

Minutes of Torridon and Kinlochewe Community Council (TKCC) Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday, 26 August 2020 at 8pm

Present: Caroline Hamilton (Chair), Tom Forrest (Treasurer), Anne Macrae, Colin Stevenson, Mat Webster, Christine Davies (Secretary)

2 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Ward Manager Dot Ferguson, Firefighter Emily John. Tom Mallows has unfortunately resigned from the Committee due to moving outwith the area. The Committee thanked him very much for his contributions.

2. Minutes of meeting on 1st July 2020

Approved.

3. Matters arising

Defibrillator: MW confirmed that the unit at Kinlochewe has now been handed over to the COW Trust.

NC500 webinar: CH had spoken to Dan Rose-Bristow. He agrees that the current tourist infrastructure is insufficient to support the large numbers of tourists who now visit the area, and there is a significant problem with campervans and caravans. He suggested there might be space at the hotel for waste facilities. It was agreed to discuss this further once the high season is over, and to include the TDCA in those discussions.

Action: CH

Planning Applications: *Marine Fish Farm - mussel longlines - Land 300M NE Of Dubh Aird Torridon, Ref. No. 20/02637/FUL*

CH confirmed that as a statutory consultee on this application the TKCC had not submitted any comments with regards to the application.

No-overnight parking signage

Cllr Alex MacInnes and Dot Ferguson had advised the HC were very aware of the problem across the area of overnight camping and are considering new byelaws. There is a small amount of HC funding available to help keep public toilets open.

Road Repairs: TF confirmed the updated spreadsheet had been sent to Mac Sutherland at HC. It is understood work is currently focussed on improvements at the top of the Bealach na Ba, and due to manpower shortages, repairs to other identified areas are not likely to start until this is complete.

4. Emergency Services report

Deferred until next meeting.

5. Interim Election

Due to resignations since the beginning of the year the number of TKCC elected members has fallen below the required 4 elected members to continue. Therefore an interim election

is required. Any residents from the area and who are on the electoral roll here are encouraged to submit a nomination form by 8th September.

Unfortunately due to AM now living outwith the TKCC area, she will no longer be eligible to be a member of the TKCC after the interim election. The whole committee, on behalf of all the residents of the area, thank AM very much indeed for all her dedicated hard work over the last 5 years.

6. Treasurers report

The current balance, as at 23rd August, for the COVID funding after all expenditure to date stands at £5,899.09. The balance of other TKCC funds stands at £1,367.88, this includes the donation from the Hickman Trust for the defibrillator.

HIE requires invoices to be accompanied by receipts and entered onto a new spreadsheet which they have just circulated. TF to follow up and advise accordingly

Action: TF

7. Update on grant-funded Covid-19 initiatives

a. Food/fuel vouchers

348 vouchers have been handed out. 38 individuals from 23 households are currently receiving support.

b. PPE

Nearly all the current stock of masks has been distributed. Another order of masks is due to arrive any day. Some sanitiser is still available should anyone still require it.

c. Website

The new website has been launched (www.tkcc.scot), and will be updated regularly with TKCC news items, Covid information etc. A new facebook page for the TKCC has also been launched (<https://www.facebook.com/Torridonkinlochewecommunitycouncil>) and we would encourage everyone to like the page to keep up to date with the latest TKCC news. A post feed will link through the website to encourage people to use and become familiar with the website.

The website also has a page called Have Your Say (<https://www.tkcc.scot/have-your-say>). This contains a Padlet "post-it" wall onto which people are invited to raise issues they would like discussed. It is very simple, quick and easy to use. However, should any of the post-its contain personal attacks, they will be taken down.

The old TKCC website should no longer be used and AM will arrange for visitors to the site to be redirected to the new site immediately. This is especially important due to the fact that the HIE have provided funding for the new site to be developed.

Action: AM

d. Driver screens

Nothing further to report.

e. Physical activity (in conjunction with TDCA)

All the benches are now in place, the trail is in place, so good progress. Mapping, guides and a display board will all be available shortly.

8. TKCC Communications

3 generic email addresses have now been setup: chair@tkcc.scot, treasurer@tkcc.scot and secretary@tkcc.scot. This allows the mailboxes and historical records held within them to be handed over to any new individuals who take up these roles in the future.

It was agreed that further mailboxes using generic names will be setup as required once the interim election has been held.

Action: CD

A TKCC dropbox for documents will be setup up shortly.

Action: CD

Communications are important and we need to be mindful about what we say on behalf of the TKCC. We need to ensure we follow good practice when making announcements, posting on the website or facebook page. Therefore it was agreed that a second TKCC member should approve any announcements to be made on behalf of the TKCC.

We, as a committee, need to be respectful to each other views. We also need to be aware that anything we say publicly may be construed as coming from the TKCC, even if it is not intended that way.

Action: All

Paper copies of the minutes in village halls etc may be difficult due to the current COVID situation, but the minutes are now included in the An Carranach regularly. 2Lochs Radio could also be considered for news items.

9. Planning applications

20/02967/FUL | Installation of two transmission dishes (60cm & 30cm) and cabinet | Land Off A832 At Doire A Chapuill Kinlochewe

TKCC has no comments.

10. Proposed telecoms mast on Diabaig to Craig path

We are waiting to hear back from the HC planning department on their correspondence with the applicant in relation to the proposed powerlines to the mast. We believe that the powerlines are a significant change to the original application and therefore the permission granted by the HC should be reviewed by them.

The landowner has also been in correspondence with consultants working for the applicant, and he has advised that they have recently been in contact with him about the site selection. CH will try to meet with the landowner at the beginning of September to follow up.

Action: CH

A petition has now been launched against the mast and powerlines (<http://chnng.it/LHYgwwhr>) and currently has over 400 signatures.

11. AOB

Secretarial hand-over: It was agreed that AM will arrange for everything to be handed over to CD by 9th September. This will include the TKCC laptop and printer and all TKCC paperwork and files.

Action: AM

Next meeting agreed dates are:

Wednesday 23rd September

Wednesday 28th October

Wednesday 25th November