

## Kiltarlity Community Council - AGM minutes from 19th of April 2023

- Chairpersons welcome & apologies:  
The chairman welcomed all to the AGM and meeting.  
Apologies from Councillor Chris Ballance.
- Copies of the chairman and treasurers reports available via email.  
Accounts signed off and all ok.
- Election of Officers:
  - CHAIRPERSON - Norman Grant (proposed by Susan Ogston, seconded by Iain MacIllechiar)
  - VICE CHAIRPERSON - Mairi Davidson (proposed by Iain MacIllechiar, seconded by Lorna Mason)
  - TREASURER - Linda Bell (proposed by Norman Grant, Seconded by Susan Ogston)
  - SECRETARY - Lorna Mason (proposed by Susan Ogston, seconded by Norman Grant)

The AGM concluded and was followed by an ordinary Community Council Meeting, minutes below:

- **Matters arising from previous minutes** - No issues - most are covered in the next few items.
- **SSEN** - Started with an update from Bill Fraser who attended the first CLG meeting a week ago since the event earlier on at Kilmorack. Bill found this latest CLG meeting rather disappointing and noted SSE were almost dismissive of the huge attendance at Kilmorack. Bill will continue to attend these CLG meetings on behalf of Kiltarlity Community Council but feels SSE are just carrying on with their own agenda and not really open to any negotiation. All proposals for the area must be put on the table at the same time so communities have a clear picture from the start, CLG are in contact with the Strathpeffer group and so far over 20 community councils between Spittal and Peterhead have been contacted in order to group together to try to sit with SSEN to negotiate but ultimately they also support and respect the work being done by CB4PC.

Most attempts to contact anyone in Holyrood are not fruitful as most are either on the fence or support the energy plan.

Cllrs Emma Knox, David Fraser and Chris Ballance met with some officials and brought up the complaints to them during a very long meeting but felt they did listen. They also apologised to them for the lack of information available and for holding such an important

event in such a small venue as Kilmorack Hall. They did listen to some alternative suggestions but last thing they want is to have delays as that will cost them money.

The feeling was that they are listening and they urged Bill to continue to attend the CLG meetings.

Community benefit was mentioned but this was not met with a positive response. Likewise for suggestions of different routes as the feeling is that it just makes it someone else's problem which is unfair. Kiltarlity Community Council will continue to act in the interests of the community on this matter and a public meeting was proposed to be held to gauge the opinion of the local residents before any correspondence is sent by us.

- **Police Vandalism Update** - The broken window and bus shelter have still not been repaired. The Garden of Hope sign was recently snapped in half and the Lovat Shinty Club sign had also been pulled down along with the bottom part of the ball net which stops balls landing in field being cut and removed. Linda Bell is constantly chasing the Police to follow these issues up but never gets a response. Councillor Chris Ballance was trying to get more information last meeting but not in attendance tonight so will get update at next meeting hopefully.
- Community payback scheme are to carry out repairs to the Garden of Hope, Aultfearn Walk and where needed elsewhere in the K2000 areas.
- Joe Gibbs had received a message from Kilmorack Community Council who are still investigating the Beauty Buzz and it was suggested we ask if residents of Fanellan who may hear this can be included in this survey.
- Otters - 2 otters have been found dead at Duff's Lodge and Brockies corner. Joe asked would Highland Council consider putting up warning signs for road users - Cllr Emma Knox said she will look into this.