

## Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council

### Minutes

April 2020

1. Present: Moira Thomson (MT), Jon Bailey (JB), William Munro (BM), Liz Duncan (LD), Janet Kinnaird (JK) ,Apologies: Gayle Borthwick and Neil Reid.
2. Declaration of Interests: none.
3. Welcome. MT welcomed Cllr Muriel Cockburn to the meeting.
4. Adoption of March Minutes: after a brief discussion proposed by BW seconded by JK.
5. Matters Arising.

- Parking at the Upgraded Kingussie Medical Practice.

Cllr Cockburn was able to tell us that the current consultation is on hold and the timing for Kingussie is all wrong. She said that charges should not impact on Kingussie Medical Practice.

MT also mentioned that KVCC is a consultee on the new facilities.

- Burrall Fund.

There has been no further response from NHH. LD to contact Kenny Rogers to ask that any decision in regard to this fund is suspended until six months after the lifting of all restrictions in this current climate. **Action LD**

- Talk by Chairwoman of Drug Death Task Force Scotland

Any action to be postponed

- Public Footpath. Between Tait's Brae and St Vincent's.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that this ought to be followed up with CNPA stating KVCC's position. JB said issue was flaunting of agreed planning condition and potential to lose public paths around Kingussie **Action JB**

- Facebook page

All agreed that KVCC needed a Facebook page. **Action LD**

- Cycle path maintenance

Cllr Cockburn suggested contacting CNPA (Liz Henderson /David Clyne ) who should be able to give the answer. **Action JK**

Newtonmore currently pursuing the same question of maintenance. Contact is Graham Frazer. **Action MT**

### **Cllr Cockburn**

The three local councillors, Muriel Cockburn, John Bruce and Bill Lobban are currently liaising and meeting regularly with the Chief Executive's Office. In the current situation all parties are learning as they go along. Cllr Cockburn informed the meeting that the work of VABS has been endorsed and should there be any community questions VABS should be able to help. The situation is a marathon and we are looking at a longhaul. The volunteer effort locally has been excellent.

Schools are all doing well in the current situation and Kingussie High School has had excellent coverage. The equipment made there (PPE masks) is currently being used in Raigmore Paediatrics Dept. and other situations.

The tourist season and businesses will be hard hit this year with many major events already cancelled e.g. Thunder in the Glens and Highland Games.

Money is available to support communities but it must be spent wisely.

JB enquired if the funding extended to hardship situations. Funds are available via the Council and also SSEN hardship fund. Karen Derrick can advise. KVCC will make applications to both funds. **Action JK**

There are currently problems with Click and Collect and on line shopping deliveries. The Chief Executive's office is in discussion with major retailers to see how this can be improved. It may mean re directing council staff as drivers etc. and helping to organise how this happens.

HC Chief Exec has daily discussions with Chief Exec NHS.

The question of adequate PPE in care homes in the area was raised. This may be a use of the SSEN hardship fund.

**The Highland Council help number is 03003031362 that will deal with all questions and direct people. The number for people that are shielding is 01349 886669**

**Kingussie helpline:**

**01540 372101 Mark Tate**

## 6. Planning:

Police Station Building. CNPA have said if KVCC want to comment on this application then we have to submit a statement by 21 April as it is scheduled to be heard at Planning Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> April. MT raised the concern regarding traffic entering and exiting from behind the building on to an already congested Ardbroilach Road.

23 House Development; KVCC are now consultees for this.

JB to send round the current planning application list + status for review.

JB asked how KVCC became involved in the A9 planning process. Cllr Cockburn suggested getting in touch with the co coordinator. Address to follow.

### **Treasurer's Report**

KVCC now has access to all accounts and outstanding bills have been paid. Despite many attempts at contact there has been no response from KBF re the invoice for flowers. Hogmanay firework insurance invoice is still to be received. **Action MT**

### **AOCB**

BM attended the funeral of the late Bobby Nield. The town would like to honour Bobby for his tireless and selfless work for Kingussie. BM suggested re naming the Badenoch Centre in memory of Bobby. Everyone was in agreement. MT and MC will liaise on this.

There will be no bedding plants available this year due to the COVID 19 situation. MT hoped that this would also be the same for Inverness. There may be free plants available for garden centres. **Action BM**

Charlie Young to be consulted **Action JK**

**Next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**