

KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Moira Thomson (MT) Liz Duncan (LD) Janet Kinnaird (JK)
Neil Reid (NR) Philipa Hadley (PH) Jon Bailey (JB)

Apologies: Billy Munro (BM)

1. No interests declared
2. January minutes read and approved. Proposed by JB seconded by LD
3. PC Richards gave a full account of crime figures in the KVCC area. Since the previous meeting 11 crimes have been recorded varying in nature. Crime figures have remained steady. PC Richards gave a serious warning to all re locking away any equipment following a run of thefts and attempted thefts of quad bikes in the area. The issue of drugs within the community was raised. All knowledge of use/sales should be reported immediately. Personal and bag searches were carried out at KHS Christmas functions. KVCC suggested an unannounced sniffer dog search at KHS and the local area. PC Richards will pass on the request.
4. Louise Hughes (new ranger) and colleague from RSPB attended. Louise was interested in ways in which she could engage more with the community in Kingussie rather than all events taking place at the reserve. Her colleague explained the Landscape Scale Habitat Restoration Project- a project covering 600square kilometres. It was agreed that RSPB would organise a drop-in session in the town.

KVCC suggested that the Duck Pond could become a joint community and RSPB project. **Action MT to liaise initially with Louise.**

Matters Arising.

1. Interest by three parties for the fence tender. The Shinty Club have expressed an interest in renewing their fences and would like that to be share with those tendering. **Action JK to chase up tenders.**
2. KVCC agreed to contribute £500 towards the benches on the Jubilee Path. **Action JB**
3. Flower baskets. No response from KBF leads on baskets. E-mail to be re directed to chair. **Action JK to e-mail.**
4. Cycle Path Concerns. Concerns were passed to CFK. Bob Kinnaird tidies up the drainage and indicated that highland Council are responsible for the cycle path maintenance. PH believed it is another body most likely Bear Scotland. **Action PH to identify who is responsible for maintenance.**
5. New Bins. MT has been in discussion with Callum Mackenzie about replacement bins for the town. The new bins cost £600 each, which KVCC

cannot afford. MT discussed the issue with Muriel Cockburn who is currently battling for bins for the whole area. MT will continue to work on this over the coming weeks and the emptying of bins at the cemetery.

Action MT to pursue.

6. New Road to be named after Sandy Bennet.
7. Co-opted new member Gayle Borthwick

Treasurer's report:

Still no access to main accounts and previous treasurer has not responded to any contact, which has been made. Therefore, nothing has changed. As co signatory to accounts MT will contact the bank. **Action MT to contact the bank**

Planning:

1. E planning access. **Action JK to forward to JB**
2. New plans for housing n Kingussie have been sent. Drop in session to be advertised by developer in the Strathie. KVCC to create publicity around this **Action JK to ensure the dates go on FB**

AOCB:

1. Assoc of Community Council Meetings **LD to attend**
2. Community Council Forum NR **and MT to attend**
3. Footpath between Gynack Road and Middle Terrace. The developer has not completed this work and therefore needs to be followed up with the enforcement officer **Action JK to email**
4. Patrick Bell's interest in KVCC was noted along with e-mails. Patrick is to be invited to the next meeting to share his ideas. **Action JK**
5. VE day celebrations. Group to consider ideas and report back to next meeting.
6. John Robertson associate member. Application required for road closure during 2020 Shinty Event **Action MT to make application**
7. Invitation to KVCC members at Talla on Friday 21/2 to hear plans for 2020.
8. Website **Action LD to find out how we can be involved in new community website.**
9. Letters of support to Shinty Club.
10. Letter of support for paving and removal of wall outside Talla **Action JK**
11. ARC. Now applying for funding from Scottish Land fund for money to develop MacRobert house and telephone exchange. **Action JK**

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