

KINLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in the Community Hub, Balallan, on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 at 8.00pm in Kinloch Community Hub.

PRESENT

Kenneth R Mackay (Vice-Chair)
Peter Maclennan (Treasurer)
Sandra Macdonald (Clerk)
Julie Mackenzie

Christopher Anderson
Angus Morrison
Robert Mackenzie

APOLOGIES

Iain Maciver

MINUTES

Minute of Meeting

The Minute of Meeting of 9 January 2024 was approved, proposed by Peter Maclennan and seconded by Robert Mackenzie.

MATTERS ARISING

CROWN ESTATE

No update on Crown Estate funding yet, hopefully will have at the April series of meetings. The likelihood is that there will be less allocation of funding than in previous years as more requests being received for Crown Estate funding to be put the strategic fund rather than community funds.

ROAD ISSUES

All issues have been dealt with apart from the dip in the road at the cattle grid on the Lochs Road. Angus reported to meeting that this matter has been left as present due to other priorities, but John Macleod is to look into the matter.

The overgrown gorse in Keose is also in queue system but will get done.

Speeding through Kintarvie – Angus has asked for the flashing 40 sign on a rotational basis. Chris suggested that signs are too near to the village and the possibility of permanent countdown slow signs were discussed. The various problems to do with the speeding through Airidhbhruaich was discussed.

Hebridean Way – Angus and Robbie attended meeting with representative from Transport Scotland. Site visit done carried out yesterday. A drone survey is requested and possibility of going out to tender and raised pavement pathway to be done. The possibility of sourcing funding of £20 – 25K from windfarm was discussed and Angus has started the process of applying for this with also some monies from CNES.

Danger of cars parking on pavement in Balallan was discussed.

Julie raised the problem of the orange type bulbs in lampposts not being bright enough to see pedestrians on the road. Angus told meeting that spare parts for these lamps are no longer available, so Council need to replace the head of each lamp that goes out. If

there is an issue where there is one orange light between two white ones or two between three, it may be worth trying to find funding ourselves to replace them. The other matter regarding to lights is that with budget choices the lights will probably be switched off at 10.00pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of signed constitution received from Clerk.

GRIMSAHDER & HEASTABHAL FARMS

Letter received from Nick Taylor, RWE Renewables OK Onshore Ltd who are currently exploring the potential for two wind farms on land at Grimshader and Heastabhal. Community consultations are due to be held on the 21 March in the Hub in Balallan where the proposals can be viewed and commented on.

A.O.C.B.

FLYTIPPING

Chris raised the problem of flytipping in the quarries and at forestry. Angus will try and source signage for this. This has been an ongoing problem for some years.

FINANCES

Cheque for £1000.00 paid to Lochs Agricultural Show for grass cutting at Laxay old cemetery.

Peter to check with Ian re bank statements in order to get accounts audited.

FUNDING REQUEST

Email received from MCWT regarding the Western Isles Community Care Form looking for funding for a local lady in Balallan who has had major heart surgery. They are looking to purchase a chair for her. Discussed and agreed to reply suggesting that they refer the lady's details to the Health and Social Care Department.

DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Angus informed meeting that a development worker has been employed on a full-time basis, by the Adhartas Trust, to work with groups in North Lochs and Kinloch, commencing work in mid-April and based in the Town Hall,

KINLOCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KHS applied some time ago to erect a sign at each end of the village flagging up the facilities. One sign is going halfway between first and second "Slow" signs and the second one coming from Harris and other sign is between the grid and bridge coming to+ Kinloch House in Laxay. KHS are requesting if planning applications can go through Community Council to reduce costs.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Angus put it to the meeting that we should decide if the community council should be the Area Forum Representative for Kinloch. Previously the Chair of each group was invited to forum meetings. Agreed that Kinloch Community Council would be the Area Forum Representative and would work with new Development worker coordinating the various meetings which may arise.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14 May 2024 at 8.00pm in Kinloch Community Hub.

