



## **Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council.**

### **Minutes of the meeting held in the Old North Inn** **On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

Chairperson. Cameron Kemp

Present. C.C. Karen Young, Fred Geddes, Judith Rumbold, Cameron Kemp, Jim Ogilvie  
Secretary.

Felix Spittal CBS advisor, Brenda Dunthorne project co-ordinator and PC  
Scott Maclean.

1). Apologies.

Apologies from Jean Davis, Helen Carmichael, Hamish Wood, Chris Heaton-Armstrong and  
Amanda Knox.

2). Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March were read were read.

3). Matters arising from the minutes.

The incident with the dogs worrying sheep was described as a major incident when  
as there was no damage to livestock it was really only a minor incident in the everyday lives of  
country folk.

Minutes were then approved Judith Rumbold proposed and Karen Young seconded.

4). Police Report.

PC Maclean presented the following report

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM**

Command Area	Inverness	Community Group	Kirkhill and Bunchrew
Station	Beauly	Officer	PC 746 Macdonald
Date of Meeting	19/4/16	Location	Bog Roy Public House
Meeting Attended	PC 332 Maclean	Meeting Not Attended (Contact Made)	N/A

### **Meeting Preparation**

Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.	Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities.
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1. Road Safety	1. Speed checks continue to be carried out by rural officers and Roads Policing Officers. Nothing to report.
2. Public Protection	2. A couple of incidents with dogs in the village have been reported and suitable advice provided and the relevant letters sent out by the Dog Warden.
3. Alcohol / Antisocial Behavior	3. Nothing to report.
4. Crimes of Dishonesty	<p>4. Nothing to report.</p> <p>An incident of note which you are all probably aware of is the Missing Person Jason Gates, who was last seen in the Drumnadrochit area on 17th March 2016. I have attached the Poster for your information. If anyone has any information that they have not previously reported to Police Scotland then please contact us on 101 as soon as possible. Your assistance in this and all enquiries is very much appreciated.</p>

Discussion took place again on the issue of traffic speeding through Inchmore and it was agreed that if housing was allowed on the left side of the road where the playing fields are now then it would make sense to petition the roads department to reduce the speed limit to 30mph.

Pc Maclean was thanked for attending and then left the meeting.

#### 5). Digital Scotland Broadband.

- The Ward 13/Loch Ness Community Broadband scheme aims to bring superfast (>30Mb) broadband to communities in the area that are not due to benefit from the DSSB fibre roll out It's what is called an 'aggregate' project as rather than focussing on a single community it aims to bring a number of communities together in one large project
- Aggregate projects have a number of advantages in that they can achieve economies of scale and may be attractive to commercial providers who could run the network once established The project is in the early stages and a Working Group has been established to take forward the initial work - its current priorities are defining the area that will be covered and establishing a legal body to take the project forward.
- Thee minutes from the Working Group will be published online and will be circulated to those that wish to keep up to date with the project

Projects like this are challenging and therefore the processes required for designing, funding and building the infrastructure can be a lengthy

Felix and Brenda went on to explain that the project was for areas that are bypassed by BT's fibre scheme.

The scheme is wireless communication and though similar will be less expensive than a satellite installation. The signal does not vary with distance from an exchange like BT's fibre broadband does.

The scheme will work best when it covers several clusters of housing like Inchmore, Kirkhill and Cabrich.

A suitable site for a mast will have to be found and the wireless signal equipment will be powered by solar and wind energy.

All users will require to have a small box in their home rather like a modern online TV box.

Planning application and approval will be required for the mast.

The cost to the consumer will be similar to current broadband fees and will be the same for everyone.

The scheme will take 18 months to 2 years for fruition and progress will be notified and consultation with the local residents will take place as the scheme develops.

Brenda and Felix were then thanked for attending and giving a very informative outline of the proposed scheme.

#### 6). Inchmore Playing Fields.

After discussion it was agreed to put an article in Crannog asking the local residents whether the playing field should be retained and if so would residents be prepared to keep the playing fields up after purchasing them from the Highland Council for a nominal sum. The Secretary has also spoken to the chairman of the Trust asking them if they would be prepared to organise the maintenance of the field.

#### 7). Electrical Transmission .

Lesley Dow Community Liaison Officer for SSE has written to the Secretary saying that the proposed changes to the electrical power distribution round the area was a scheme only in its infancy and that when more concrete proposals and timing came up we would be communicated with.

#### 8). Fly Tipping

The mess at the side of the railway bridge had now been cleared and Scottish Rail had put in place a number of large boulders to block access and discourage any others doing the same.

#### 9). Digital Skills.

The Secretary gave out details of courses running on the above subject with the aim to improve digital skills among the more elderly of the population.

#### 10). Planning Issues.

Nothing controversial noted.

The Treasurer reported funds in bank at 2/3/16 (latest statement) are £ 893.11.

There being no other business the meeting was then closed Date of next meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>.

