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KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 26th May 2020

Held via Zoom

PRESENT: Kirsty Holland, (Vice-Chair), Graham Wild (Chair), Hugh Morrison (Highland Council), Margaret Meek, Murdo Macpherson, Sandra Armes-Harris, Andrea Boyes, Maaike Silcock (Minutes),

Due to the lack of internet at Graham Wild's house, Kirsty chaired the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES:** P.C. Frazer Mitchell, Mairi Eastcroft, Christine MacKenzie. The whole of Kinlochbervie Community Council would like to wish Christine a speedy recovery after her unfortunate accident.

2. **MINUTES of the 25th February 2020**

The minutes from the 25th February 2020 were proposed for approval by Murdo and seconded by Sandra. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 25th February 2020**

3.1 The barrier for the Big Brae still needs to be assessed.

- Due to social distancing, the white lining machine has been unable to do any marking of the school exit.
- Graham has spoken to Duncan about the fallen barrier at Badcall and it will be repaired.
- Inchard Place carpark will also be addressed shortly.
- The warning sign outside Cathy Ross has been replaced.

3.2 Graham has written to 'Roads and Transport' to discuss implementing a 30mph limit throughout the whole village, but there has been no response yet.

3.3 The Council Facebook page is up and running with Andrea and Margaret as the administrators.

3.4 The Hydroelectric scheme at Rhiconich is all ready to go, with Kinlochbervie set to receive approximately £3000 p.a. However, Highland Council needs to approve and agree to the enabling grant for its construction by 28th February 2020. They have not responded to date.

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3.5 The Kinlochbervie.info website is still in need of a new manager. Andrea has someone in mind and will discuss it with them.

3.6 The water pressure at Balkrick seems to be back to normal.

3.7 The toilets are still closed, even though Highland Council said that they would re-open them. With restrictions possibly being relaxed in 2-3 weeks, the toilets may then be opened. Hugh will make some inquiries.

3.8 Access to Oldshoremore Beach hasn't been a priority due to Covid-19, but it is still on the "to-do" list.

4. WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2020

4.1 The KLB CC has voiced their disapproval of the proposed parking fees. Margaret has completed and returned a survey on this matter and it seems that this is on hold until later on in the year.

4.2 The road has been cleared of all the rubble from the rockslide just south of Scourie, and at the moment, the rubble is sitting in the Kylesku car park, awaiting removal.

4.3 Household skip sites are being re-opened at Lochinver, Melness and Brora, but unfortunately not at Durness or Kinlochbervie. It is hoped that these sites will be open soon. Hugh to pursue.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Kinlochbervie Community Council bank balance is...£1607.14

The Christmas Lights fund stands at.....£3739.53

The Brochure fund has.....£456.38

The War Memorial fund.....£242.21

The accounts can be sent in without being independently audited.

6. POLICE REPORT

No Police report

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 An email was received from V.G.S. about Sutherlands Friends Call.

Information on who to call for a chat during lockdown has been put up in the garage and Spar and it will be posted on the KLB Facebook page.

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8. AOCB

8.1 There have been a large number of complaints about trying to get Tesco delivery slots. Hugh, as representative of Highland Council, will write an email to the Tesco CEO (and copy in Gail Ross), asking if something could be done to increase the number of delivery slots to Kinlochbervie. Andrea will also write one as the Church representative, Murdo will write one from the KLB CC and Margaret will write one on behalf of the KLB Community Company. Hopefully the number of slots will be increased and maybe even the number of vans, as they do over the busy time around Christmas.

Another company that delivers is Williamson's, though they are more geared to the catering industry; they will deliver to domestic addresses.

8.2 The 4G mast bases are in place at Oldshoremore and Portlevorchie. The masts are coming but there seems to be a bit of a problem getting them on site.

8.3 Kirsty will give Sarah Harkins contact details to Margaret with reference to maintenance work on a mast on the boundary of the Keoldale Estate and the Kinlochbervie Estate.

8.4 Gary Sutherland has expressed an interest in sitting in on the next KLB CC Zoom meeting. This request initiated a discussion about having a safety system in place so that log-ins and passwords could not be shared on social media.

8.5 Graham to check with Christine that the £500.00 Covid-19 grant has been applied for.

8.6 As the children in the village have been so wonderful during these lockdown weeks, Andrea was wondering if they could be rewarded with something.

8.7 The KLB CC wants to thank Andrea and the Church for organising the food parcels. They really brought some joy!

9. NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30th June 2020** at 7:00 pm **With Zoom**.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 26th May 2020

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.5	Inquire after new Kinlochbervi.info website manager	Andrea	ongoing
3.7	Research when toilets might re-open	Hugh	ongoing
4.3	Research household skips re-opening	Hugh	ongoing
8.1	Letters to the Tesco CEO	Hugh, Andrea, Murdo, Margaret	ongoing
8.3	Pass Sarah's contact details to Margaret	Kirsty	ongoing

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