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|  | **Meeting of Kenmore and District Community Council****Kenmore Reading Rooms****26th January 2023 7pm****Minutes** |
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**Present**

Peter Ely (Chair), Kerry Colvin (Treasurer), Shirley Shearer (Vice Chair), Carol May, Colin Morton, Claire Meek & Jon Iddon

**Apologies**

Alex Low (Secretary), John Duff (pkc Councillor).

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**Previous Minutes**

Agreed.

**Matters Arising**.

Noted

* Two vacancies exist for Acharn area.
* John McGarry can be considered for co-option after six months, April/May 2023 meeting.
* Accounts for year ending 31st August 2022. Chair did obtain the necessary documents to finalise accounts.

**Finance**

1. **Accounts**

Chair presented:

* Updated summary of our accounts. Reconciled to the bank on 31st August 2023 (Balance £11,628.25) and for the current year to 8th December 2023 (Balance £13,731.35). Increase due to Christmas in Kenmore money deposited in our accounts (5th December 2023, total £3536.37).
* Draft Statement of Accounts for year ending 31 August 2022.

Copies Attached.

Agreed.

* Chair will arrange an Audit of the detail and statement by Susan Duncan Millar.
* When completed, copy to PKC and a meeting to be arranged for adoption of accounts.
* When process completed Kerry will take responsibility for accounts.
1. **Bank Account Mandate**

Recent contact with our bank identified a problem. Although we were under the impression that we had a mandate that included sufficient signatories the reality was that we only have one current member on the list.

Chair Proposed the following additions to the authorised signatories.

* Shirley Shearer (Vice Chair)
* Kerry Colvin (Treasurer)
* Alex Low (Secretary)
* Colin Morton (member)

 This to apply to all existing and future accounts of the Community Council. Signing rules will not be changed.

Proposal agreed unanimously.

**Christmas in Kenmore (group)**

**Update**

Chair reported we have in our bank account £3536.37. This represents the income from the Bar and sale of food.

Awaiting to hear from Group re any further income to be included before distribution. Distribution is understood to be 50% “A Fund for future Community events” and 50% for the Air Ambulance funds (SCCA).

* Having created a stunningly successful event for last Christmas, in a short timescale the Group are starting to plan a “Christmas in Kenmore event” for 2023.

There is a meeting to be arranged by the group for middle to late February to finalise and Take plans forward.

Main points identified.

* Need to have clear understanding of Taymouth Castle Estate future input in terms of Staff & budget. Could not repeat without significant support.
* Group should be clearly identified and have its own constitution, accounting & banking system. A dormant group called Kenmore Community Group is available to take on most of these requirements, it has its own bank account.

**Taymouth Castle Estate & Kenmore Hotel**

No meetings or update since last meeting. Colin is in the process of arranging a meeting with Ian Connolly. Any issues or concerns, please pass to Colin who will bring together as an agenda for the meeting, Raised at meeting:

* Trees looping & removal; particularly rear of Taymouth Drive,
* Fishing: Making current position available to all.
* Footpaths: lower path north side of river.
* Update on new Road: entrance adjacent to Balnaskeag.

**Kenmore Shop & Post office**

Awaiting official confirmation of rumoured good news.

**Planning**

Nil issues raised.

**AOCB**

**Roads**

**Bolfracks subsidence.**

Noted fromUpdate Email from John Duff that necessary surveys have been carried out and that specifications and tenders for repairs will be ready by August. When work will start is dependent on SEPA constraints – fishing migration/ breeding etc. Will seek update for next meeting.

**Potholes & Roadside Damage**

Discussion. This has been a long-term ongoing issue, each year no matter the input from Roads Department there is no evidence of any significant improvements, in fact, for example, some pot holes appear to expand on an annual basis.

Agreed. To carry out our own survey of damaged roads and roadsides. Photo and measure. To start with Shirley and Jon will cover Kenmore to Comrie Bridge. Peter Kenmore area to the Crannog and Carol Acharn area. Report progress to next meeting.

Next Meeting 7pm 30th March at Old Comrades Hut Acharn

**Peter Ely**