

KIRKHILL SWRI

During the summer break, the Committee has been busy working on the 2013 – 2014 programme .

The new session commences on Thursday, 5th September and the evening includes a talk from 'New Start'. Meetings are held on the first Thursday each month in the Community Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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Gala 2013 Recap

Gala day 2013 was blessed with fabulous weather providing the glorious backdrop to a day packed full of music, activities and events for young and old alike. Gala Day and the new hall extension were officially opened by local musician Duncan Chisholm.

The Gala Queen Laurie MacPhee along with princesses Sophie and Morgan were crowned by Julie Fowlis. Along with Eammon Doorley, Julie and Duncan went on to entertain the crowd on the music stage which clearly demonstrated why these talented musicians are so popular all over the world.

The day was packed with events and we can't possibly cover them all but we would like to mention some of the more unusual ones. Gasps were heard around the field when magician "Toulon" took to the glass walk and who could forget the Police Man & Furry Purple Monster on stilts from "Fly Agaric" who worked so hard to entertain the crowd with their antics and friendly teasing. They also ran the circus workshops which were enjoyed by many children.

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Gardening Hint

A tip from the internet on a "green" way to kill aphids on houseplants: 1 tbsp of Castile or other liquid soap (easily found on internet) diluted in two pints of water. This works by drying the insect's exoskeleton. Washing up liquid or other liquid detergent does not work, it has to be pure liquid soap. I find this to be effective where insecticide spray is not. It also smells lovely! I put the mixture in a bowl and dip the plants in so that the underside of the leaves is coated too. If using a sprayer, add 1tsp of olive oil and shake before use. I would not use this on edible plants, just in case as it has not been tested for human consumption.

Lindsey Stout, Kirkhill

Vandalism

Following on from Lindsey Stout's letter in the last issue of Crannog it is with deep regret that I have to report that the planters around the village are

now the victims of vandalism, the main one being the big planter at the junction down at the Bogroy. In the first week of July the lovely Cordyline plant was uprooted and thrown on top of the Telephone Exchange roof.

Fortunately David Hendry noticed, and duly rescued and replanted. Now in the first week of August it is again, along with others, uprooted but nowhere to be found. The big plant alone cost £15. I am sickened and disgusted having lived in this wonderful parish for over 40 years that the ACTIONS OF A MINDLESS PERSON OR PERSONS is totally ruining that image. All the planters are looked after by a few of us retired pensioners. I have an Aussie visitor here at present and she is enthralled with all our beautiful hanging baskets. At present I feel so disheartened and at 72 years of age say WHY BOTHER ANY MORE!

Joan Mackay, Treasurer, Greenfingers 2006 (7 YEARS OF CARING)

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WARDLAW CHURCH NEWS

Every year we have a Harvest Thanksgiving in our schools and churches. Do you know why? What is a Harvest Thanksgiving? Harvest Thanksgiving is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient.

In Scotland and the rest of the UK, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. We celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food in a festival known as 'Harvest Thanksgiving', usually during the month of September.

Harvest Thanksgiving reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Thanksgiving Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need.

When is Harvest Thanksgiving? Harvest Thanksgiving services are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon – 19th September 2013. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox, which falls on the 22nd September this year. Harvest Thanksgiving used to be celebrated at the beginning of the harvest season on 1 August and was called Lammas, meaning 'Loaf Mass.' Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. They were then used as the Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church, and nowadays we have Harvest Thanksgivings at the end of the season.

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving in churches as we know it today began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest thanksgiving and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Thanksgiving service. Wardlaw Church in Kirkhill will be celebrating their Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, 22nd September, and you are all invited to come along to the morning service starting at 10:30.

The poppy is an instantly recognisable symbol of respect for those who've made the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts past and present. As the nation's custodian of Remembrance, Poppyscotland is committed

to helping everyone understand the importance of Remembrance, so those sacrifices are never forgotten. There will be a Remembrance Service on Sunday, 10th November 2013 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the War Memorial in the grounds of Wardlaw Church in Kirkhill. The normal Sunday worship service in the Church will start at 10:00 a.m. on that day. You are most welcome to come along on this day to be part of either, or both, services.

Dates for your December 2013 diary.

