

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council Meeting  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6pm  
Kingussie Camanachd Club Rooms

Minutes

Present: Ruaridh Ormiston (RO) Margaret Bentley (MB) Louise Thomson (LT) John Craig (JC) Janet Kinnaird (JK) Pippa Hadley (PH)  
Member of the Public: Esther Botha

Apologies; None

Declaration of Interests; None

Previous Minutes; None

RO opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

LT met with the previous Treasurer Jon Bailey who was extremely helpful. The accounts have gone to Peter Munro for verification and signing off. There were two accounts but they have now been amalgamated into one. A second signatory to the bank account is required. RO declined to be the second signatory due to work commitments however MB will take on the job. As of 21/6 the account stands at £13135.72 The insurance was paid in March 2020 and was £86. RO recommended we check insurance in Feb 2022 in order that we don't get caught out in higher premiums. LT will try to establish what the insurance covers. **Action LT**

Planning

JK shared the most recent planning referral from CNPA. It was agreed that there would be no comment. JK proposed that JC might take on the planning aspect for KVCC. After discussion around professional interest JC agreed to take on this role.

Items of Business

- **Insurance** Discussed with Treasurer's report.
- **Co-opting new members.**  
There are some potential new members to be co-opted to KVCC. RO suggested that those who wished to come on board should attend the next meeting. The need for new members should be shared on notices and social media **Action JK**
- **Santa Parade on Christmas Eve.**  
There will be a Santa in attendance on shopping Sunday. Traditionally there has been a visit from Santa and the reindeer on Christmas Eve. JK understands this in the region of £750. JK to establish costs and availability **Action JK**. Ken Deans has offered to help with mulled wine etc. This might help offset the costs. JC is to talk to Gwyneth Wright who held some money and ran the event in previous years. **Action JC**
- **Hogmanay Event**  
JK reported back from the meeting with KBF and the Shinty Club. The consensus being that the event should go ahead. KVCC can provide four stewards JK, RO, JC, and LT.
- **Funding from Town Centre fund over next five years.**  
PH outlined the new fund for place-based projects (excluding swing parks) to support communities as part of Covid recovery. The fund within B and S for all

communities will be £130000 for capital expenditure.

- **New Play Park equipment from Highland Council.**  
There is no new funding available for play park equipment. Within Kingussie one item of equipment has been replaced. There was considerable discussion around the exorbitant costs involved. A group of mums are still keen to go forward with fund raising. PH suggested there might be someone in the community to help with fundraising.
- **Burrall Fund.**  
JK outlined the history behind the Burrall Fund and the most recent e-mails with Kenny Rodgers from NHS Highland. There is a substantial amount of money in the fund and it has now been transferred in to NHS Highland Social Care Fund (endowment) for the area. RO was interested to know what the area actually is and which community organisations were consulted. RO had suggested on behalf of the KVCC our secretary could write to NHS Highland asking about the Burrall Fund, its written aims / conditions, if there were trustees, who was consulted locally on its transfer to NHS Highlands Funds. **Action JK**

AOCB

- **Facebook and web page.** LT had discussed the Facebook page with Liz Duncan. RO, LT, JK have agreed to be added as admins. **Action LT.** The web page is part of Kingussie.co.uk. JK is to have word press training.
- **Raised drains and broken kerbs.** Issue to be raised at the Service Point **Action JK**
- **The dreadful** condition of the Spey Bridge was discussed and a letter from KVCC will go to Richard Porteus **Action JK**
- **PH raised the issue** of a broken wall near the Dunbarry Shinty Pitch. Dogs had strayed in amongst sheep and the farmer had (within his rights) threatened to shoot any dogs straying. She had already raised the issue with RO and Bob Kinnaird from KCDC. It is not known who owns the wall however PH would like to press ahead with asking CNPA for funding for repairs and improvements. The walks are a community asset. There was discussion about paths and future building. RO said that that KVCC were mindful to support this. PH thought the best vehicle for the project would be KCDC and she would discuss further with the Access Officer at CNPA. RO suggested that KCDC would be the mostly likely organisation to move forward on paths and managing any work. He had not spoken to anyone at KCDC so cannot comment if they are in favour or not.
- Esther Botha outlined her plans and many challenges at the Viewmount in East Terrace. KVCC were empathetic of the difficulties and hoped PH might be in a position to support.

Date of next Meeting

RO thanked everyone for attending and set the date of the next meeting on

**13th Dec at 6pm**