



## **Minutes of ordinary meeting on the 17.02.22 at 19.30 via Zoom**

Meeting commences at 19.40

**1. Present** Tom Anderson **TA** (chair), HCllr Derek Loudon, **DL**, Sandra MacDonald **SM** (Vice Chair), Allan McLeod **AM** CC, Angie Cox **AC** CC (minutes secretary) Marion Macleod (Secretary) **MM**

**Public in attendance** Amanda Coghill **AGH** from Highlands and Islands Climate Action Group.

### **2. Apologies** Ron Ferguson **RF** CC, Rita Fenton **RMF**

**ACH** gave an in-depth report of how communities can enhance or start up new climate action projects. **ACH** is a development officer from the government funded climate action hub. The role of the hub is to provide links to networking, advice, different grants available and helping with home energy. If there is no network in place, then a new one is created to help groups get together/link up and this also gives transparency and full disclosure. E-buses are a new venture for the Highlands. Community projects that may have already been started could be food larders, grow your own initiatives or upcycling project. These can be linked to climate action because they reduce waste, food miles and save fuel/energy costs. There is up to £500 funding for communities to use for starting new climate related projects. **AM** asked **ACH** if the hub could help with advice on wind farm dividends and promote a fairer financial mechanism for surrounding community councils. **AM** said he was hoping to hear back from Community Energy Scotland or Albyn housing to see if there is any way of getting solar panelling on houses, most of the houses have only electric heating. **DL** said Home Energy Scotland access people's properties and can help with advice on draught excluders, heating, and windows/glazing. **ACH** said there is a representative for our area, Micheal Cronby, that she could contact for this or to look up [www.ads-gas.co.uk](http://www.ads-gas.co.uk) for information. There is a climate in action towns project in Alness and Invergordon for architecture and design. The aim is to engage the communities to help with climate projects between the two towns. 20-minute neighbourhood is another initiative from Scot.gov. The idea is to provide accessible needs of communities within 20 minutes travel time. Things like supermarkets, doctors, hospitals. Meetings and open engagement sessions for the 20-minute initiative are not published properly yet. **ACH** is to provide KALECC with more information on the above. **AM** and **MM** to follow up. KALECC thanked **ACH** for her time.

**3. Police report.** PC Allan Cameron is our new Police Liaison Officer. 6 road traffic offences reported between 01.01.22 and 12.02.22. 2 out of 6 offences were speeding on the Pollo to Milton stretch of road, which is an area KALECC has previously reported concerns from residents to the Police. No issues raised for the Police.

**4. Minutes of ordinary meeting, via zoom, held 20.01.22** Minutes approved by 1<sup>st</sup> **SM**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **AM**

**5. Matters arising from minutes.** New Police Liaison officer has been contacted by **MM**. Street lighting by Meddat Bridge has been fixed, lighting at Park Street, Kildary might be an SSE issue and may have been fixed? **AC** to follow up. TRA, Milton play park and boundary issues will be covered in item 6. Waiting to hear from **RF** as to whether Scotsburn road potholes have been repaired. Community benefit, **MM** replied. **RMF** is to attend PA meetings. No more incidents of sheep worrying at Meddat Farm.

**6. Reports by Highland Councillors.** Milton has been awarded £28K for play parks. This total is more money than all the other combined funding for playparks in the area. KALECC would like to thank HCllr's **DL**, **AR** and **FR** for their time and hard work into securing funding for the playparks. HC is in the middle of their budget which will be set on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. **TA** said he had been looking at how Glasgow city council gave CC's money for their own areas needs, for example potholes, and would like to see HC adopt the same approach. There is going to be a consultation of boundary changes and why it happened. The main issue is the change in catchment areas and the school buses refusing to transport children from Milton/Kildary to TRA. There is an online form for users to get a free bus card, but it is a lengthy process which is hard to understand. The card enables users aged 22years and under to travel for free to their chosen place of education. **DL** mentioned a small grant to address the harms of covid. Community charities can apply. **MM** is to ask for details/ application forms from Helen. KALECC thanked **DL** for his time.

**7. Annual accounts** no report from **RMF** this month, but there is likely to be no significant change in the balance.

**8. Community Council issues.** Face to face meetings were discussed and councillors agreed to have next months meeting via zoom, covid numbers are still high in the area. Play parks were covered in item 6.

**9. Planning and Licensing.** None this month. **AM** declared an interest in planning applications submitted by Blueprint Architecture and will make no comment on these.

**10. Mental Health and wellbeing.** Nothing to report this month, no meetings.

**11. Correspondence.** Letter via email from Nairn CC about Common Good Land. **MM** responded to previous email to advise that we have none in our area but support their endeavours. No one from KALECC to attend their virtual meeting. Highlands and Islands action group covered as above.

**12. AOB AM** asked what the next steps regarding the paly parks would be? Questions on drainage for the park by the basketball pitch and it was noted some residents have made comment on a possible change of location of play park (to be moved next to the shop). **AM** and **DL** to follow up with Ingrid Jameson and John Mackay.

**13.Date of next meeting 17.03.22 at 7.30** via Zoom. Members of the public welcome, please contact **MM** for zoom meeting details

**14. Beinn Tharsuinn.** No applications

KALECC thanked everyone for their attendance and time.

Meeting concluded 20.49

*Angie Cox Minutes Secretary, Kilmuir and Logie Easter Community Council 01862 842187*