The four Sundays that make up the season of Advent, the time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and the start of the liturgical year in the Roman Catholic Church, begin on 1st December. The Kirkhill Primary School Christmas Carol Service will take place in the Church on Sunday, 15 December starting at 6:30 p.m.

The annual Candle and Carol Service is a week later on Sunday, 22nd December, again starting at 6:30 p.m. A Watchnight Service, led by the Elders and members of the congregation, will be held on Tuesday, 24 December starting at 11:30 p.m. with the Church bell ringing in Christmas Day at midnight.

When are Kirkhill and Kiltarlity parishes getting a new Minister? None of us at Kirkhill and Kiltarlity can answer that one, but please pray for God to guide us to the Minister that He has chosen to lead us. The Nomination Committee have organised various sources and formats of advertising the vacancy and have sent personal e-mails to other Church of Scotland Ministers outwith the Inverness area making them aware of the vacancy. Rather than get a quick result, we would prefer to wait for the right answer to our situation, God's choice of a Minister to lead us forward.

All our Sunday morning services start at 10:30 a.m., but don't forget our Third Sunday Praise event which is held every third Sunday evening each month. The September Praise event will be held on Sunday, 15th September at 6:00 p.m., when the more modern songs are a highlight of the evening, and there is a chance to meet friends and neighbours over tea and home baking afterwards.

Our Tuesday coffee morning celebrated its first birthday last June. It has become the place to be seen at to meet folk, both from Church and the community at large, and enjoy great home baking, plus a catch-up on the latest local news and gossip. So there's plenty going on – please come along and join us, you will be made very welcome!

The Wardlaw Church Congregation

MP'S CORNER

Caring for our natural environment

Spectacular scenery and wildlife brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Highlands every year. Our natural environment is a huge asset that is essential to care for.

I was grateful last month to have the opportunity to visit both the Woodland Trust's Balmacaan forest above Drum, and the Inverness Beekeepers Apiary in Balloch, who are both doing their bit.

Both organisations are under pressure from the decline in woodland and bee population. Both have been campaigning hard to protect the local environment in their own way, and must be congratulated for their efforts.

There is a saying that the best time to plant a tree is 100 years ago and the next best time is now. The Woodland Trust helps protect and create native woodland, and promotes its own woods as places for visitors to enjoy and value. There is no better example of that than at Balmacaan which hosts some fine examples of native woodland. The walk up into the wood has astounding views of Loch Ness and was a historically significant site during the Jacobite Rebellion.

Likewise the Beekeepers association has worked hard to educate its members in good practice and the art of beekeeping – with twelve of its members recently passing the Basic Beemaster exam. It was hugely interesting to see the intricate work involved in good beekeeping!

Many attribute the declining population of bees to the use of pesticides and the removal of wildflower meadows; and the UK Government is undertaking an urgent review into the causes of the decline. We can all play a part in protecting the species by limiting any unnecessary use of pesticides and allowing grass lands to grow wild flowers.



I was reminded that as child in Glengarry I would collect acorns and conkers to pot them in my father's shed. There is probably a wee forest in Glengarry where we planted them!

If you are interested the helping to protect our bees or woodland you may be interested to know that the Woodland Trust is offering community groups, youth groups and schools the chance to apply for packs of free trees.

Please contact my office on 01463 711280 or email me at danny@highlandlibdems.org.uk if you would like more information on the scheme, or if you would like to raise any other matter.

KIRKHILL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Are you looking for something to do on a Monday night?

Would you like to learn a new sport?

Have you ever thought about indoor bowling?

Have you been an outdoor bowler?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions why not come along to the Kirkhill Community Centre on a Monday night and try indoor carpet bowling.

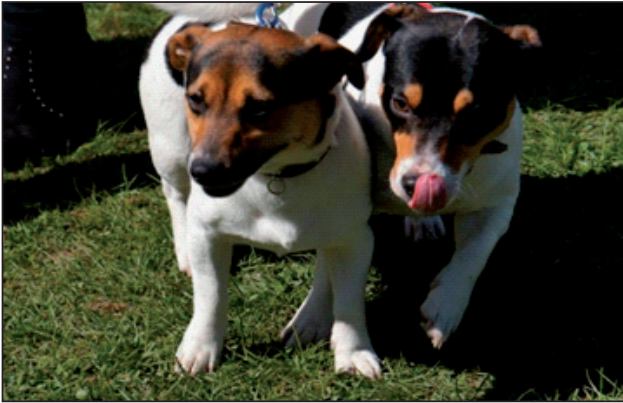
Kirkhill Bowling club is keen to get new members and an open invitation is extended to anyone to come along and give it a try. If you find you like it you can then join the club. The annual subscrip-

tion to join the club has not been finalised for this year but is likely to be £18 (£14 for senior citizens) for the winter season (October to March) plus £1 per night to pay for the hire of the hall. Age is not a problem – we have had members from 15 to 80+. So come on and give it a go!!

