as their prices are quite a bit higher than last year, the Community Company will help out with the cost, approximately £30.00.

8.2 The ditches in Oldshoremore, outside the Auchinlecks house are overflowing during heavy rain.

8.3 Hugh announced that the Ward Discretionary Fund will have £500.00 available per Community Council. The e-mail concerning this will be sent out shortly.

8.4 The Christmas lights will go up next week.

8.5 The Dalchork electric sub-station has been given planning approval, as have the electricity pylons from Lairg to Loch Buidhe

8.6 Hard copies of the draft minute of the KLB community council meetings will be available for the public to read, one at the Ceilidh House, one at the surgery and one at the garage.

9. NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28th January 2020** at 7:00 pm in the Harbour Offices.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 26TH NOVEMBER 2019

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.2	Cut back more of the brambles and overgrowth on the pavements	Hugh	ongoing
7.2	Put up posters advertising 'Debate Night'	Kirsty	ongoing
8.1	Community Company to help fund 'The Wise Men'	Margaret	ongoing
8.6	Leave copies of the draft minutes at the Ceilidh House, Surgery and garage.	Maaike	ongoing

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