



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2016 IN TALLA NAN RÒS

Present Community Councillors: Mrs A Schofield, Mr J Taylor, Mrs V Emmett, Mrs S Rowley, Mrs I Malcolm, Ms J Morse. Highland Councillor Mr D Fallows

Apologies: Mrs M Brown, Mrs F Dallas.

Visitors: Mr L Haxton (CNPA) Mrs K Birkby and Mrs C Vis Christie (RSPB)

1. Minutes of the Previous meeting held on 2nd June 2015 (circulated in advance)

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Chairwoman's Annual Report (Mrs A Schofield)

Mrs Schofield presented her oral report:

Another year has flown past, keeping us as busy as ever. We had Community Council elections and were lucky enough to attract four new councillors, who have proved to be a great asset. On the minus side, we were sorry to say goodbye to Gwynneth Wright, a community councillor for over 20 years.

2016 saw the launch of our own Facebook page, set up by one of our new councillors. This gives us yet another way to communicate with our community.

We had serious discussions with Highland Council about how they proposed to deliver the new replacement bridge over the River Spey. The end result was a beautiful new bridge with its original commemorative plaque restored and reinstated, and a formal bridge opening ceremony carried out by the Great Grandson of the bridge's original builder and pupils from Kingussie Primary school. There was also the excitement of finding a time capsule, buried and forgotten inside one of the original bridge piers.

The redevelopment of Kingussie Court House commenced, and should soon be complete.

There have been regular meetings and updates from the A9 Dualling Team, which allows us to keep abreast of developments and voice any concerns.

We fought the withdrawal of the town's CityLink bus service, which had been rerouted with passengers being dropped on the A9 at House of Bruar, and we won.

We donated £400 to Kingussie Business Forum to help them set up an annual planting scheme on the High Street's Gynack Bridge and launched a "Best Kept Frontage Competition for all of the households and Businesses on the High Street, in an attempt to support the new businesses opening up there and to make it more inviting for visitors and residents. Regrettably, despite our best efforts apathy prevailed and the competition had to be scrapped due to lack of interest.

We dealt with 16 planning applications, are currently fighting to keep our memorial gardens and trying to work out a way to preserve the Community Benches on the High Street and dotted around the town.

I know that there are many more things I have failed to mention but all in all it's reasonable to say that it has been a very busy year, and it doesn't show much sign of slowing down. I should like to thank everyone for your valued support, and for the time and effort put in attending outside meetings etc. Here's to the next 12 months.

4. Treasurer's Annual Financial Report (Mr Taylor)

Mr Taylor provided copies of the audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016.

He commented that the item shown as a donation to Badenoch Heritage under Expenditure was not a donation. It was transfer of the project funds that belonged to the Badenoch Heritage Group and that had been looked after by KVCC. The Heritage group has now opened its own bank account and so their funds have been transferred to them.

The only project still running, where funds are held in the KVCC account, is the Railway station project. £250 was originally provided by ScotRail for spending on providing plants etc. to make Kingussie station more attractive. Any money spent for this purpose from this fund is reimbursed by the railway company.

Mrs Schofield expressed thanks from KVCC to Mr Taylor for managing the accounts. Thanks were also given to Mr Peter Munro and his staff for checking the accounts free of charge. Mrs Emmett undertook to send a copy of the accounts to Ms Cowie (Ward Manager.)

5. Election of Officers for 2016-17: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary. Planning sub-committee.

(Mr Fallows took the chair for the elections)

Results of the Election of officers appended.

At the end of the elections Mrs Schofield took the chair again.

6. Representatives on Outside Bodies: KCDC, KBA, AOCC, CNPA Planning Reps, Youth group, other groups.

Results of elections appended.

Mrs Malcolm commented that although she agreed to serve as the youth liaison, she had not been informed about any meetings. Mrs Emmett undertook to ask Ms Cowie (Ward Manager) for the name and contact details of the HLH Youth Person for our area.

7. AOCB

Mrs Rowley commented that the annual charity Bikeathon held on the 4th June had been a success again with 307 participants riding the course. The Bikefest had also been held on the same day this year and it was also a success.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at this point.

APPENDIX 1

KVCC OFFICE BEARERS 2016-17.

Chairwoman: Mrs A Schofield (Nom. VE, Sec. JM)

Vice-chairman: Mr J Taylor (Nom. AS, Sec.VE)

Secretary: Mrs V Emmett (Nom. AS, Sec SR)

Treasurer: Mr J Taylor (nom. SR, Sec. JM)

Planning sub-committee: Mrs Schofield and Mrs Rowley.

APPENDIX 2

KVCC REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE GROUPS

Kingussie Community Development Company: Mrs J Morse

Association of Cairngorm Communities: Mrs V Emmett & Mrs A Schofield

CNPA Planning Representatives Group: Mrs A Schofield

Kingussie Business Association: Mrs F Dallas

Health matters: Mrs M Brown

Youth Liaison Group: Mrs I Malcolm

Association of Badenoch and Strathspey Community Councils: Mrs A Schofield, Mrs S Rowley & Mr J Taylor.