Our opening night is on Monday 30th September 2013 and continues over the winter every Monday night. Come along on any Monday night at 7.00 pm and you will be made most welcome. If you want any more details contact David Scrimgeour Tel 831700 or Catherine Sawicki, Tel 831525

Gala 2013 Recap and Thank You *(cont)*

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Terrier Racing was a new event for 2013, which didn't have a huge amount of entries and the excited entrants seemed puzzled at first but then got the hang of the race. All are away to train further and phone their friends to come along to enter in 2014.

For anyone not paying attention to the announcements a wakeup call arrived with guns firing and grenades cracking, when soldiers from the Territorial Army appeared through the smoke from



behind tents and under bushes then proceeded to carry out a full demonstration of how to

surround and capture enemy troops.

A week packed full of events leading up to Gala Day started with a new event this year, a Race Night. The hall was filled with much cheering and encouragement for the races sponsored by locals and local businesses.

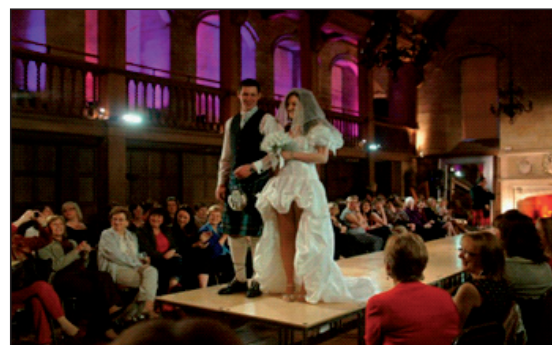
Kirkhill Bowling Club again organised one of the ever popular Bingo Nights. The hall was packed full of eager participants all with eyes down for a



full house. A first for Gala Week was our Mamma Mia movie sing-a-long night. I think we absolutely sounded better than

Pierce Brosnan.

The hall wall was adorned for the duration of Gala Week with very special bunting made by the pupils of Kirkhill Primary School. The children were proud to show mums and dads, grannies and grandads where their flag was hanging on the bunting. We also have to mention our Fashion Show, "Oh what a night". We were so lucky to have Achnagairn House as our venue (thank you Gillian and Michael Lacey- Solymar for allowing us, and to Robert Ince - Manager for his help organising the night and to Angela Stewart Creative for the lighting). Tickets sold like hot cakes and in fact sold



out weeks before the night. The many fabulous outfits

were supplied by In Stitches of Nairn. Those of you who were lucky enough to attend will have recognised familiar faces amongst the models strutting their stuff on the catwalk.

There are so many people the Gala Committee would like to extend thanks to. We would like to thank all the many helpers who turn up year after year to put up gazebos, providing hay bales, building steps and this year towing vehicles out of the mud. Thanks also to those family and friends who get called upon at very short notice to solve problems beyond the capabilities of the dedicated committee. We simply could not do it without you!!

Many envious people comment on the great community spirit in Kirkhill. We are a small community who really know how to create and enjoy Gala Week. They say this camaraderie is very special and they don't have that where they live.

Forward we go and as another Gala ends we are already planning and pulling together ideas for 2014. Each year we are on the lookout for new events, the committee welcome new ideas, so if you know anyone with a particular talent or have any ideas please share them with us.

KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST

Autumn Volunteering Day – Saturday 26th October

The Autumn Litter Pick will be held on Saturday 26th October. We will meet in the Community Centre Car Park at 12 Noon so there is time to do football training or other activities first then come along to help. Pick sticks, gloves and bags will be provided.



The Cycling Event held in May at Kirkhill Primary School was very successful so thanks to all at Velocity for their help. The school is now taking part in ByCycle Race organised by Velocity to encourage children to cycle to school – just what is needed to keep children active now the summer holidays are over.

