

Kinlochbervie Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on 6th October at Tigh Ceilidh

Present: Andy Mackay Returning Officer, Cllr Robbie Rowantree,
Michael Otter, Angus Ross, Graham Wild, Hector M Macpherson,
John T Mann, Sylvia Mackay, Mari J Eastcroft, Christine G Mackenzie

1. **Community Council Election, Returning Officer.**

Andy Mackay started meeting as the returning officer for the Election of a new Community Council and chaired the meeting for the selection of new office Bearers.

2. **Office Bearers Nominations**

Nominations for Chair were for John Mann and Graham Wild, a vote was taken and Graham Wild had the largest vote and so is the Chairman of the new Community Council. John Mann was nominated as Vice Chair, and Christine Mackenzie as the Treasurer.

3. **Chairmans Welcome**

Graham Wild thanked everyone for his nomination as Chairman and for all their support over the last 2 years, highlighting the challenges the Community Council faced also thanking the 3 Councillors for their support.

4. **Agenda Items**

Apologies received from Elaine McHugh (Sec) Stuart McHugh,

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed for approval by John Mann and seconded by Mari and duly approved.

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- a) **Viewpoint** – Still ongoing.
- b) **Signs** – Graham Wild offered to paint the standard Tourist info sign to the picnic site and marina as soon as possible, weather dependent.
- c) **Community Bus** – New bus ordered and delivery expected mid January. The current bus is broken down and in for repairs.
- d) **Submarine Incident** – David Halpin from MOD has offered to attend the next CC meeting along with another officer from the MOD Estates Dept. Mr Halpin has asked for the CC to gather a list of the additional costs incurred by businesses and organisations caused by the MOD accident resulting in the closure of Laxford Bridge.
Action; Graham Wild to draft a letter that the CC can circulate to advise the businesses and organisations of the MOD request.

e) Laxford Bridge Repairs – Andy Mackay reported that the scaffolding was due to be erected and that the contract for the work had been awarded. It was strongly felt that there was going to be a lot of disruption to the whole area due to the bridge being closed during the day. Cllr Rowantree and Graham Wild asked for a copy of the programme of works and suggested the work could be carried out through the evening.

Action: Andy Mackay to contact TECs with questions and suggestions and to notify all the community council's of their response.

f) Key Housing for Teachers – The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust said they have no intention of getting rid of the house and intend examining it to see what work is required to improve it.

g) Orcadian Stone Collection – Murdo reported that a visit to see the stone collection was planned for the next Geopark Steering Group meeting and that he will at that meeting reiterate the KLB Communities interest in housing the collection in Kinlochbervie.

Action; Murdo to report back to the CC with an update.

h) Patient Transport Service – Graham Wild reported that a statement was read out on behalf of Linda Kennedy Patient Transport Services Manager, regarding the work they are doing and of the post of Ambulance Care Assistant for KLB that has just been advertised for which there have been applicants who have applied. She also reiterated in her statement the difficulties to recruit local volunteer drivers that still remain an issue.

It was known that a Public meeting with the SAS, NHS and Patient Transport Service is being held in Ullapool on the 12th October at 6pm at the Village Hall.

Action; Michael Otter to attend the meeting on behalf of KLB CC.

i) Home Visits by the local Fire Brigade

Letter passed to Colin Stephenson for him to comment on.

7. Treasurers Report – The CC account holds £1077 and the War Memorial fund £161.

8. Correspondence

Emails;

- **Ward Forum** – Next Forum to be held in KLB on Saturday the 28th November from 11am to 2pm. The themes will be on Tourism and Community Council Reviews.
- **Highland Development Plan Consultation** - Everyone encouraged to feed into this which has a deadline of the 9th November. Link to Highland Council Website is www.highland.gov.uk/developmentplans.
- **Highland Council TECs Area Service Manager** - regarding Laxford Bridge Programme.
- **SNH Letter** – regarding the classification of Marine Extension to Cape Wrath SPA that will become effective from 25 September 09.

9. AOCB

- a) Action: Sylvia to contact Ronnie Lansley at CVS regarding funding request.
- b) Action: Graham to follow up on Rapsons Bus matter.
- c) Pavement to mission – work now carried out.
- d) Core Path Plan – Still a work in progress.
- e) Report on the successfully organised event that has resulted in children from KLB High School being invited to Vancouver in June 2010. They have to raise funds locally but are also being kindly supported by the people from Vancouver.

Action : Murdo to keep updating CC.

- f) Signage to Robert McBeath Memorial – Action: Graham to contact SNH to confirm who now offer support for a new sign to the cairn.
- g) KLB CC Constitution - Action: Graham to circulate current constitution to all Community Councillors.

10. Date of next Meeting Tuesday 3rd November 7pm

Cllr Rowantree gave his apologies as he is away out of the country on that date.