

Kiltearn Community Council



Minutes –

Held in Ante Room, Diamond Jubilee Hall

Held on Tuesday 10th September 2024

PRESENT

Elected Members

John McHardy (JM)
Annelie Graham (AG) & Minute Taker
Sarah McNair (SM)
Susan Crookes (SC)

Public

Preston Whyte
John Ross
Anne Macdonald, Sheena, Lorna & Janice
Maureen Cusick
John Edmondson (Ardross Community Council)
Sinclair Coghill (Saltburn and Westwood Community Council)
3 additional members of the public

Item Discussion

1 **Apologies/Welcome**

Apologies noted from Mandy Macleman (MM), Shelagh Dennett (SD), Mike Finlayson (MF), Gabrielle Buist (GB), PC Jaia Pirrie

2 **Finance**

Balances are £84k & £85k.

3 **Previous Minutes/Matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting of 11th June 2024, were agreed as proposed by SC and seconded by SM.

4 **Previous Minutes/Matters arising**

- 4.1 • **Village Officer** proposals and research being undertaken by SD and MF - **SD,MF**
 ongoing.
- 4.2 • **'Shared Space' Road signs** warning motorists about walkers, cyclists and horses have now been erected around the village – with thanks to Preston and John Ross. Suggestions for other locations are welcomed.

- 4.3 • **New Jubilee Hall junction and other roads issues including Safer Routes for Schools.** Trevor Black is acting on behalf of the KCC and village in reference to the Jubilee Hall junction. The last communication he had was a Road Safety Audit report in which Trevor was going to query a number of points. *Ongoing.*
- 4.4 • **Public toilet** proposals and research being undertaken by SC, SM and JM - *ongoing.* JM awaiting confirmation if Highland Council agreed monies for this from some time ago is still available.
- 4.5 • **Bus shelter panels.** These have now been replaced – with thanks to Preston & John Ross.

SC,SM
JM

5 Correspondence

- 5.1 • **Beach cleanup** – JM received an email regarding litter cleanup at the beach. It is unlikely that the Highland Council will provide a Ranger Service for doing this. Suggested that the school, scouts and guides are involved. Lorna pointed out that many paths around the beach & village are overgrown and the hedge by the school is an obstruction to school children and people walking by. SM advised that the Parent Council will discuss this issue at their next meeting. It is advised that as many folk as possible report these things on the Highland Council reporting website.
- 5.2 • **Xmas lights** – Keith (who helps put up the lights) asked if we were ordering more. SM said at the next Parent Council meeting they will propose school design another light. JM suggested a light up poppy at the memorial – all agreed it was a good idea.
- 5.3 • **Multiple major energy planning applications & consultations** – there are at least 4 proposals for the Kiltarn area for battery storage, pylons and windfarms. The Highland Council have contacted Community Councils with a Motion to consider, regarding how Community Councils can respond collectively to these proposals.

SM,SC
JM

The scoping documents from the energy companies are not user friendly and do not seem designed to generate a public response, some are overly long and inaccurate in their dimensions and obscure the true impact on the village, the landscape & environment, archaeology and tourism.

- It was agreed that the KCC would support the Motion. JM will respond to Highland Council to this effect. JM
- It was also agreed that the KCC would hold a joint meeting with the other affected Community Councils, like Ardross and Westwood & Saltburn, to discuss these issues and how to proceed collectively. JM
- JM will also respond to the scoping documents. JM
- A post will be put on Facebook summarising the proposals and with links to the various consultations so that the local people can be more informed. AG

6 Other Business

6.1 **Place Plan**

Maureen Cusick said she is still working on this and once complete there will be a further consultation with the community, and the document is reviewed by the Highland Council before being submitted.

6.2 **Police Report**

As circulated & attached.

6.3 **Councillors updates**

Non received.

Items that people want raised with the Councillors can be passed onto them via the KCC if need be.

6.4 **Defibrillators**

Anne Macdonald pointed out that the defib located within the school has been neglected in that the batteries are dead and it is never checked . The Head Teacher has said that it should not be in the school but maybe on the Sports Hall wall so Highlife have been asked for their input awaiting a response. Anne asked if KCC will pay for the cost of the batteries – **all agreed**. SC & SM advised that they would raise this at the Parent Council meeting and both felt the defib should remain in the school as it is suitable for children and adults, and they will also push for the teachers, P6 & P7 children to join in with the training.

JM advised that the village were offered the opportunity of having another defib machine and this was agreed and it will be placed on the Sharing Shed. There is free training in the Jubilee Hall on 26th Sept – open to all ages.

Anne confirmed that her group check & maintain the other two defibs but not the one at the entrance to the wood. AG will confirm with the woods group to see if they check it. **AG**

6.5 Anne updated that the older folks lunch club is going well and there is a trip planned soon. Anne said that there is real worry and concern about those in the village who will not be receiving the heating allowance and are going to really suffer. It's hard to pinpoint who is badly affected and needs help.

6.6 **Remembrance Day** – the KCC agreed to pay the piper for the service. Anne advised that the Evanton memorial is on the British Royal Legion list for being refurbished.

7 **Grant applications**

7.1 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Request for support towards trips and resources.

Requested grant amount: £3000

APPROVED

7.2 Ross County FC

Request for support towards upgrading of equipment.

Requested grant amount: £5000 (total project cost £11584)
APPROVED

7.3 Cornerstone

Request for support towards refurbishing kitchen

Requested grant amount: £5500

APPROVED

8 AOCB

- 8.1
 - Grant application from Fox & Friends has been withdrawn.
- 8.2
 - **Sports Hall** - ongoing issue regarding usage restrictions – to be discussed at the next meeting
- 8.3
 - **Grant form** – SM has created a new form, to be reviewed & approved at next meeting

9 Next meeting: Wednesday 10th October 2024

The Chair thanked those present for their attendance.