

# KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Held via Zoom

**PRESENT:** Andrea Boyes (Chair), Kirsty Holland (Vice-Chair), Sandra Armes-Harris (Secretary), Christine MacKenzie (Treasurer), Hugh Morrison (Highland Council), Murdo Macpherson, Margaret Meek, Mairi Eastcroft, Maaike Silcock (minutes)

**Guest:** Laura Hamlet

**1. APOLOGIES:** PC Frazer Mitchell,

**2. MINUTES of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

The minutes from the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Mairi. The minutes were approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**3.1** The Kinlochbervie Website is moving forward. Funding has been applied for from HIE for their Digital Empowerment Grant. Applications for funding have also been made to Nature Scot and NHI. An application is also being submitted by the Coastal Community.

All the new information will be printed on a leaflet and on a walks guide. £400 allocated for brochures will be put into a 'match fund'. The funding will be matched from various sources, the Community Company, HIE, NHI, Nature Scot and the Coastal Communities.

The KLB Community Council is very grateful to Laura for all the work she is doing to get these applications going.

**3.2** Margaret will re-send an email to Joanne Sutherland about changing the speed limits in the village.

**3.3** The Cemetery car park at Sheigra has had gravel delivered, and just needs to be spread to fill in the potholes.

**4. WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2020**

Winter gritting is the main priority at present.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Kinlochbervie Community Council bank balance is...£1742.52

The Christmas Lights fund stands at.....£3731.18

The Brochure fund has.....£456.38

The War Memorial fund.....£184.21

## **6. POLICE REPORT**

Police are looking into reports of breaches of Covid regulations in the area.

## **7. RESILIENCE RESPONSE**

**7.1** Fuel poverty and food poverty are issues that the resilience group is helping with. Since March they have made 293 food parcel deliveries. The Ceilidh House is continuing with their deliveries.

**7.2** The Group of 6 held a meeting last week to discuss the impact of Covid on the fishing industry. Many of the foreign trawlers are going to Ireland and Denmark and the worry is that they won't return to our harbours.

The small boats and the shellfish are also affected due to hold ups at customs and the white fish demand is greatly reduced because 90% goes abroad and restaurants in the UK are closed.

Christine will be speaking to Liam at the Highland Council in Lochinver about writing a letter to Fergus Ewing at Scottish Government from all the Community Councils about the impact of the current situation on the fishing community, copying in Jamie Stone at Westminster.

**7.3** Funding for people experiencing fuel poverty; having financial difficulty in trying to heat their homes, is available. The Highland Council has a site which could help with heating bills. Helen Houston, the Community Development worker in Scourie, may help if all our local area resources can't help.

People struggling to pay for fuel or any reason as a result of the Covid regulations can also apply to the Highland Council Covid Fund for money.

Andrea will print of a poster to put up in the garage and post it on the Kinlochbervie Facebook page, advertising to the public where they can get financial aid.

## **8. NORTH WEST VISION 2045**

**8.1**This project has been created so that all the local Community Councils and all other organisations in this area can approach Scottish Government with one collective voice.

Murdo will be the representative and contact point for Kinlochbervie and the Geopark. Meetings have been taking place with members in the steering group every 2 weeks and

with the hope of more funding, meetings with representatives of more organisations will be taking place in the future.

**8.2 The Geopark** has appointed a fundraiser and the Rock Stop is still closed. Whether it will open this year is not clear. The main aspirations for the Geopark this year is to identify conservation projects, Smoo Cave for example. Speaking to partners in the hope of finding ways to educate tourists on how to behave more responsibly.

The Geopark is coordinating a business network of ambassadors and business partners which will help connect businesses, promote them and help them operate more effectively. Murdo will contact Christine with more information for the Spar, Garage and the Fish Selling Company.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

## 8. AOCB

**8.1** 18 Manse Road is nearly finished thanks to the Community Company. The Loch Clash Stopover did very well financially and the income from that has funded the final renovations.

**8.2** The community Company has been asked to erect a fence to section off the area for campervans. This was deemed too dangerous for the public as it would bisect the shared access to the pier which is owned by Highland Council. It was therefor decided to perhaps put up some warning signs for the public.

Hugh Morrison and Tony Usher are working on a suitable way forward.

**8.3** The share offer for the Hydro-scheme has been announced by Energy4all and local the residents of Kinlochbervie can register their interest online. When the shares are allocated, residents have one week to pay for the shares. There will be two lots of share offers; one now and one a bit later in the year.

## 9. NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021** at 7:00 pm **With Zoom**.

### SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.2	Re-send email to Joanne Sutherland	Margaret	ongoing
7.3	Create a poster advertising where to apply for financial aid	Andrea	ongoing
8.2	Discuss solution for the Loch Clash Stopover with Tony Usher	Hugh	ongoing

