

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council Meeting

Monday 8th June 2020 at 7pm
Zoom meeting

1. Present: Moira Thomson(MT), Janet Kinnaird (JK), Liz Duncan (LD), Jon Bailey (JB), Neil Reid (NR), Billy Munro(BM), Cllr Bill Lobban, Cllr Muriel Cockburn, Cllr Pippa Hadley.
2. Apologies: Gayle Borthwick
3. Declaration of interests: Jon Bailey and Liz Duncan re ARC Kingussie
4. May Minutes: Proposed by Billy Munro seconded by Neil Reid.
5. Matters Arising
 - Footpath between Tait's Brae and Gynack Road . JK has written again to Ed Swales at CNPA . He is investigating further and will respond
 - Funding Applications. Shinty Memories group now have a Zoom Licence. KVCC facilitated funding via VABS. JK will make an application for a virtual picnic fund for KPS.
Action JK
 - School Photo . The school photo should now be underway and KVCC will fund this via the SSE fund.
 - Flagpole on Court House/Clock Tower/Duke Gardens.

JK relayed info from the ward manager that when the Court House was refurbished the fixings for a flagpole were kept in line with Historic Buildings but is not suitable for use. The IT equipment is now kept in the room directly below the flagpole fixings therefore it is not accessible. Billy and Neil will look at the flagpole on the Clock Tower and assess what work is required along with Malcolm Thain. **Action NR and BN**

JK reported that there is a possibility of having a flagpole in the Duke Gardens if the current plan can fund it.

- Several pairs of glass are also broken. Can the council address this? **Action JK**
- Plants for tubs . Cllr Lobban informed the meeting that plants were available via the Botanic Gardens in Inverness and some other community councils have now got some. KVCC have arranged to buy from the Speyside Centre. After discussion it was agreed that KVCC should go ahead with the purchase and also contact the Botanical Gardens source. **Action JK**

Some weeding and preparation has already started.

- A. Anna Myeshkova was welcomed to the meeting. She has been working closely with Highland Council and Transport Scotland. Funding has been secured for three more EV charging points to be situated in Kingussie most likely in the Doctors' Surgery Car Park. Following her report, KVCC supported the plan, as they will be of benefit to the town. Those requiring to use them have an App for the purpose and therefore no signage may be required. No date as such for the work to commence.
- B. NR reported that the fencing along the Jubilee Path is now complete. MT on behalf of Ian Moffet wondered if there was any more to be done. NR said that if any more were done at the Dell end it would create access issues. NR suggested that the old fencing should be removed and the area levelled. Old picnic tables posts also to be removed. **Action NR**

New picnic tables are ready.

- C. RSPB Louise Hughes had contacted MT re Glebe Ponds. The hydrology requires further investigation, which cannot currently be undertaken. Pete Crane at CNPA to be e-mailed **Action MT.**

JB suggested that Sam McNaughton may wish to be

involved in any discussions and will be invited to a KVCC meeting later in the year

- D. MT attended a Smart Village meeting hosted by CNPA. It is a support and development organisation to help towns and villages develop, particularly from a small business perspective. The consensus of the meeting is that most businesses and community groups are using social media to promote themselves.
- E. MT also attended Preparing to open With Confidence. She reported that all organisations are working together in preparation for opening for business within the guidelines as the lifting of lockdown progresses.
- F. Monitoring of public conveniences. Cllr Lobban said it was in fact to address vandalism and to some extent use. Currently watch and wait.
- G. Council tips. Currently open but with a reduced service. Cllr Lobban will try and find out if and when the tip in Kingussie will re open.
- H. BM asked if there had been any development to rename the Badenoch Centre in memory of Bobby Neild. Cllr Cockburn said that it was still on the list however at the moment the most pressing concern was school reopening. The request will not however be forgotten.

6. Planning

CNPA website can now be accessed

Approvals

- Old Police Station plans have been approved.
- Kingussie Medical Centre plans.

Applications

- Alter and extend house and vehicle access at Dunedin East Terrace. **Action JB to have a closer look.**
- Conversion of old council offices to boutique hostel.

7. Treasurer's report. All members received a copy of the current bank statements. There is £15000 in the current account and £1860 in the building society account.

At this stage it was agreed to delay the AGM until it could be a face-to-face meeting however accounts will be submitted in order to receive HC funding.

AOCB

The proposed plans for MacRobert House were discussed. MT to send more details to all members and each member will complete the survey. However the meeting felt that it was important that community consultation should not be only on line.

Deirdre Falconer to be invited to next meeting.

MT thanked everyone for his or her attendance and input.

Next meeting 13th July at 7pm.