

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 25TH MAY 2021

Held via Zoom

	PRESENT		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		Mike Mathews	
1	APOLOGIES		Andrea Boyes, Keven Wickham	
2	MINUTES OF THE 23rd February 2021		The Minutes of the 30 th March were proposed for approval by Mairi and seconded by Margaret. The Minutes were approved.	
3	MATTERS ARISING From the minutes Of 23rd February 2021	<p>3.1 3 Community Rangers are now in place, one based in Assynt which covers up to Durness, one based in Talmine which covers from Durness to Bettyhill and one based in Strathy which covers the area from Bettyhill to John O' Groats. Mark Dent, the Access Officer, is also out and about at weekends. The Rangers will be working on the weekends. The Ranger covering Scourie is helping Davey Thompson with the grass cutting in the cemeteries and amenities.</p> <p>3.2 The waste officer, based at Lochinver, has also started. He will be replacing full house hold sized bins with empty ones on a daily basis. Some of the bigger bins have been replaced with the more manageable smaller household bins.</p> <p>3.3 The white liner will be coming West shortly. It has been taken off the road because of some health and safety issues.</p>		
4	WORKS PRIORITIES	<p>4.1 Gorse is continually being cut back, they are on the Durness road at the moment. Grass verges will be cut at some point, there is one man working his way round from Caithness.</p> <p>4.2 Concerns were raised about the integrity of some of the Dunes at Oldshoremore Beach which appear to be about to slide down the bank. There is currently a notice to inform the public that they can go onto the beach at their own risk. Kirsty will contact the Osbornes to inform them.</p>	Kirsty	

5	TREASURERS REPORT		Community Council.....£3376.52 (this includes the £1800 from the Ward Discretionary Fund) Christmas Lights..... £3711.00 Brochure Fund.....£56.38 (£400 will be paid to the Kinlochbervie community Company, to be used to pay for the brochures.) War Memorial Fund.....£184.21	
6	POLICE REPORT		No Police Report.	
7	GEPARK	7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4	The Rock Stop has just opened for take-out only. There are benches outside. The Exhibition is still closed and there is no inside seating. Keith Williams is the full time employee, being supported by Dave Williams. Current staffing only allows for take-out. Laura has been applying for funding for all sorts of projects. Educational projects are hoping to be funded by the Geopark. Proposals have been submitted to create a “Blue Corridor” which is a trail from Ullapool Harbour up to Kinlochbervie and round the coast, to encourage tourists to use the harbour facilities. The “Pilgrims Trail” and the “Sense of Place Project” are being developed to capture and record the memories and stories of the older generations. Funding is being raised for a new Geopark brochure covering the entire area, including local information.	
8	LAURA’S REPORT		The 3 main areas that funding is being applied for are: 1) The Visitors leaflet 2) The Paths Brochure 3) The Kinlochbervie website The next Locality Group meeting is 3 rd June 2021	

9	SIGNAGE	9.1	The access code is quite specific about the information that is allowed on signs. The have to be in line with the current laws, for example, on where you can and cannot light a fire.	
		9.2	The John Muir Trust has ordered 3 signs, one for each of the beaches at Droman, Sheigra, Blairmore and Polin. Similar signs were suggested for Oldshoremore Beach, and perhaps other sites.	
		9.3	The existing sign at Rhiconich needs to be replaced. The information is out of date. The new sign could have details of the Kinlochbervie website which would then be continually updated. Also included would be a map, local services available and information on local attractions. Also included could be a section on respecting the land.	
10	CORRESPONDENCE		No correspondence. Most information is sent out by emails, which all the KLB CC members receive.	
11	AOCB	8.1	Christine will email Mike Matthews with contact details for George Corbett.	Christine
		8.2	Dr. Berrie leaves at the end of July. There are concerns about securing a replacement. Kirsty will speak to Andrea about organising a zoom meeting with Durness and Scourie to discuss the best way forward for attracting a new GP.	Kirsty
		8.3	The Bonfire site by the Nursery School has been left very untidy with a lot of wire which poses a hazard for the sheep and the wildlife. Hugh will liaise with the CC and organise a skip for a Saturday and hope that there are volunteers to fill it with the rubbish. Locals will be informed that wood can only be donated for the November Bonfire 3 weeks before hand, and any remains to be properly cleared afterwards.	Hugh
		8.4	Community Council meetings are to remain online for the next couple of months at least.	
12	NEXT MEETING		Tuesday 29th June 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom This includes the AGM, which will be followed by the usual Community Council meeting.	