The next Village Market will be on Saturday 31st August 10-12 in Kirkhill Primary School. A

local re-enactment group will give a short presentation in full historic costume at 10.30am so come along and learn about your local history.



Woodland Group

The Woodland Group will be resuming fortnightly workdays on Saturday mornings in Reelig Wood over the autumn, winter and spring with the emphasis on maintaining public access

routes, cutting and stacking firewood, and encouraging the biodiversity of the forest environment. The volunteers will also be exploring fresh ideas to encourage more people to enjoy this community amenity.

During the summer months some woodland group members have been assisting with the creation of a community garden at the Moniack Mhor Writers Centre near Abriachan.

This exciting project will also be showcased in a forthcoming edition of BBC Scotland's Beechgrove Garden. The centre is also building an imaginative eco building with timber supplied from Reelig Woods. Meanwhile other Woodland Group volunteers have spent the summer months continuing the quest to eradicate the spread of Himalayan Balsam from the area around Clunes. This highly invasive non-native weed took hold in the area three years ago and was seen as a potential threat to the flora and fauna in the Moniack Gorge.

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KIRK HILL DISTRICT AMENITIES ASSOCIATION

Gala Week 2013



Well, what a week that was. Another fabulous week of events culminating in a great, sunny gala day. Highlights included the Fashion Show at Ach-na-gairn, Race Night and ever popular bingo. Local musician Duncan Chisholm re-opened the hall on Gala Day and Julie Fowlis crowned the Gala Queen. We raised an amazing £10,500 which will be put to great use improving and maintaining the hall, MUGA and other facilities for the whole community. Thanks to the Gala Committee for their hard work and to you all for supporting the events.

Community Centre

The community centre is now fully back in service after the recent refurbishment and extension. The latest addition is Wi-Fi which is available to groups using the hall. We also now have a great range of equipment including projector and screens and a choice of a large or small room which makes the centre a great choice for a range of activities. If you've got an idea for a new group or class let us know and we can discuss your needs.

MUGA

The MUGA has availability for groups for a range of sports including football, shinty and basketball and is the only local all-weather floodlit facility. We can also offer later season discounts on tennis membership.

Craft Fair

The annual Craft Fair at the community centre is back this year on Saturday the 9th November. With a great range of crafts and gifts it's the perfect opportunity to get ahead with Christmas shopping. If you'd like to book a stall then contact Wilma on 831737.

Vandalism

We've had a few instances of vandalism around the centre during the holidays. We work hard to keep the facilities in great shape and it's disappointing when this happens. The centre is not manned so if you see anything untoward then please let us know or better still report it to the police.

Contact

If you'd like to make a booking for the centre or find out more about what we can offer please contact Wilma Williamson on 831737 or email kdaa@kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk. For the MUGA phone Ken MacDonald on 831479 or Sandra Hogg on 831674. We'd be happy to arrange to show you round the facilities and discuss your needs. For more details see www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk.

LOCAL FILM PRODUCTION

Great Glen Film Arts are looking for voluntary actors and a production team to create a full length film drama based on Charlotte Bronte's 'Jane Eyre'. The film, titled "Celtic Jane", will be shot at Moniack Castle and Reelig House and gardens.

Cabrigh based film maker Clive Malcouronne hopes to recruit the cast from nearby and to start read-throughs in September 2013 and filming in August 2014. He is looking for a cast of 24 actors, aged from 10 to 70, plus others who are interested in helping with the production.

More information, including the premise, story synopsis and character summaries and profiles, can be found on www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk.

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8).Inchmore Billboards.

A complaint was received from a local resident about the proliferation of signs that have appeared in Inchmore making the hamlet look untidy. In particular the two large signs on trailers advertising West Side Storage and the Go camping store look completely out of place. The Secretary read from the new Highland Council document which made it look as if planning permission was required for this type of large double sided sign, even if it is on private land. So far the Go camping store sign has been removed but the West Side Storage sign is still there and at the time of writing the Secretary has still to contact Keith Gibson in order to check this out.

