

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council Meeting

Monday 11th May 2020 at 7pm

May Minutes

Zoom meeting

1. Present: Moira Thomson (MT) Billy Munro (BM) Liz Duncan (LD) Jon Bailey (JB) Janet Kinnaird (JK) Pippa Hadley (PH)
2. Apologies: Neil Reid
3. Declaration of interests: None
4. April Minutes: Amendments proposed JK seconded JB
(Resend copy to PH)
5. Matters Arising
 - Footpath between Tait's Brae and Gynack Road. A letter has been sent to Ed Swales at CNPA expressing concern that the footpath has not been re instated as per the planning permissions. The concern about future loss of footpaths during any building works was also expressed. KVCC are currently awaiting a response.
 - Facebook page. LD has done great work and there is now a FB page up and running. It is looking good and anyone can post on it. The minutes will be posted there as well as the noticeboard.
 - Cycle path maintenance .MT informed the meeting that she had been in discussion with Graham Fraser of Newtonmore CC re the cycle path between Kingussie and Newtonmore. The non-slip surfaces are to be improved. Pete Crane of CNPA is involved as the paths have to be of a standard when the Spey side Way routes are linked.
 - Funding applications. JK informed the meeting that two applications have been made, one to SSE and the other to Supporting Community Resilience Ward Discretionary Fund. Both applications were for hardship within the community. SSE has granted £1000. The other fund has asked for specific projects and funding costs. JK has suggested supporting the local primary school by having a P7 photograph produced for all pupils and donating towards a virtual family picnic. PH suggested a lockdown photo with which the meeting was in agreement. Funding was also agreed for a Zoom licence for Shinty Memories Group. KVCC will apply for a licence via VABS for their own use. **Actions JK**
 - Flowers in Duke Gardens . BM and MT have had discussions with Charlie Young and various groups re flowers this summer. The decision is that the beds are to be rested for this summer. PH has put Charlie in touch with Sean Malone the new Amenities Officer at Highland council.
 - Name change for the Badenoch Centre .MT shared that Muriel Cockburn and Liz Cowie have had a meeting since April and the

proposed name change has been noted. As the Highland Council are working in a changed capacity due to Covid 19 it will be raised at a later date. BM will keep the Neild family updated.

- Burrall Fund/NHSH .LD wrote to NHSH (Kenny Rogers) on behalf of KVCC requesting that any decisions re this fund should be postponed until business is back to normal. The response is that a decision will be made by August. After discussion round community/public consultation LD will contact Ian Moffet and Mary Ellen Thomson for input before submitting our request again.

6. Planning

- The plans for the old police station were removed from the planning agenda for the 24th April.
- Application by Duke of Gordon Hotel for drying beds. There is no comment from KVCC.
- KVCC now has consultee access with Highland Council.
- Glen Tromie Lodge have placed an application for conversion of stables to Housing. JK asked if this was to be self-catering accommodation or a local housing opportunity. PH advised on planning and uses of private properties. JB to look at details and may make comment based on information from PH.
- A9. JB has been in contact with the engagement officer-Sam McNaughton re the stretch of road from Kincaig.to Crubenmore. There will be a public enquiry re this stretch of road. There are currently 60 objections. The objections come from RSPB re Insh Marshes ,Balavil Estate whose objections centre round junctions and access. Amongst the many other objectors are the Church of Scotland, Highland Council and Network Rail . There are also concerns around the loss of rights of way.
- Sam is willing to talk to KVCC re the Glebe Ponds and it will be worthwhile keeping in contact with Sam for the future.

7. Treasurer's Report .The funds are healthy and only the insurance for the Shinty Club of £432 has been paid lately. There has been no response from Kingussie Business Forum re the flower baskets. Lydie to be contacted .**Action JK**

8. AOCB

- Future flags for the clock tower. It was agreed that a flag should be purchased when the Clock Tower flagpole is repaired. BM thought this might be a training exercise for the fire Brigade when the Covid emergency is over.
- Court House Flagpole, Duke Gardens Flagpole. Contact to be made with Highland Council and KCDC re installation of flagpoles. Action JK

Next meeting 8th June JK will issue e-mail invitations and put contact on FB.