

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting 30TH MARCH 2021

Held via Zoom

	PRESENT		Andrea Boyes (Chair), Kirsty Holland (Vice-Chair), Sandra Armes-Harris (Secretary), Christine MacKenzie (Treasurer), Hugh Morrison (Highland Council), Margaret Meek, Murdo MacPherson, Mairi Eastcroft, Maaike Silcock (Minutes).	Completed/ Ongoing/ Who?
	Members of the public		Richard Osborne, Mike Mathews	
1	APOLOGIES		None	
2	MINUTES OF THE 23rd February 2021		The Minutes of the 23 rd February were proposed for approval by Murdo and seconded by Margaret. The Minutes were approved.	
3	MATTERS ARISING From the minutes Of 23rd February 2021		Hugh is organising the large bin for Droman.	
4	WORKS PRIORITIES	4.1	MyjobScotland is advertising for 3 six-month Summer recruitment in the local area, in the amenities sector, a Community Ranger and a waste collector (who will probably go round in a pick-up, emptying roadside bins daily). Andrea will copy the link and post it on the KLB and the Durness Community pages.	Andrea
		4.2	Hugh will try to get the 'white- liner' to the area.	Hugh
		4.3	The Christmas lights will be taken down by the Fire Service.	
5	TREASURERS REPORT		Community Council.....£1556.52 Christmas Lights.....£3711.18 Brochure Fund.....£456.38 (£450 for Laura) War Memorial Fund.....£184.21 Money for the signs is expected shortly.	
6	POLICE REPORT		The Police are very aware of people in the area who are not local and are breaking covid regulations. They are speaking to those people.	

<p>7</p>	<p>GEOPARK</p>	<p>7.1 7.2 7.3</p>	<p>Funding is going to be applied for from the National Lottery Heritage fund for several projects. One is ‘Slow Tourism’, designed to slow people down and ‘Engagement’, and Marine Tourism, and engagement utilising the harbour and Marina. The next round of funding would be to facilitate projects in this part of the Geopark, including a heritage project about the use of the Gaelic language in this area, and document heritage that may be at risk of being lost.</p> <p>The Rock Stop has been given £8000 award from the ‘Visit Scotland Grant Scheme’ for visitor attractions affected by Covid. This could pay for outside benches and Gazebo type structures so that visitors can sit outside only or takeaway. The exhibition would be open.</p> <p>The Ambassador Scheme has been launched which brings together businesses in the Geopark area to promote their business, and they, in turn, promote the Geopark.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>LAURA’S REPORT</p>		<p>Criech Locality Group have announced the development of the County of Sutherland’s Community Resilience Plan, bringing the Community together to identify assets and decide what can be done in a variety of emergency situations. There is a Locality Group Facebook page open to anyone who lives in KLB. It is hoped that members of the Community will join the group to get connected. The Locality Group has set up a tourism sub-group for which the website is being developed. Local businesses are being asked whether they would like to be listed on the site and whether they would contribute to help with the operating costs of the website. The next Locality Group meeting is 22nd April, and all are welcome. The Sutherland Community Partnership meets on the 7th May. All are welcome.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>SIGNAGE</p>		<p>Money from the Ward Discretionary fund (£1800) will pay for the signs. It was decided by the all the Council members to order the signs from the same designer as the John Muir Trust, as signs made by Douglas Gibson (North Highland Initiative) would not contain all the required information. Richard and Gerald Osborne (Rhiconich Estate) are designing a sign for Oldshoremore Beach, similar to the one at Polin, with a budget of about £500.</p>	

10	CORRESPONDENCE		Emails from Douglas Gibson (North Highland Initiative) were received which indicated that there would be a limit to the information that could be included on the proposed signs.	
11	AOCB	<p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p>	<p>The Food Bank has received funding and will be continuing.</p> <p>The Community Garden has applied for funding to pay for a full-time gardener who would develop the Community Garden to help supplement the Church Store House.</p> <p>There is concern that there is too much duplication of information on the 5 or 6 leaflets that are being developed for the different local areas. The Council was asked whether they thought it would be better to combine all the information on one leaflet, greatly reducing the cost. The Council members agreed that this would be a good idea. This could be discussed with the other area Chairs.</p> <p>Hugh suggested that KLB would greatly benefit from a NW Sutherland Development Officer. There is a lot of funding available, but it needs to be applied for. KLB along with Durness need to employ someone to apply for funding (Like Helen Housten in Scourie). Andrea will contact Helen for advice.</p> <p>The Coastal Communities Fund will be sorted out on Thursday 1st April, though it was heavily over-subscribed.</p>	<p>Kirsty</p> <p>Andrea to contact Helen in Scourie.</p>
12	NEXT MEETING		<p>Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom</p> <p>Kirsty or Margaret will Chair the meeting if Andrea is not available.</p>	