

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 8.00PM IN BALALLAN OLD SCHOOL.**

**PRESENT:** Peter MacIennan      Kenneth R Mackay  
Iain Maciver      Colin Brand  
Cllr Angus Morrison

K H Macaulay, Secretary Laxay Cemetery Committee in attendance.

Meeting was chaired by Iain Maciver

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Sandra Macdonald, Donald John MacIennan and Cllr Cudig Macleod.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minute of 9<sup>th</sup> February was agreed with one amendment.

Item 5C- Fourth line should read "First stage is to train community representatives who will use these machines in the community?"

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **(a) ROADWORKS**

Tarring is ongoing at Balallan and should be completed by end of month. Issue raised re water running onto main road at 62 Balallan causing problems especially in frosty weather. Cllr Morrison agreed to take matter up with Technical Services, Dept., CNES.

#### **(b) LAXAY NEW CEMETERY**

At planning stage. CNES soundings successful so far. SEPA now doing their own tests.

#### **(c) LAXAY OLD CEMETARY**

Discussion took place regarding upkeep of war graves and monies received from War Graves Commission. K H Macaulay updated the meeting regarding the work of Cemetery Committee.

After discussion it was agreed that the cost of getting five cuts of grass in the areas of cemetery not under council control would be sought with a view of identifying funding to cover this ongoing cost.

Cllr Morrison highlighted that he had previously given £500 which was in Cemetery committee account towards grass cutting at old cemetery and it was agreed that this funding be used for initial grass cutting expenses.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **(a) KEOSE POST OFFICE**

Letter received – Keose to remain temporarily closed until further notice.

-- It was noted that Laxay Post Office was in a similar position.

#### **(b) War Memorial** – letter received from Kinloch Historical Society asking for financial help to renew all lettering on Kinloch War Memorial. Lowest cost

estimate was for £1128, plus the additional cost of getting proper covers wreaths which are placed at memorial on Remembrance Sunday. After discussion Cllr Morrison agreed to give £500 from Ward funding towards this work. Community Council agreed to contribute subject to getting clarification on their own funding situation.

5. **A.O.C.B.**

(a) **MARQUEE** Meeting heard that CNEs could not purchase the marquee on the Community Councils behalf and as a result VAT element would be added to the cost. It was agreed that this would be progressed once Sandra was back on island.

(b) **DEFIBRILLATORS**

Angus updated meeting on progress to date. Machines for Balallan and Laxay have been ordered and are hoped to be in place by end of May. Iain agreed to seek funding through the MCWFT Community Council funding to provide machines for Keose and Aridhbuaich. Costs for machines are approx. £1,500-£2,000 each.

(c) **Hebridean Way/Aline Forrest**

Colin raised concerns re the lack of bins within Aline Forest both for general rubbish and dog fouling. Meeting heard that across Scotland the policy was not to have bins in place, rather to encourage people to take their rubbish away with them. This was due both to costs and the fact that people who drop litter will not use bins anyway.

Meeting also noted that there was no maintenance budget for Hebridean Way and sections were already damaged by water ingress.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Balallan Old school.