



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd May 2016 IN TALLA NAN RÒS

Present: Community Councillors Ailsa Schofield (Chairwoman), Joe Taylor (Treasurer), Faye Dallas, Jan Morse, Mairi Brown, Sue Rowley, and PC Andy Courts (Police Scotland)
Highland Councillor: David Fallows,

Apologies: Val Emmett, Iona Malcolm.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 5th April 2016.

The comment from Cllr Malcom regarding dog fouling should have read that the fine for failing to clean up dog fouling had *increased to £80*, not that it should have been doubled. The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Councillor Fallows reported that a bus shelter was to be built at the entrance to the Highland Wildlife Park, and that after consultation with the Duke of Gordon Hotel a bus shelter would be sited on the north side of the High Street.

3. Police Matters

PC Courts reported there had been a total of 46 assorted incidents in the area in the previous month. The travellers parked up at the Market Stance had moved on leaving minimal mess. The tight levels of staffing over the whole area were discussed. Cllr Rowley brought up the matter of vehicles travelling at excess speed through the town particularly weekend evenings, and was advised to make a note their registration numbers. PC Courts announced that the Monthly report will be starting up again. He was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Financial Report (Cllr J Taylor)

Cllr Taylor presented his monthly report (Appended) and informed the committee that the accounts were with the accountant in preparation for the AGM.

5. Planning Matters (Cllr A Schofield)

Cllr Schofield reported that 3 Planning Applications had been considered and neutral responses made. These were:

16/01560/FUL

Erect garage and ancillary accommodation, Gynack Lodge
Pitmain Estate.

16/01755/FUL Erection of conservatory, Ruthven Cottage

16/01519/FUL Change of use of shop to extend existing coffee area to coffee shop, gift shop and takeaway, 30, High Street.

6. Highland Councillors' report (Mr D Fallows)

Councillor Fallows reiterated that permission had been granted for the placement of a bus shelter outside the Duke of Gordon Hotel.

7. Memorial Gardens

A discussion was held as to how to proceed with maintaining a sustainable floral display in future years, as it was recognised that the Memorial Gardens are a much loved and important asset to Kingussie. Discussion ensued as to future funding and the Chairwoman agreed to draft a letter to the Chief Executive of Highland Council asking about the distribution of funding, and how much was being allocated to other similar sized communities. Cllr Rowley suggested in future years planting with indigenous shrubs and perennials and using woodchip mulch in the peripheral beds could reduce ongoing costs and labour. The High School Rector Mr Bray could be contacted regarding possible involvement of High School pupils.

8. Community Benches

The Chairwoman said that she had received an email from Iain Reid, Highland Council's Acting Community Works Officer for Badenoch & Strathspey suggesting that as the community owned benches throughout the town were nearing fifty years old, they were becoming uneconomical to repair/maintain, and that the Community Council should set up a replacement programme. His recommendation was to replace the existing hardwood benches with ones manufactured from recycled plastic faux wood, as these would not require maintenance by Highland Council. After discussion it was decided that as these quality benches had been a fixture in the town for over 40 years it would not be appropriate to replace them with inferior recycled plastic models. Cllr Taylor said that he had carried out an audit of the existing benches and that although old, most of them appeared to be in good condition and just required proper maintenance: ie; a good sanding and a couple of coats of paint/preservative. The Chairwoman said that she would contact Mr Reid to arrange a general inspection along with Cllr Taylor. Cllr Rowley volunteered to repaint the lettering on the existing plaques.

9. Correspondence

There was none.

10. Reports of Meetings of Outside Groups and Organisations

Mrs Dallas and Mrs Brown reported on the Kingussie Business Forum AGM and Mrs Brown reported that a Business Strategies report was due in September.

The Chairwoman and Cllr Dallas attended a meeting with officials from Bear Scotland to discuss the resurfacing of the High Street.

Cllr Rowley gave a resumé regarding Scottish Water's plans for the current public water supply, which were causing extreme disquiet within the community.

11. AOCB

The Community Council had been asked to help find storage space for three large Marquees, two of which belonged to the Festivities Committee and one allegedly belonging to the Community Council. There was surprise re this as Councillors were not aware that the Community Council owned any such assets. Various premises were suggested and Cllr Rowley said that she would make further enquiries. Mrs Brown reported broken windows at the Clock Tower and although showing the correct time, the clock was not sounding the correct number of chimes. The Chairwoman said that she would contact Highland Council re this. The run-down appearance of Broomhill Flats was commented on, and the Chairwoman was asked to contact Highland Council re this.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th June 2016, to incorporate the AGM.

Financial Report For Meeting 3rd May2016

Balances	£4454.22
Payments	
Railway	£57.98
Lodgements	
Donation (Val Emmett)	£100.00
Railway	£57.98
Project Fund	
Railway/station adopters	£525.17
KVCC funds	£3929.05
Current Account Total	£4454.02