

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council

Minutes
9th March 2020

Present: Moira Thomson (MT) Jon Bailey (JB) Billy Munroe (BM)

Gayle Borthwick (GB) Liz Duncan (LD) Philippa Hadley (PH)

Apologies: Neil Reid Janet Kinnaird Deirdre Falconer

Welcome: Patrick Bell and Kenny Rodgers from NHS

1. No interests declared
2. February minutes were read and approved.
Proposed by JB and seconded by LD
3. Apologies from Deirdre Falconer. Self-isolating due to recent travels.
4. Kenny Rodgers from NHS. The new hospital in Aviemore is currently one week ahead of schedule. Completion due in March /April 2021. Plans are with the planning department to upgrade facilities at Kingussie Medical Practice. The intention is to upgrade space for physiotherapy, visiting consultants and a general upgrade. Parking plans may play a part here due to the new council charges and on going consultation. The Ward Manager, Liz Cowie, to be contacted. **Action MT**

A transport group has been set up to look at new hospital. Bus companies have agreed a new stop. Community Transport solutions are looking at a community group run by M Lawson. There are currently staff shortages in the Wade centre meaning there are empty beds. Of the 23 beds four are currently empty. Care at home continues to be a challenge due to recruitment. Concerns have been raised as to how this can be addressed. How can young people be encouraged into a caring profession? The example of Boleskine Care and Black Isle Care need to be explored. St Vincents will be vacated. As it belongs to the Scottish Government it will be offered to the public sector before going on the open market. Should there be any community ideas then they have to be expressed. The building has been checked for historical significance of which there is none other than the statue. This will be available to the community for a decision as to where it should be placed. The Catholic Church being an example.

The Burrall Trust Fund has a considerable amount remaining (£290000 approx) and the fund must remain in Badenoch and is designated for health and social care. This is a priority as a decision must be made in 6 months.

Action JB and LD.

5. Patrick Bell attended the meeting to put forward his ideas

6. Matters Arising:

1. Cycle Path maintenance. **PH** has been looking into this and thinks the bridges are the responsibility of Transport Scotland and the path Sustrans.
2. Jubilee Path. Decision to go ahead with Gordon Kennedy for fencing.
3. No new bins on the horizon. Community event to do them up.
4. Drug Issue. Drugs death Scotland can be contacted to hold a community event. **Action JB to contact them if we are agreed**
5. VE day -suggestion of a talk from John Robertson.
6. Update on path between St Vincents hospital and Tait's Brae. Awaiting response. **JK actioned**
7. Community Council Forum cancelled.
8. Road closure granted to Shinty Club for Camanachd Cup. Advert to be placed costing £200-300 which KVCC will pay.
9. Janet Crawford has been contacted re FB page with no response.

7. Treasurer's report

The bank continues to be an issue however a solution is near.

An invoice for £500 was received in January for flower baskets. It was noted then to offer £150 . **JK** has contacted KBF on several occasions and has had no response.

Invoice from KCDC for £500 for picnic benches.

8. Planning

Planning was discussed but as yet nothing is being forwarded. Jon has created an e portal account to keep abreast of issues.

Next meeting 13th April