

KINLOCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Location – Kinloch Community Hub, Balallan

Date - Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Time - 8.00pm

PRESENT

Kenneth R Mackay (Vice-Chair)
Sandra Macdonald (Clerk)

Chris Anderson
Cllr Angus Morrison
Cllr Robbie Mackenzie

APOLOGIES

Iain Maciver, Peter Maclennan

MINUTES

MINUTE OF MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of 13 March 2024 was approved, proposed by Ken Roddy, seconded by Chris.

MATTERS ARISING

ROAD ISSUES

All road issues in hand. Re speeding through Kintarvie, it has been agreed now that the flashing 40 sign will be moved further out on a rotational basis.

Speed check being carried out in Balallan and Airidhbhruaich soon.

Speeding through Kintarvie – Angus has asked for the flashing 40 sign to be moved further out 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 – Heb drone survey is going ahead through Balallan and Laxay. This is being funded by CNES. Feedback from CNES regarding the financial situation with the £750,000 is that the council do not have this money and never did, therefore the £750,000 which was referred to on Eurowind and Muaitheabhal windfarm leaflets, still stands and has to be honoured. Discussion regarding dangerous sections of pathway and need for appropriate signage.

GRIMSAHDER & HEASTABHAL FARMS

No update. The meeting emphasised the need for protecting community interests.

FLYTIPPING

Angus has sourced signage for the quarry between Balallan and Airidhbhruaich. Discussion also re the possibility of this quarry being in use over the next while as bore tests were carried out there for the Eishken Windfarm. The community should keep reporting incidences of fly tipping where possible.

FINANCES

Accounts to be audited in time for next meeting.

DEVELOPMENT WORKER/

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Suzanne Macaulay, the new Development Worker would like to attend the next Committee Meeting. At present she is building a database and working on a development plan.

KINLOCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY – PLANNING FOR SIGNAGE

Kinloch Historical Society signage planning application has been submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Uisdean Robertson – Calmac Online Booking** – Noted.
2. **Lydia Rohner – Gaidhlig Language Plan** – Noted that previous action points from previous plans have not been taken into consideration.
3. **Jill Ireland – Funding for Workshops** – Refer to MCWT.
4. **Fiona MacLeod – Police Scotland Liaison Officer** – Noted.
5. **Peter Finnie – Potential Vulnerable Areas** -Noted.
6. **Donald Maclean – Muirburn Code of Practice** – Noted.
7. **Finlay MacIenanan – Controlling spread of gunnera** – Previous areas of gunnera growth were dealt with. Possibility of liaising with Pairc Trust and North Harris trust discussed.

A.O.C.B.

CROWN ESTATE REVENUES

Angus told meeting that £25,000 per ward was lost because it was decided to make another fund from Crown Estate this year, a Pan Island Strategic Fund. There were multiple agencies applying to councillors and all receiving same application. Position is that each councillor will support own area.

There is £25,000 project funding available for Kinloch groups to apply for. The Kinloch Community Council was appointed at the last meeting as the Area Forum. Angus told meeting that it was requested that Suzanne Macaulay, the new Development Worker gets in touch with groups in the area to help with funding applications. Discussion re possible projects, ie. portacabin for Balallan Hall, Sound System for Kinloch Church of Scotland, outdoor painting of Kinloch Free Church and work on the inscriptions on Kinloch War Memorial.

WARM HUB INITIATIVE

Application for a Warm Hub for Kinloch has been successful and £5000 funding approved. The Kinloch Community Hub is at present not ready to facilitate this although the funding will be held until it becomes available and able to deliver this service. Angus stressed that it would be desirable to get something to mirror how the Warm Hubs are working in North Lochs and Pairc, to work together and make it sustainable. Discussion re possibility of community involvement with Cairdean Cordail Cheann a' Loch group which may be disbanding in the next while. Ken Roddy to speak with Suzanne tomorrow re the Warm Hub initiative.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DINNER

Angus has contributed £400 ward funding towards the senior citizens dinner.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 11 June 2024 at 8.00pm in Kinloch Community Hub.