

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

At 7pm

Zoom Meeting

Present: Moira Thomson (MT), Neil Reid (NR), Jon Bailey (JB), Liz Duncan (LD), Janet Kinnaird (JK), Ian Moffett (IM), Muriel Cockburn (MC), Louise Thomson (LT).

Apologies: Gayle Borthwick, Pippa Hadley Amanda Macleod Gayle Paterson.

Declarations of interest: None.

Minutes from October, Proposed Seconded.

**Matters Arising:**

- Planning training: Awaiting dates from Gavin Miles CNPA
- Gynack Road /Tait's Brae Access. JK had heard back from the access officer with a very complex route requiring planning and funding applications. In discussion with a resident at St Vincent's Place it was thought the best and simplest way forward was to move the signpost and put in some simple steps in the spring.
- Kerb Appeal . MT has drafted a letter to be circulated. **Action JK**
- Letter sent to transport Scotland re 20mph
- All members have received and returned the consultation document.
- Letter of support for new trees in the Duke gardens has gone to Kenny Deans.
- Notice Boards. Should we get new notice boards Donald Gilmore will keep the key .Usage in line with Covid protocols.
- Electric car charging points in Ardvonie car park should be underway. IM enquired if there are to be any at the Iona gallery car park but that is an unknown.

**Co-opting of New Member:**

- Louise Thomson was co-opted as a new member. Proposed by MT and seconded by LD.

**Dunbarry Play Park Sub Committee:**

- MT explained that it had been hoped that a sub committee could be formed with parents who wish to see improvement at the Dunbarry Play Park. Unfortunately the parents concerned were unable to attend. MC mentioned that a new Play Park Team is being put together by HC. MT has also spoken with Sean Malone on this subject. IM enquired as to the likely cost of replacing equipment but that is still unknown. MC will facilitate contact with other groups improving play facilities in their area. There may be some mileage in economy of scale when it comes to equipment. She also suggested the groups should link with Kingussie PS parent council is keen that play facilities are intergenerational. MC to send the name of the parks officer. **Action MC**

**Town Twinning.**

- JK explained the link between Derek Everest and the town twinning opportunity. MC shared that twinning had brought a number of advantages to other communities in Highland and it was something to consider. Grantown has a strong French link and MC will send a contact address for Jim Beveridge re twinning

### **Gritting /Winter Ready.**

- MC explained that the thinking behind this project from HC was that communities could support each other as there had been such a positive community response to Covid 19. The offer is there is the community want the bins. JK suggested trying to work out where bins might be required. **Action JK**

### **Parking On the High Street.**

- Parking by business owners is becoming an issue on the High Street. Some vehicles are there outside the main shops all day. Vehicles are also parking close to junctions on double yellow lines or too close to the disabled bay on Gynack Street. MT suggested a letter to all business on the High Street. There was general agreement that a letter should be drafted. **Action JK**

### **Horse Manure.**

- This is again becoming an issue on the Jubilee Way and Badenoch Way. MC said this is a sensitive issue and it may well be worth contacting the Environmental Health. for guidance and advice. British Horse Society Posters to be put up again. IM mentioned that the countryside access code would in fact allow horses on the path. MC to contact CNPA David Cline. Action MC

### **Planning.**

- Planning application now in for the road improvements at Spey Street Ruthven Road. Dunbarry Road. Access.
- Davall Developments, in their application, claim via their consultant that Dunbarry Road is acceptable as an access road for construction. JB and LD undertook a traffic survey, which shows that the figures presented by the consultant do not represent what is happening on the ground. The survey will be raised at the planning meeting for the next development. IM suggested it raised interesting questions and thinks it is worth approaching the planners. JB and LD will do a similar survey on the High Street and Ardbroillach Road. JB will draft a letter to CNPA. **Action JB**

### **Treasurer's Report.**

- The building society account currently stands at £1852 and the bank account at £10758

### **AOCB**

Members had received in formation about an art installation in the Duke Gardens. IM suggested it would be a tourist/photo opportunity in the town. Currently the suggestion is a large thistle. While not everyone agreed with a thistle there was agreement and support for the artwork.

**Next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**