

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

MINUTE of Meeting, 13 June 2017 including MINUTE of 2017 Annual General Meeting

Present

Cllr. Helen Carmichael, Karen Young, Alistair MacNeil, Fred Geddes, Emma Knox (EK), Ian Weir, Cameron Kemp (CK), Judith Rumbold and Chris Heaton-Armstrong (CHA).

In attendance

Lindsey Stout (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies

P.C. Scott MacLean

1. Minutes of the meeting of 2 nd May 2017.	<u>Actions</u>
<p>Approved subject to corrections: Emma Knox seconded the minutes of the previous meeting; 1.; 6. remove: ' granted to the Community'; 9. remove 'of Wardlaw Mausoleum Trust'.</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising</p>	
<p>Alistair MacNeil has made contact with Highland Council regarding the graveyard wall at Wardlaw.</p>	
<p>There has been no further information from the Scout Association about use of the building and land at Inchmore Canteen.</p>	
<p>3. Police Report</p>	
<p>P.C. Scott MacLean could not be present but had sent his report, which was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
<p>Road Safety; on 14/4/17 1 persons was charged with speeding and another was charged on 26/4/17 with using a mobile phone when driving on the A862 at Kirkhill.</p>	
<p>Alcohol / Antisocial Behavior; over the weekend of 15/16th April a report was received of 3 saplings having been torn from the ground within the Community Park at Carse Place/St Mary's Road, Kirkhill. This was the report made by Lindsey Stout discussed previously.</p>	
<p>4. Welcome to the New and Re-elected Highland Councillors.</p>	
<p>Emma Knox was welcomed as the newly elected Highland Councillor and Helen Carmichael as the re-elected Highland Councillor.</p>	
<p>5. Planning Issues</p>	
<p>Cllr. Helen Carmichael said that membership of the Strategic Committees is being decided at present and that some of the committees are to be re-named for clarity. At present it is not known which Councillor will be responsible for planning matters.</p>	



6. Millennium Garden

Lindsey Stout said that no volunteers have come forward, so progress on maintenance of the Millennium Garden has been shelved at present.

7. Graveyard at Wardlaw

Alistair MacNeil got in touch with Jeff Fridge's department of the Highland Council and could arrange to meet them on site.

8. Inclusion Scotland Survey

Cameron Kemp is to action a response from the Community Council and to circulate for comments and approval before submission.

CK

9. Scottish Resilient Communities Conference 27 October 2017

Chris Heaton-Armstrong is to forward the details of the conference to the Highland 4 x 4 group.

C H-A

10. A.O.B.

Ian Weir commented that the caravan abandoned at the layby at the Old Smiddy is blocking the line of sight for traffic. The caravan was bought from a resident and left there by the buyer. Ian Weir suggested that the abandoned caravan be moved off the road. Highland Council cannot take the caravan away because it is on private land.

Alistair MacNeil said that two men had stopped and asked about caravans and he had informed the police.

11. Annual General Meeting

**a) Chairman's Report
Cameron Kemp**

We have had another full year of meetings at the Community Council with the regular topics of discussion including police reports, planning issues and other items of importance to the community. Items which appeared regularly on the agendas included the SSE Beauly to Kintore upgrade, Community Broadband, Wardlaw Drainage and Inchmore playing field.

Community Councillors for the year have been Fred Geddes as Treasurer, Chris Heaton-Armstrong as Vice Chairman, Ian Weir, Ally MacNeil, Karen Young, Judith Rumbold, Emma Knox and myself as Chairman.

The Secretary position was vacant for a number of months until Emma Knox took over. Emma was assisted by Lindsey Stout who took on the role of Minute Secretary. Emma undertook a lot of work in organising the Community Council documents in an accessible Drop Box format. In May the Highland Council elections were held and Emma was successful in becoming a Highland Councillor, creating a vacancy again for the position of Secretary.



I would like to thank my fellow Community Councillors for their efforts and attention to this important part of community life. Also a special thanks to Fred Geddes for keeping the finances in order, Emma Knox for her work as Secretary and Lindsey Stout for her excellent minute taking.

b) Treasurer's Report
Fred Geddes

There is £818.05 in the bank. There is approximately £100 outstanding to Crannog debtors. It was discussed whether to write off these debts, however it was agreed to remind the debtors that their bills were as yet unpaid.

Income

Interest received, nil (no interest was received after 30/06/2011).
Income from Crannog adverts = £52.50 from Innes & Mackay.
Income from a Highland Council grant = £1198.94.
Total income = £1251.44.

Expenditure

Donation, Kirkhill Senior Citizens = £250.00.
Expense, A4 Design & Print (Crannog) = £475.00 and £281.00.
Miscellaneous, Honorarium to Jim Ogilvie on his retirement as Secretary = £250.00.
Total expenditure = £1256.00.

Notes to Accounts for Year Ending 31/03/2017

Opening Balance, £897.11
Closing Balance, £892.55
Number of deposits, 2.
Number of withdrawals, 4.
Income = £1251.44
Expenditure = £1256.00
Difference = -£4.56

Trends

Reduction in Income, from £2142.75 to £1251.44 (reduction in Crannog income from £839 to £52.50).
Reduction in grant from Highland Council, from £1503.75 to £1198.94.
Reduction in Expenditure, from £2005.00 to £1256.00.
Creditors, none.
Debtors (some Crannog invoices still unpaid).

Funds in bank at 13/06/17 = + £818.05

We are therefore in a more secure position than at the same time last year (+£495.31).

Fred Geddes said that there is £119 outstanding and nearly £1000 free for use.

Karen Young suggested a flashing speeding sign for Inchmore which could be used infrequently so that drivers do not become used to it. Emma Knox suggested that the flashing speeding sign in Kirkhill could alternate with Inchmore. Chris Heaton-Armstrong said that it was suggested at the time that, after a trial period, the mph nominal limit at the



school be enforced. Emma Knox said that this would need to be a traffic order and that she would look into it.

The free funds could also be used for a gardener for the Millennium Garden. Karen Young said that she had contacted Hugh Brown, a gardener at Bunchrew. He is fully committed at the moment, so unable to help.

c) Office Bearers

Cameron Kemp nominated as Chair by Karen Young and seconded by Chris Heaton-Armstrong.

Chris Heaton-Armstrong nominated as Vice-Chair by Alistair MacNeil. Seconded by Ian Weir.

Fred Geddes nominated as Treasurer by Ian Weir and seconded by Chris Heaton-Armstrong.

Fred Geddes asked if anyone on the Committee was interested in becoming Secretary but there were no volunteers and one proposal, which was declined. Erik Lundberg was suggested as Secretary by Fred Geddes. He said that he will speak to Erik about the role.

Lindsey Stout is continuing as Minutes Secretary on a nominal fee basis.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

The meetings have been provisionally scheduled for the rest of the year as follows:

- 5 Sept
- 17 Oct
- 28 Nov
- 9 Jan 18

EK

FG

The next meeting is on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7:30pm in the Old North Inn

