



# Kyleakin & Kylerhea Community Company

**Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the  
Kyleakin & Kylerhea Community Company  
Wednesday 15th October 2008  
Time: 1900 - 2100  
The Old School, Kyleakin**

**Present:** Rick Terry (Treasurer), Harry Slater (Secretary), Flora Strachan (Director), Phil Lyons (Director), Sue Newband (co-opted Director/Minute Secretary)

**Apologies:** Nigel MacDairmid

**Notes:** Kyleakin & Kylerhea Community Company (K&KCC), Rick Terry (RT), Harry Slater (HS), Flora Strachan (FS), Phil Lyons (PL), Sue Newband (SN), Scottish Youth Hostel Association (SYHA), Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association (LSHA)

**1. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2008 at the Old School, Kyleakin**

There were no matters arising that were not already included on the Agenda, therefore the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the proceedings of the meeting.

**2. Offer on the annex to the hostel**

A letter had been received by K&KCC from LSHA stating that the LSHA had submitted an offer on both parts of the hostel and the offer had been accepted subject to the same conditions. The letter asked if K&KCC were still interested in utilising the space on the ground floor of the main hostel, should the LSHA be successful in buying the property. It was felt that based on the letter and the fact that the annex was being split from the main purchase that there was the possibility of putting K&KCC in a position where they would be unable to lodge any objections to any future planning on this building.

RT informed the meeting that the local community had already voted not to share the use of the hostel with any other party outside the control of K&KCC and that he felt that this situation was unlikely to change.

It would appear therefore that SYHA have now split the property (main hostel and annex) for the purpose of a quicker sale and if LSHA were successful in buying both the main hostel and the annex, it could be at least 6 months before planning approval would be granted.

If K&KCC submitted objections to the planning it could delay the sale/planning approval even further with the possibility that SYHA could lose the sale.

K&KCC feel that it would be appropriate to respond to the letter from LSHA restating the original objections to sharing the building with them.

Other possible options discussed were:

- K&KCC find the money to purchase of the annex.



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- K&KCC refer LSHA to the original objections with the possibility that if we do not support the proposal detailed in the letter SYHA may have to reconsider the offers made.
- In the light of the current economic climate and the fact that left empty the building will deteriorate faster over the winter, it may be possible to readjust K&KCC's offer on the building.

There was a question as to the legality of SYHA imposing a restriction on using the hostel in the future for the same purposes as they had used it for and how long this restriction would be enforceable.

### **3. Future minutes and agenda's for meetings**

It was felt that it was becoming difficult to know what work needed doing between meetings and by whom. In the future, the minutes will be taken by SN and will include actions, detailing what needed to be done and who by. To avoid any uncertainty each paragraph/item would also be subject to its own heading. An agenda would also be generated for each meeting in order to improve the efficiency and timeliness of meetings.

FS was thanked for producing the minutes of meetings so far.

It was suggested that, when approved, the minutes should be put on the notice board in the village and a copy sent for inclusion on the village website [www.kyleakin.com](http://www.kyleakin.com)

### **4. K&KCC website**

A discussion took place regarding whether K&KCC should have its own website/webpage with a link to the village website.

### **5. LEADER funding application**

It was agreed that this form should be completed and returned with details of K&KCC's aims etc.

### **6. The village shop and post office**

The meeting was informed of the planned closure of the village shop and post office around Easter 2009 and the subsequent offer from Tam Henderson (owner of the Haakon) to move both the shop and post office into the area currently used to sell souvenirs at the front of the building. K&KCC would like to offer their full support to this idea which will avoid losing this important resource.

### **7. The harbour**

PL is still working on who is responsible for the harbour. After speaking to some of the fishermen, it has been highlighted that dredging the harbour is not feasible as it could have an effect of the stability of the properties along the pier.

### **8. Business plan and brochure**

The meeting was informed that McLennans helped with the business plan for the Kylerhea/Glenelg ferry buyout. It was also felt that the business brochure provided by Henry Mains could be used in conjunction with the business plan when applying for funding.



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## 9. Newsletter

SN provided a draft version of a newsletter for discussion, minor amendments were suggested and K&KCC would like to see the final version at their next meeting before sending it out.

## 10. The roundabout and signs at the entrance to the Village

FS informed the meeting about the problem with the signage on the roundabout as you come over the bridge from Lochalse and that there was to be a site meeting of all interested parties. Although this was a Community Council initiative, it was agreed that FS would represent K&KCC at this site meeting.

## 11. Youth organisations/young people

HS is still in the process of contacting a number of people regarding obtaining the views of the young people within the village.

## 12. Waste ground at the entrance to the Village

K&KCC are still trying to contact the owner of Kyle House regarding possible future use of this land.

## 13. Data protection

In order to keep costs to a minimum by sending (where possible) minutes, newsletters etc by email the question of data protection/information security was raised. RT informed the meeting that K&KCC had a dispensation note from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) so at present there should not be a need to register with the ICO's office for data protection.

## 14. Finance

K&KCC have received a couple of forms to apply for funding. To avoid increasing the time of the full Director's meeting it was agreed that RT, PL and HS should meet on 16th October to complete the forms and submit them to the relevant bodies.

SN informed the meeting that she would continue to look on the internet for a list of organisations providing grants to organisations such as the K&KCC

## 15. Any other business

It was proposed that future evening meetings should be held at Harry's Cafe, this was approved unanimously.

A query was raised that although K&KCC were not in favour of the hostel being turned into low cost housing units, were there people in the area who did require low cost housing.

A request for fundraising ideas should be included in the newsletter.

## 16. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 21st October 2008 at 7pm at Harry's Cafe

### Liquidity Statement

Account stands at £295.46

### Total time on K&KCC Business – 101 Hours

From 03/04/2008 to date



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Item No:	Action	Who	Date Required by	Comments
2	Send a reply to the LSHA Letter	NM	Next Meeting	
3	Generate draft minutes using new suggestions and send to all Directors prior to the next meeting	SN	ASAP	
	Review minutes and send any comments/suggestions to SN	ALL	Next Meeting	
	To arrange for approved minutes to go on to the Village Notice Board	HS		To be completed when minutes approved
	To send to Kyleakin.com for inclusion in the Village Website	SN		Not done pending a K&KCC webpage
4	To look into the feasibility of a K&KCC website/webpage	RT	Next Meeting	
5	Complete and send LEADER fund application	RT	ASAP	
6	To send letter/email to Tam Henderson in support of his offer to relocate the shop and post office to his premises	HS	Next Meeting	On ND's behalf
7	Contact Highland Council to find out about planned maintenance or improvements to the harbour	PL	Next Meeting	
	Email harbour plan to PL	FS	ASAP	
8	Contact McLennans regarding assistance/advice with preparing the K&KCC business plan	RT	Next Meeting	
	Contact Henry Mains for an electronic copy of the original brochure	SN	Next Meeting	
9	Update draft newsletter and send to directors for approval	SN	ASAP	
10	Represent K&KCC at the site meeting and report back	FS		
11	Continue to pursue and report back	HS	Next Meeting	Carried forward from 15/10/08 meeting
12	Continue to try and contact the owner	HS	Next Meeting	Carried forward from 15/10/08 meeting
14	To complete forms and report back	RT, HS & PL	ASAP	
	To investigate and report progress	SN	Next Meeting	