9).AGM

a).Chairman's Report

The past year has seen 8 meetings of the Community Council where a number of key issues of importance to the community have been discussed. These have covered planning applications, Inverness West Link, flooding, development planning and also responses to consultations. Police officers have attended to provide updates on matters of law and order in the community and have listened to concerns regarding road safety. The meetings have been well attended by Community Councillors and Highland Council members. Members of the public have also joined in the discussions as appropriate and contributed to the views expressed. The Community Council continues to be represented at Ward Forums and joint community council meetings. The Community Council continues to support the production of the Crannog and minutes of the meetings are published in each issue. This greatly assists in communicating the activities of the Council.

Once again I would like to give thanks to all who have attended and contributed to the meetings and to Jim Ogilvie, Secretary for undertaking the correspondence and preparing the minutes on our behalf, and to Fred Geddes, Treasurer for keeping the finances in order.
Cameron Kemp 18 June 2013.

b). Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Council Treasurers Report Year ended 31/03/2013

Summary.

Opening balance. £ 2,371.38

Closing balance. £ 2,511.98

No. of deposits 7 No. of withdrawals 6

Trends.

1. Reduced income from Crannog adverts, reduced from £ 640.00 to £ 402.00.

2. Poor cash-flow on Crannog adverts.

Current funds in bank. £ 1,219.98. HC Grant is not yet paid for the current year.

Frederick Geddes

Treasurer

2013-08-20

c). Election of Office Bearers.

The four existing office bearers were asked if they were willing to carry on for another 12 months and all replied in the affirmative

The meeting was then asked for nominations for the four posts and none was received apart from the current holders of these positions.

The whole meeting then unanimously ratified the present office bearers to remain in their posts for another 12 months.

Office bearers for the coming year are as follows.

Chair. Cameron Kemp

Vice Chair. Chris Heaton Armstrong

Treasurer Fred Geddes

Secretary Jim Ogilvie

10) AOB

a).The base of the pylon situated in Birchwood Drive has become a dumping ground for building and garden waste. SSEB said they would clear it but it requires "no dumping" signs. The Secretary said he would try TEC services for some signs. Garden waste has also been put into the old McMillan's crane yard.

b). The grass on the roadside from Kirkhill to Inchmore has not been cut and is now beginning to obstruct the footpath. The same applies to the cycle path from Inchmore towards Beauly. Helen Carmichael said she would raise this matter.

Helen also went on to say that, as last year, a service would start at the end of June right through monthly until October for people to take garden waste to the community hall car park on the last Saturday of the month.

c).Planning Issues.

The Secretary reported that Planning application 13/00102/FUL for the erection of a new furniture workshop and residence near Knockbain had been withdrawn and that a new application had been made with considerable modifications to the proposed building. The main concessions are the removal of the castle-like proposal and the lowering of the building into the ground thus lessening the visual impact of the building and keeping it more in line with the environment.

It was agreed to consider this application at the next meeting.

Meeting then ended. Date of next meeting August 20th venue and time as before.

The Community Council would like to recruit some new associate members.

Come along to our next meeting and give your views on how your community should be improved for the better of all residents and if there are any problems how they should be resolved.

Next Meeting 1st October at 7.30 in the Bog Roy Inn

KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY TRUST

report only sporadic traces of the plant where it has been uprooted in previous years, and steps are being taken to tackle more recent discoveries nearby. The Trust appreciates the support of property owners in the area who've cooperated with the volunteers in a bid to eradicate the weed by preventing germination of the seeds through watercourses.

Dates for the coming season of work parties in the Reelig Woods will be posted at the top car park near the hut which is the centre for the group's activities.

We are always keen to involve more of the local community in our activities and will highlight these in Crannog, on the website and via Facebook. If you're interested in any of the activities do get in touch with our co-ordinator Anne Griffiths 01463 831600 or craggach@doctors.org.uk

Cycle Path

Our most recent application for funding of the construction of a cycle path from Lovat Bridge to the Kirkhill junction was declined - due to shortage of funds rather than the quality of the project. We are now looking at other sources of funding for this worthwhile project. The Community web site www.kirkhillandbunchrew.org.uk continues to provide a source of up to the minute news and information. It is a great way to create awareness of a project or up and coming event. The web site can also be used to help promote a local business, reaching customers between the quarterly Crannog publications. If you would like more information or to have your material uploaded to the web site, contact Archie Prentice on 831638.



