

KILTARLITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 24th MARCH 2016
7.30pm KILTARLITY VILLAGE HALL

In the chair:

Norman Grant (NG)

Present:

Members - Dorothy Ward (DW), Eunice Ramsden (ER), Lucinda Spicer (LS)

Ex-Offio members - Cllr Margaret Davidson (MD)

Also present - Neil Wallace

1. Welcome, apologies and minutes of previous meeting

Apologies were received from Elaine Cameron, Cllr Dr Jean Davis and Cllr Helen Carmichael.

2. Police report

Two representatives from the police attended to give the Police Report.

There have been a couple of break ins locally since the last report but nothing apparently taken. A male has been reported for disorder. The Missing Person from Drumnadrochit was discussed, where there has been some press coverage and the police have been asking people to check outbuildings amid reports of possible sightings.

Cases of late night speeding on Post Office Brae in Kiltarlity were notified to the meeting. As regards some minor disorder experienced in the area of the Hall, the police advised that footage from the CCTV camera outside the Hall may be useful if corroborating other evidence and asked that they be informed if this happens in the future. It was resolved that a sign should be put up to advise the public that there is a CCTV camera there. ACTION - ER/DW

3. Bus services

Neil Wallace gave an update on the status of 307 (route Inverness to Beauly, via Kirkhill, Kiltarlity and Hughton), where the hope is to obtain an extra stop between Beauly and Kiltarlity in the afternoon, to fulfil a community need for afternoon transport for shopping, opticians/doctors appointments, prescriptions etc. It is possible to go to Beauly and back in the morning currently, with a turnaround of approximately 2 hours in Beauly before returning, but it is considered that an afternoon run with a shorter stopover time would increase the utility of this lifeline service.

The route has been taken over by D&E and there has been a definite improvement in the service. This route is currently in the tender process (Contract 307) with a renewal start date of 2017. It is considered that as a part of the new tender, the route could be amended so that whereas at the moment the bus currently waits in Kiltarlity at 14.55pm until it leaves at 15.50pm to return to Inverness, it could use that time in making an extra run via Hughton to Beaulieu (for example, arriving 15.12pm) and back the same way to Kiltarlity, possibly leaving Beaulieu at 15.32pm and arriving Hughton 15.45pm, to leave Kiltarlity 14.55pm as at present. There appears to be ample leeway in the schedule. A need for that afternoon run should be demonstrated. It is understood that D&E are aware of the possible change and might be happy with it in principle.

It was resolved that KCC would write to Highland Council (email David.Summers@highland.gov.uk, cc Margaret Davidson) to enquire whether this change is included in the tender; and that some research should be done on the optimal time people would need to spend in Beaulieu for this to make an effective contribution to community services eg is it at least 20 minutes? Does it need to be more? NW recommended Traveline as a useful tool in planning public transport on connections etc. ACTION - NG

4. Minutes of last meeting and actions arising

The amended Minutes of Meeting 18 February 2016 were adopted - PROPOSED DW, SECONDED ER.

Actions were reviewed and carried forward/amended as necessary:

State of Glebe farm building site - this is being developed by Lifestyle Properties and it is unlikely that any specific planning conditions are attached to the operation of the site. It was resolved that a letter of complaint would be written to Lifestyle and if there was no improvement then a complaint would be made to HC Planning Department. ACTION - LS

State of roads around the village - NG to email Bill Fraser about having a special meeting on roads and co-opting Bill - ACTION NG

Blairmore Felling licence application - comment letter required to Forestry Commission and to DBSE - ACTION LS - IN HAND

Community spirit - report and suggestions from EC - ACTION EC pending next meeting

Policing and the 999 call centre closure - letter of protest still to be sent - ACTION NG

5. Correspondence

LS reported that the following had been received

- Letter on medal for Queen's Anniversary - no action proposed;
- Bundle of documents for Cnoc An Eas wind farm revision - comments letter already in preparation due to 29 March 2016 deadline;
- Advice from Highland Council that Druim Ba revised wind farm is being appealed - further representations already dealt with due to 16 day deadline
- email from Sheila Wallace, Boblainy Forest Group, enquiring about Kiltarlity Groups information evening date and expressing an interest in being involved - no date yet

identified so LS to reply saying will let them know when a date has been fixed.

ACTION - LS

6. SSE issues

MD reported on this issue. The SVC has been running at a lower level but it will be taken up to full capacity and noise readings taken before reducing the load again. They have fitted acoustic jackets for some of the kit and have replaced some transformers. SSE are doing their best to control noise and have offered a trip round the substation. The acoustic jackets have helped with some of the low frequency noise, but then additional noise has been identified. Some pylons are being taken down. There is to be more planting round the substation.

Regarding the 400kV line from Keith, there is consultation under way but it is inevitable that an application will come in.

7. Treasurer's Report

DW presented the monthly financial report, showing KCC funds standing at £1,998.25. DW, Ron MacLean and Joe Gibbs are now the people involved with the Kiltarlity Newsletter.

The AGM needs to be held before the end of June, at which all office bearers have to be re elected and the accounts approved. NO ACTIONS ARISING

8. Roads

The status of some pothole areas was discussed - the forest entrance by Highland Lilliums (the likely cause being intermittent logging lorries) and in more general terms the area around Carmault Muir and Lonackheim (the "Ocean"). MD may inspect in passing. The meeting was reminded that potholes should be reported by logging onto the HC website (though only a small team now deal with potholes).

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 4 May. LS to inform EC. A reminder should be circulated; 2 days beforehand the agenda and any apologies received should be sent to members. ACTION - LS

10. AOB

- DW reported a letter from K2000. A £250 donation was agreed
- The gala is on 4th June, helpers are needed

- ER reported an injury to the wall on the corner of Croft Road. Cones have been placed there but it is not clear when it will be fixed by the Council. MD will follow up.
- A coffee morning is being held for epilepsy.

Thereupon the meeting concluded.

Lucinda Spicer

Secretary