

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 27th October 2020

Held via Zoom

Approved at the meeting held on 24 November 2020.

PRESENT: Margaret Meek, Hugh Morrison (Highland Council), Christine MacKenzie, Murdo Macpherson, Sandra Armes-Harris, Andrea Boyes, Maaike Silcock (minutes)

Members of the public: Karl Charvin

Margaret Meek chaired the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES:** PC Frazer Mitchell, Kirsty Holland, Mairi Eastcroft.
2. **MINUTES of the 29th September 2020**

A further amendment to the minutes of the 25th August 2020:

8.5 Alexander Munro has the capacity to develop his land for 20-30 campervans but has not applied for planning permission.

The minutes from the 29th September 2020 were proposed for approval by Sandra and seconded by Murdo. The minutes were approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 29th September 2020**

3.1 George Corbett is happy to manage the Kinlochbervie.info website. Gary is happy to help with a handover. Margaret will exchange email addresses.

3.2 David Forbes' letter to Anders Povlsen about signage for driving on the left will be discussed at the next NC500 board meeting.

3.3 The Tourism Committee of the Highland Council has discussed three staff documents on current tourism issues. They hope to have some measures in place by next season. Margaret will forward the documents to the rest of the CC.

3.4 Margaret asked on behalf of the KLB Community Company which owns the Loch Clash Stopover, whether the next time the lining machine was in the area, they could mark out parking places for campervans and mark with yellow cross-hatching the areas where they cannot park. This may help with social distancing and limit the number of campervans staying. Margaret will get in touch with Duncan Clarke for costing.

4. WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2020

4.1 The grit lorries will be out when required from the beginning of November.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Kinlochbervie Community Council bank balance is....£1,877.52

The Christmas Lights fund stands at.....£3,739.53

The Brochure fund has.....£456.38

The War Memorial fund.....£199.21

6. POLICE REPORT

No Police report. The CC hope to have a report in time for the next CC meeting.

7. SPEED LIMIT THROUGH THE VILLAGE.

It was agreed that the speed limit in Manse road should stay at 20mph.

It was also agreed, that from the bottom of Big Brae, right through the village to where the national speed limit sign is at the start of the Oldshoremore Road, should be changed to a uniform 30mph. Margaret will email Joanna Sutherland who will hopefully explain to the CC what they need to do to make these changes happen.

Highland Council was planning or may have already carried out a traffic counter and speed survey at Oldshoremore in response to complaints of traffic driving too fast on the single-track road which has frequent pedestrians and livestock on it. Hugh will find out if this has been done.

8. OLDSHOREMORE DEVELOPMENT.

As per Highland Council advice regarding Community Councils, it is the role of the Community Council to comment on planning applications that have been submitted. The Kinlochbervie Community Council will comment on any planning applications made by Mr. Munro at the appropriate time in the planning process.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial, due to guidelines, will only be allowed a maximum of six people in attendance. Graeme Smart to represent the school, a wreath from the church, a wreath from the community council, The Fire Brigade has a wreath and Eddie Morrison will raise and lower the flag. Andrea will film the service and post it on the Kinlochbervie Facebook page.

A poster from all the churches across Sutherland is encouraging people to stand on their doorstep at 11am on Remembrance Sunday and join in the 2 minutes silence. Durness will be doing something similar on the 11th November.

9.2 The Geopark had its AGM last week and all the office bearers were confirmed. Ian Young is the Chairman, Anne Macloud is the Vice-Chairman. A consultant is coming to help restructure the management processes, and there are quite a few sources for funding which will be explored. One of the projects that has now got funding is to connect all the UNESCO sites in Britain with a series of events. Core funding still has not been granted but will be pursued.

9.3 The Community Company is doing well, having taken significantly higher revenue from the Loch Clash Stopover compared to previous years.

18 Manse Road is very nearly completed, and tenants will be moving in shortly.

~~The Micro Hydro project update is that tenders have gone out to companies to build it. Once finished, there will be an annual revenue to the KLB Community Company of £3000 per year for about 20 years, after which the loans will be paid off and the income will increase considerably.~~

Tenders for a construction supervisor for the Micro Hydro Scheme have gone out; the construction firm has already been appointed. (*Amended at the meeting held on 24 November 2020*).

9.4 Post Brexit fishing regulations require fishing boats to be registered. At present only 17% of fishing boats have registered. Christine informed the CC that all the local fishing boats have been registered.

9.5 Highland Council is offering grit, sand, and a snow shovel to anyone who would like to volunteer gritting areas like the doctor's surgery, or the Ceilidh Place.

9.6 The Screen Machine is planning to come back before Christmas and the organisers have written to the CC asking them to support their visit. The matter was discussed and it was decided to ask the organisers about the Covid safety protocols in place to reassure the public.

9.7 Information was received about a new local fund Scotland launched for applications for grants from £500 to £5000 for local projects in local communities. This may be a possible source of money to improve the pitch. This is open to anyone for any project, protective screens, physical distancing markers, hand sanitising equipment, etc. Margaret will post this information on the KLB Facebook page and forward the information to the pitch fund raisers.

9.8 Another fund that has come out recently is the 'Community Climate Asset Fund' which is giving grants from £1000 to £100,000 for Scottish based, community focused, operating on a not-for-profit basis for registered charities, community councils, development trusts, schools and nurseries and any community led housing associations. Funding can be for energy efficiency measures, equipment to support community food growing, electric

vehicles and charging infrastructure for community run car clubs, bikes, electric bikes to reduce greenhouse emissions and equipment to reduce waste in the community. Their website is www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccaf. Margaret will post this on the KLB Facebook page.

9.10 The mobile bank is trialling coming back to some communities, though at the moment Kinlochbervie doesn't seem to be one of them. Christine will speak to the bank manager to find out what the plans are.

10. AOCB

No other Council business

9. NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24th November 2020** at 7:00 pm **With Zoom**.

This will be the AGM followed by a regular meeting.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 27th October 2020

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.1	Margaret to put Gary in touch with George	Margaret	ongoing
3.3	Forward tourism documents to rest of CC	Margaret	ongoing
3.4	Ask Duncan Clarke for white line costing on Loch Clash Stopover	Margaret	ongoing
7	Email Joanna Sutherland about speed limit changes. Check on traffic survey.	Margaret Hugh	ongoing
9.7/8	Post fund information on KLB Facebook page	Margaret	ongoing
9.10	Speak to bank Manager about return of mobile bank to KLB	Christine	ongoing