Playpark

The fence is now finished and the willows have been trimmed and are growing well again. Many thanks to Cris Ford who organised clearing the base of willow structures so the grass can be kept neat around them. The park has been well used over the summer by many children and parents and is busy again after school finishes

and the weather is still warm. All we need is a few parents to come forward and help keep it in good shape. If you would like to help please give me a phone on 831742.

Environmental Group

The Recycling Point in the Community Centre Car Park has bins for clear, brown and green glass, steel/aluminium cans and textiles. It is well used and a great facility. Please put any bags/boxes in the wheelie bin next to the glass bins and do not leave any other items next to the bin as someone else will have to remove them. Should any glass get broken please clean it up or inform the staff in the Community Centre. If you have any queries or would like to get involved with Trust activities, call Erik Lundberg on 831742 or email erik.lundberg@btinternet.com.



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Land's End to John O'Groats Cycle

Laura MacNeil from Newtonhill has recently completed the Land's End to John O'Groats cycling challenge for Marie Curie, with a friend Marion Greig.

Laura's family had the help of Marie Curie nurses when Laura's Granny was ill with cancer and they were a great support. To date she has raised over £1500 through her JustGiving web page: <https://www.justgiving.com/Laura-MacNeil> which is active until the end of September.



The cycle took 14 days and it was a total of 947 miles trying to avoid the busier roads. They had a rest day halfway through, in Chester for a wee break and a massage before they hit the long road north. They were ahead of the really hot weather and never needed their waterproof gear at all - quite a surprise in the British summer!



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KIRKHILL & BUNCHREW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Bogroy Inn
On Tuesday 18th June 2013 at 7.30pm.
Chairperson Mr Cameron Kemp
Present.

C.C. Judith Rumbold, Ian Weir, Cameron Kemp, Karen Young, Ian Cowan,
Chris Heaton Armstrong; Highland Councillors Helen Carmichael, Hamish Wood;
Police Constables Fiona McCall and Billy MacDonald;
Jim Ogilvie, Secretary.

1). Apologies. Fred Geddes, Nikki Maclean, Ally MacNeill, Margaret Davidson and Drew Hendry.
2). Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30th April were read and approved.

Judith Rumbold proposed and Ian Weir Seconded
3). Matters arising from the minutes.

A). Achnagairn house has now received planning permission to turn the vacant houses on the estate into luxury lodges and this work will continue all summer with an open day planned for September. Since April they have completed the first one and invited local citizens to see the first one completed and sample afternoon tea for an entrance fee of £2 with the proceeds going to local charity.

B). The two trees in the old grave yard can now officially stay with some remedial work.

4). Policing Update

The two police officers attending gave an update on the local scene from the police point of view and although there have been acts of petty vandalism and anti-social behavior it is still a low crime area and a good place to live. Recent incidents include theft from a garden shed and a fork lift truck from a building site. A tractor was also stolen but later turned up in Inverness. The traffic survey carried out in Inchmore was also discussed and we will report on this further on. The constables were then thanked for attending and left the meeting.

5). Inverness Fair Trade signs.

The Community Council generally supported the idea of Inverness being a fair trade city which it has been for some time. However, as the signs are to be bi-lingual (English and Gaelic) the Community Council wish to express their dislike of these signs as they are much larger than if they were written in English only. It was also felt that all the location signs in the two languages could cause confusion to visitors and result in road accidents.

Since the meeting the secretary contacted the council and the fair trade organisation to express our concerns. However, as An Comunn Gaidhealach (<http://www.acgmod.org/>) was paying half of the cost of the signs, and as it is Highland Council's policy to promote Gaelic wherever possible, nothing could be done.

6). Inner Moray Firth Development Plan

From 5th April 2012 to 6th July 2012, the Highland Council held a public consultation on the Main Issues Report which will be used to inform the preparation of the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan. The Main Issues Report sets out a number of initial options for where development should and should not occur within the Inner Moray Firth area and how to address a number of other issues affecting the area. The Main Issues Report includes a number of sites submitted for consideration by communities, landowners and developers during the Council's "Call for Sites" undertaken in early 2011.

Amendment at Inchmore:

Settlement boundary should not include non-preferred housing site H1

7). Traffic Survey at Inchmore

This proved to be inconclusive and showed not many vehicles going over the speed limit. One or two did, mostly during the night, and could well have been police or ambulances on their way to a call out.

Please see appendix for combined traffic details

