

**KCC Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL meeting: TUESDAY 15th May 2018**

**North Kessock**

**Present:** John Stott (chair), Bruce Adams, Helen Barton, Sylvia Bertram, Sue Lowe, Kate MacKay, Alan MacDiarmid, Cllr Gordon Adam and Cllr Craig Fraser

Also present were Owen Smith NK Cubs & Beavers and Margaret MacDonald NKTOP.

**Apologies**: PC Lee

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

1. **Approval of Minutes from the previous AGM, 16TH MAY 2017**

After noting the absence of the venue as Munlochy the minutes were approved by BA and seconded by AM.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

Successful Projects:

* Funding in place for a defibrillator to be sited on the external wall of Munlochy Hall. Training and installation scheduled for the end of June.
* Work started on the small football pitch and parking area at Charleston, leased by KCC from 1st November 2017 and re-named the Torgorm Point Community Project. Thanks to the efforts of many within the community, large areas have been cleared for a Viewing and Picnic Area, Flower beds and a Community Orchard. Screening trees, gifted by Munro’s Nurseries, have already been planted. A decision on the use and layout of the small football pitch will be made in 2019.
* The rural phone box at Knockbain has been purchased by the adjacent house owner.
* An ornate bench has been installed in the play area of Gordon’s Park, North Kessock.
* KCC Website and Facebook are up and running. The website community calendar has also been activated to show events and activities of other voluntary groups.

Future Projects:

* Currently updating the Path Network Boards in the Knockbain area to display QR codes and other relative data alongside existing Path Networks information. Funding may be made available to assist with their upgrade.
* Presently in the process of creating a KCC Sub-Group in Munlochy similar to North Kessock, to ensure an even coverage in the Knockbain area.

Appreciation

* The chair expressed his thanks to Rachael Grist, now resigned from KCC, for her secretarial services over the last few years up to September 2017. He also thanked the committee for their excellent work throughout the year and the Area Manager, Diane Agnew for her continued support.

1. **TREASURER’S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS**

The Treasurer, Sue Lowe, read out the financial statement.

At the end of the previous Financial Year, 2016/17, the account had a balance of £1,885.11 and at the end of this year **2017/18** a balance of £2,731.53 with £1000 earmarked for the defibrillator in Munlochy, leaving a **final balance of** **£1,731.53**.

It was noted that the invoice for the hire of Munlochy Hall was received after the year end and that £100 has been allocated to the Torgorm Project.

The Chair stressed a difficult year ahead for KCC with the budget cut of 58% and highlighted that they would almost certainly have folded within two years if still paying a secretarial honorarium as well as the hire of public venues for monthly meetings.

1. **DEMIT & ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Office Bearers for 2017/18 are:

**Chairman**: John Stott (re-elected)

**Secretary:** Sylvia Bertram (re-elected - secretary since September 2017)

**Treasurer:** Sue Lowe (re-elected)

1. **DECLARATION OF PROPOSED DATE OF NEXT AGM**

The next AGM will be held in Munlochy on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7pm.

1. **AOCB**

* Street lights in Charleston: Request for Highland Council to retain the Victorian Style lights and to maintain conformity when installing the new type of street lights. Cllr’s Fraser and Adam to check the current policy on semi-ornamental lights.
* Unlit bulb in Charleston Community Phone box: To check if the box is still receiving power now that it is owned by the community and used as an exchange library.
* Footpath from the A9 to Kessock Wood: Request for a slight change to be made to the fencing wire to divert walkers from cutting through the nearby property.
* TBI’s proposal for community gardens and allotment in the Ferry Brae area: Asked for thoughts on the proposal - KCC confirmed that with their current financial constraints and commitments support only could be given to the project. It was raised that the community is perhaps a little overstretched with these types of projects, as an earlier attempt to create a memorial garden in Ferry Brae had to be abandoned through lack of support.
* Waste Bins: Highlighted that Charleston layby on the A9 had a bin stand but no bin.

The meeting closed at 2000 hours.