

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council Meeting

Monday 13th October 2020 at 7pm

October Minutes

Zoom meeting

1. Present: Moira Thomson (MT) ;Jon Bailey (JB); Liz Duncan (LD), Pippa Hadley(PH) Janet Kinnaird(JK).
2. Apologies Muriel Cockburn, Neil Reid, Gayle Borthwick
3. Declaration of Interests: None
4. September Minutes: Proposed by JK Seconded MT
5. **Matters Arising.**
 - JK reported that the following have been contacted and we are awaiting replies Access Office CNPA, Gavin Miles Planning . Other correspondence completed
 - Ken Dean and Patrick Bell Padel Court and Pump Track.
 - Kingussie Primary School re photos and award of £500.
 - Motor Home Point and Spey Street junction letter.
 - JK reported that Malcolm Thain and Neil Reid will attend to the flag on the clock Tower.
 - MT had a discussion with Shirley Nield re maintenance at Tallan Ros. The improvements to the front access will go ahead in the spring. Funds are being raised for the statue of the Wolf of Badenoch and a history trail related to it. KVCC will donate £500 to the funding for the statue.
 - The situation of a waterlogged garden in Campbell Crescent has now been resolved.
 - There is currently no further information on renaming the Badenoch Centre nor the maintenance of ground behind behind Tallan Na Ros
6. **Planning Update.**
 - JB reported that the application in market Lane had been approved on 9/10/20.

7. Treasurer's Report

- JB reported that the balance in accounts is as of last meeting at £12,721 with the flag invoice outstanding.

8. Kerb Appeal

- MT said that she had had discussions with Shirley Nield on this subject. John Robertson had outlined a letter, which may be of help. A letter to businesses and homes in the High Street/King Street area asking for suggestions of how things might be improved is the first step. The shop blinds idea for tourism information in empty windows could be revived and a slogan developed. RSPB and Badenoch Great places may be looking for window space. **All members to Action letter**

9. Dunbarry Play Park.

- MT is going to discuss with VABS the formation of a sub group to make applications for funding to purchase replacement equipment.
- Highland Council will install and maintain equipment bought to replace a defective equipment. HC now has a Play Park team for maintenance but currently no budget. Funding will be sought from KCDC and there may be access to Covid recovery funding for this purpose. **Action MT**

MT raised the subject of the deteriorating path out towards the cemetery. She has made contact with Sean Malone on the subject and as the problem is where trees have been felled for access to a new development this will be raised with planners **Action JK**

The sad passing of Tommy Wade recently cannot currently be marked by the community. The town will work on a fitting celebration of his life when it is safe to do so .

10. 20mph.

The community council have each received a copy of a letter outlining the current status of proposed 20mph limits throughout Kingussie. The same letter has gone to Liz Cowie and KCDC. KVCC agreed to send a supporting letter to transport Scotland . **Action JK**

11. RSPB

JB and LD attended a consultation session about the future of Insh Marshes. RSPB are engaging with all stakeholders as to the future of both the marshes and the river. Doing nothing for the future is not an option. The aim is to allow nature to take its course.

Questionnaires are available from Louise Hughes RSPB.

AOCB

- Pump Track

A letter has been received from Bob Kinnaird to update the group on the progress of the pump track.

- A letter was received from Ken Deans re the dying conifers in the Duke Gardens. KVCC agreed that replacing them with an avenue of flowering cherries is an excellent idea. **Action JK**
- MT suggested KVCC should investigate replacing the notice boards on King Street. **Action JK and MT**
- JB to action a traffic survey at the junction of Dunbarry Road and the High Street. **Action JB**

AGM reminder 9th Nov.

PH will not be in attendance.