

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 23rd February 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)

1. APOLOGIES: No apologies.

2. MINUTES of the 26th January 2021

One amendment from point 7.2, the correct name is Jamie Stone.

The minutes from the 26th January 2021 were proposed for approval by Christine and seconded by Margaret. The minutes were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 26th January 2021.

3.1 The fishing industry seems to be quite positive, with the Spanish boats coming into Lochinver to land. The smaller creel boats are still struggling, but there is a grant scheme they can access.

3.2 More use of the harbour has been suggested; wind turbines and pushing for development with different uses for the harbour alongside the fishing.

The Kinlochbervie Harbour is in urgent need of dredging. The problem is finding a suitable site to dump the dredged material. The hold up for this is Marine Scotland who have to re-open a site and issue the licence.

3.3 The effects of Brexit on the fishing industry are improving. Covid has also influenced the fishing, but that will improve once the hospitality industry picks up again.

3.4 Andrea to do the poster on where to find financial aid.

3.5 NW Vision. All the community Councils in this area have accepted it. Invitations for suggestions are expected shortly which will enable this vision to go forward.

3.6 Geopark Nature Scot has appointed a project worker. Conservation work on Smoo Cave is now underway.

3.7 UNESCO National Trail has now been established and the co-ordinators are looking for places of interest in the Community Council area that might be included in their brochure. Examples so far are Sandwood Bay and Oldshoremore Beach. Cultural sites and music events could also be included, for example, the KLB Gala (though that hasn't taken place for a couple of years), Scottish Country Dancing and The Church of Scotland hosting a series of non-denominational events.

3.8 Tenants move into 18 Manse Road on the 1st March 2021. All work has just about finished, mainly due to the income from the Loch Clash Stopover.

3.9 The Loch Clash Stopover issue with fencing is not yet resolved.

3.10 The Hydro schemes need £275,000 for phase one and has already raised £225,000. Work has already started and will be finished by the end of the year. There will be a break in the works to allow nesting birds to be undisturbed.

4. WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2020

4.1 Droman Pier residents are concerned that the bins have been removed from the sea front area. With the anticipation of frequent campers staying overnight, could the Council provide a large metal bin to accommodate all tourist rubbish. Hugh will address the issue. If there are any other areas that would benefit from larger bin capacity, please email Hugh.

4.2 Potholes have priority for the works team. Again, if residents could email Hugh with the locations of problem potholes, he will get them sorted.

4.2 Signs with local information, including parking and the location of toilets, was discussed. A similar size and design to the ones at Gairloch and Durness, at various locations including before the junction to Kinlochbervie North bound and South bound, at the Rhiconich toilets, in the Achriesgill layby, or at the Garage or shop. Funding for the signs from the Ward Discretionary Fund is still available. Margaret will look into the cost and funding for two large signs on the main road and a smaller one for KLB village.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Kinlochbervie Community Council bank balance is... £1656.52

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

The Brochure fund has.....£000.00 All funds to tourism group.

The War Memorial fund..... £184.21

Insurance for the year is paid (£86) and the website fee (£35)

6. POLICE REPORT

No Police report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

8. AOCB

8.1 The streetlights along past the junction from the shop up to the end of Bervie Road have been out for several weeks. Hugh will organise them to be fixed.

8.2 Funding is being researched to start a community garden at the back of the church. The hope is to link into the food bank and become sustainable with the help of local volunteers.

8.2 Andrea will investigate the possibility of a food larder with contribution from the John Muir Trust.

9. NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30th March 2021** at 7:00 pm **With Zoom.**

SUMMARY LIST OF ACTIONS FROM MEETING 23rd February 2021

	Action	Who?	Completed /Ongoing
3.4	Poster on where to apply for financial aid	Andrea	ongoing
4.1	Try to source a large metal bin for Droman Pier	Hugh	ongoing
4.2	Make inquiries on prices and funding for signs	Margaret	ongoing
8.1	Organise the repair of the streetlights	Hugh	ongoing
8.2	Speak to Don O'Driscoll about a potential food larder	Andrea	ongoing