

KILTARLITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 15th JUNE 2016  
7.45pm KILTARLITY VILLAGE HALL

In the chair:

Norman Grant (NG)

Present:

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

Ex-Offio members - Cllr Margaret Davidson (MD), Cllr Helen Carmichael (HC), Cllr Dr Jean Davis (JD)

Also present - Ron MacLean (RM)

1. Welcome and apologies

LS reported that PC Craig MacIver had left a message that he was unable to attend due to an incident.

2. Police report

LS read out the police report received - two construction and use offences, one seat belt not worn, several persons acting in a suspicious manner (but no criminal intent evident), two people charged with theft by housebreaking and one theft of a quad bike.

3. Minutes of last meeting and actions arising

The minutes of the meeting on 4 May 2016 were corrected: the name of the police attendee was amended and the first names of the two young people receiving grants were added. The Minutes of Meeting 24 March 2016 were then adopted.

Actions were reviewed and carried forward/amended as necessary:

Name of new Chief Constable - LS to chase up with police contact - ACTION LS.

State of building site opposite the Hall - the piles of rubble around the site were highlighted and MD undertook to speak to the planners to try and apply some pressure - ACTION - MD.

State of roads around the village - Damp by Brockies Lodge has disappeared by itself and it was reported that the corner there is down for resurfacing.

Blairmore Felling Licence application - LS reported that two letters had been received from Mr Straker-Nesbit of DBSE in reply to the KCC letter requesting an active consultation between DBSE and the community, on the forest at Druim Ba/Blairmore. The first letter enclosed a copy of the forest plan (sent separately to LS and NG), and the second was a request to LS for minutes of the KCC meetings back to May 2014. The two replies are silent on the request for a community consultation process, but the letter accompanying the plan refers to the felling licence granted and says that "relevant bodies" will be informed prior to

operations commencing. It was resolved that the community website would be updated so that KCC minutes are generally available to the public and may therefore be viewed by DBSE at will. It was resolved that a reply should also state that DBSE are welcome to attend KCC meetings. In addition to preparing a response, LS and NG are to review the forest plan and report back - ACTION - LS/NG.

Policing/emergency contacts - NG reported that he is still struggling to have any interaction with the police to get any contact details. The only thing ever offered is 101. It is not clear where to go next, and whether this is capable of resolution. ACTION - NG.

Sale of Brockies Lodge - LS reported that she had received a response from DM Hall with a sales brochure for the property. It appears DM Hall are hopeful that KCC's expression of support for there to be a public house in the village, and KCC's stated intention to object to any planning application for change of use, might translate into an offer for the property on behalf of the community. A discussion concluded that the very modest level of funding available to KCC would prevent any serious consideration of this type of action on behalf of the community, and that KCC would continue to support Brockies remaining as a public house via the actions already approved. An appropriate response would be made to DM Hall - ACTION LS.

Planning matters (dog boarding at Foxhole) - a leaflet was presented to the meeting advertising the "Petstay" dog boarding service, which is the intended source of dog boarders for the Foxhole activity. It is to be only 2 dogs at a time, additional to the householder's existing 2 dogs, and therefore it was resolved that no action by KCC is necessary.

Kiltarlity News - RM reported that this is at the printers. He does need someone to take it over; EC, DW will help RM with the next edition in the meantime. ACTION - PLACE ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA.

Lovat Shinty Club new clubhouse - NG has sent a letter of support to help in their fund raising, and has received a letter of thanks. Regarding the play park fencing which has to be erected as a condition of Lovat's planning permission, EC reported that KCC cannot apply for a grant (Lovat had asked that KCC would do this); EC also reported that the maximum grant available is £1,000 which is not helpful in the context of the overall costs. It was resolved that EC should forward the papers to LS so that a reply to Linda Bell explaining the situation can be prepared. ACTION - EC/LS.

Other playground facilities are being built in the Willie Gray development, and there have been several changes in the scheme and location of these over the period since permission for the initial phase was granted. There have also been changes in the house styles (EC commented on the 4 bedroom ones being built currently). Overall, there have been no recent phase/project updates issued to the community by Willie Gray builders despite requests from NG/RM in the past for KCC to be kept informed of changes. MD stated that an update from the planners is needed on the play park situation and undertook to approach Nicola Drummond on the matter ie what play park is proposed and how the phasing of the development is expected to progress and what changes have there been to the plans over, say, the last year. ACTION - MD.

#### 4. Correspondence

Leader program - LS has received an email saying that the program is open, but on investigation the Section dealing with the South Inner Moray Firth has not yet been finalised. JD reported on the status and there was a general discussion on the amounts available and the type of project - KCC has benefitted in the past eg the archaeology courses. The intervention rate is currently set at 50% so matched funding has to be accessed. Also, the form filling is complex. The final plan will be published by August; JD is to pass on any concrete information that emerges and it was resolved that KCC would be alert to any opportunities to provide benefits to the community through this program. NG mentioned "Cash for kids" funds and asked that this be noted for the minutes. ACTION - JD/LS.

Brochure for play equipment - received by LS and filed.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

DW presented the monthly financial report, showing KCC funds standing at £1,548.25, but advised that since the month end funds had been disbursed as agreed at the last meeting.

#### 6. Planning matters

NG reported that there was an application for 2 new temporary road entrances at Belladrum. There was a discussion about traffic problems with the Black Isle Show and Belladrum being held at the same time, with plans for traffic and policing being prepared without local reference. MD undertook to pass on any information that might help the community organise itself in the face of this annual snarl-up. ACTION - MD.

#### 7. AOB

- Garden waste - DW had emailed MD asking about kerbside collection in Kiltarlity. Currently it is too expensive for the waste that is collected. When participatory budgetting (ie the community gets to have a say on services) comes in, in the autumn, KCC can ask to have something.
- Cycle route to Bunchrew - possible extension local to Kiltarlity appears to be via Beaufort Castle land/near Brockies and onward to Cabrich and thence to Inchmore. Kirkhill & Bunchrew Cycle group are organising the project. MD will ask about alternative routes and report back - ACTION MD.
- Expenses - DW reported that insurance/data protection of £35 had been paid, plus an outlay of £40 as an honorarium to the Examiner of the Annual Account.
- Cakes - ER requested donations of baked products for the stall at Belladrum - traybakes, cakes, buns etc, to be put round to Broomhill on 2/3rd August. ACTION - ALL.
- PTA and Gala - EC to report at next meeting. ACTION - EC.

8. Date of Next Meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting should take place on Wednesday 17th August 2016.

Thereupon the meeting concluded.

Lucinda Spicer

Secretary