

KILTARLITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 4th MAY 2016  
7.30pm KILTARLITY VILLAGE HALL

In the chair:

Norman Grant (NG)

Present:

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

Also present - Linda Bell (LB)

1. Welcome, apologies and minutes of previous meeting

Apologies were received from Cllr Helen Carmichael.

2. Police report

PC Billy MacDonald (BM) attended to give the Police Report. Charges have been made for a construction and use offence and a speeding offence in the village. A warning was issued about door to door sales activities which could involve questionable goods and offences under trading standards. A poster was issued (to be put up on village notice board) and a request was made that anything suspicious in the way of doorstep crime should be reported.

In connection with the missing person report at the last meeting, the body of a male has been found in dense woodland above Belladrum.

An update was given on local policing changes - Sgt Stewart has moved to Inverness, Sgt Karen MacKenzie is acting Sargeant for the area. The new Chief Superintendent is Phillip Macrae (from Muir of Ord area). There is a new Chief Constable - BM to email LS with the name for the records. Contact with the police is best done via the 101 service number.  
ACTION BM/LS.

3. Minutes of last meeting and actions arising

The Minutes of Meeting 24 March 2016 were adopted.

Actions were reviewed and carried forward/amended as necessary:

Notice about CCTV outside Hall - done (ER).

Bus services - the tender for the route is now underway, with the extra trip from Kiltarlity to Beauly in the tender (Neil Wallace is continuing to deal with this). NG reported that there are to be two special bus stops for the village with kerb amendments for special access buses and the possible locations for these were discussed.

State of building site opposite the Hall - carried forward to next meeting. ACTION - LS.

State of roads around the village - some progress has been made on the ditch/drain issues but silt has again clogged the particular drain. There is also a suspected burst pipe in the triangle access road at Brockie's corner giving rise to persistent damp- LS will inspect and call Scottish Water if necessary. ACTION - LS

Blairmore Felling Licence application - letter from KCC pointing out lack of community consultation on forest management to go to DBSE was approved, with copies to go to Highland Council (forestry and historic), FCS and Bell Ingram, who are handling the application for certification). ACTION - LS.

Policing/emergency contacts - NG reported that he had struggled to get any contact details, having only found a survey on line. It was resolved that he should try Philip Macrae. ACTION - NG.

#### 4. Correspondence

SSE minutes - these appear to suggest that the noise issue has been fixed, but it needs testing. It was agreed that the situation would continue to be monitored.

Festive lighting - NG has received a brochure, passed to EC (see below for Social Events report).

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

DW presented the monthly financial report, showing KCC funds standing at £1,548.25.

The Annual Accounts were presented, as signed off by the examiner. DW will be submitting them to Highland Council forthwith. NO ACTIONS ARISING

#### 6. Social Events Convener's Report

Christmas Lights: EC reported that she had been dealing with Highland Council over possible second hand Christmas lights. She has also made contacts with people about donating sweets/drinks for a possible event. In her contacts with the school, it has come to light that after school clubs are being hit eg Ready Steady Go is disappearing. Some parents are not happy with the school, and there is some unhappiness over the reduction in hours on a Friday (school closing at 12.30pm to give teachers Friday afternoon non class time, whilst pupils taught hours are maintained through reducing lunch breaks etc on other days).

Possible social events under investigation are:

- Kids Christmas party ; main open issue is would KCC consider hosting it? organising it is considered relatively simple, EC would speak to businesses about donating, and there was discussion over a possible "Santa"; and
- Fireworks and bonfire event; this would involve lots of "red tape" which EC is still looking into, but her feeling is that villagers would like to see such an event. A fireworks display is thought to be easier to get approvals for than a bonfire. There is some pressure to get people to go to the central display in Inverness, rather than organise local events.

The discussion turned to the status of Brockie's Lodge, which is currently under offer. It was reported that the prospective use may not be as licensed premises eg it might be used as a hairdressers, travel agents and community cafe. At this, extreme concerns were expressed by the meeting, the discussion concluding that the loss of this local facility would have an extreme adverse effect on the community in the short and long term, both to those in the community and as a result of the economic effects of loss of passing trade. Arguments such as problems with drink/drive regulation can be got round by running a community bus at closing time, which other pubs manage to do.

It was resolved that a letter would be sent to the relevant department of Highland Council (Planning and Licensing) and to DM Hall, the selling agents, setting out that KCC would not support a change of use from licensed premises, and highlighting the strength of feeling in the community. Ward members would also receive a copy with the meeting minutes.

ACTION - LS.

#### 7. Planning matters - licence application for dog boarding at Foxhole

The meeting was unable to resolve anything due to lack of information about the scale of the operation likely to be involved. It was decided that more information would be sought before the consultation deadline. ACTION - NG

#### 8. AOB

- DW reported a letter of thanks from K2000 for the £250 donation.
- It was resolved that a grant of £50 each for Elaine Sandilands and Niamh Martin to go to Malawi and teach children through the Coll Project would be awarded, provided that an article was written for the Kiltarlity News. ACTION - DW.
- Other Kiltarlity News matters - a report from KCC is required - ACTION - LS; also, EC suggested that children should be more actively involved in contributing material, but will after check with Ron Maclean first. ACTION - EC.
- LB advised that Lovat Shinty Club are building a new clubhouse. She requested that KCC provide a letter stating the effects that this would have for the local community; this would be used in the fund raising efforts. It was resolved that such a letter would be provided; ACTION - NG.
- Further to this, it is a condition of planning for the shinty clubhouse that the adjacent play park is fenced. LB suggested that if KCC applied for funds to do this, grants may be available through a small funds application eg to [www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk) (express grants). The shinty club have applied to the Highland Council for Challenge funding for grass cutting. It was resolved that the required specification for play park fencing should be determined and a grant request should thereafter be made. (ACTION - DW/NG).
- LB also asked whether sport facility for older community members had been considered eg a bowling green by the Hall. ER informed the meeting that this had been looked at many years ago. It had been agreed in principle although it was

considered a bit near the Hall but nothing had ever happened. After discussion, it was resolved that EC would look into "Sport Scotland" and ER suggested to try Carol Grant. ACTION - EC.

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting should take place on 15 June 2016, being the AGM. An ordinary meeting for the business to be conducted will take place following on from the AGM.

Thereupon the meeting concluded.

Lucinda Spicer

Secretary