

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council Meeting  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 6.15  
Via Zoom and Badenoch Centre Library  
Draft Minutes

**Present:**

Ruaridh Ormiston(RO) Margaret Bentley (MB) Louise Thomson (LT)  
Janet Kinnaird (JK) Lisa Taylor (LTa) John Craig (JC)  
Zoom -Esther Botha (EB)Pippa Hadley (PH) Lindsay Dawson(LD)

**Apologies;**

Anna Chiesa(AC)

RO opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and those on Zoom.

**Declaration of Interests;** Esther Botha

**Previous Minutes** Proposed by MB Seconded by LTh

**Treasurer's Report LTH.**

The bank balance remains the same.. The current statement stands at £13135.72  
Payment still to be made to Kenny Deans. There has been an e-mail from the bank re the accounts being changed however the secretary has currently no Internet .

**Planning Report JC**

There are currently no planning applications requiring action from KVCC

**Matters Arising**

- A question was raised by a member of the public as to why the minutes from the previous CC had not been adopted by the present CC. The answer being-*when a community council goes into abeyance the role of co-opted members no longer exists. Only those who were elected members on both the previous and current CC can adopt the minutes . As there was only one continuing member the minutes could not be adopted.*
- Reindeer are now provisionally booked for 2022.
- KVCC received a response from Katherine Imlay as follows  
*SHEPD are in the process of planning proposed works in the Kingussie area to dismantle part of the overhead line network and replace with underground cables. As part of these proposed works, we are planning to install new electrical equipment on our land next to the existing substation building. Discussions are currently on going to finalise matters and I will keep you updated on progress and timescales for this work.*  
RO Has pressed again for the path to remain open.
- Notice Boards EB said that she will be back on 1<sup>st</sup> of March and will get on with this project on her return. RO suggested contacting Newtonmore CC as they have new notice boards. (EB left the meeting due to poor signal)
- Post Office. KVCC congratulated Grassroots for taking on the role of Post Office.
- The meeting was informed that any licensing applications will now come to KVCC
- Scotrail .A comment was sent and acknowledgement received
- Ruthven Bridge. The hot tar repairs have gone ahead as planned. Unfortunately there are still very large potholes on the bridge. RO felt that the repairs to date are a total failure with the rest of the meeting in agreement. Filling of holes with cold tar had been observed and although KVCC is no expert on hole filling it would seem that filling waterlogged holes with cold tar would have little or no effect! KVCC will contact Richard Porteous **Action JK**

**Items of Business**

- Funding for Glebe Ponds. JK has submitted a funding application to begin the process of regenerating the Glebe Ponds. This is via the Ward Discretionary Fund. If awarded the grant will be used to bring together a vision , planning and consultation proposal for the ponds .JK explained this would be the start of a staged regeneration of the area. LTH has been in contact with the family of Gwyneth Wright a former very active community member. The family understand there is some money left in a fund and some filtration products that can be used in the Glebe. The meeting agreed that until any work begins anything to brighten the area is welcome. LTh will investigate further. **Action LTh.** PH intimated that the Ward Meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.  
There was considerable discussion about what the celebration could be and look like. The celebration will include an event for the primary school, an evening event for families and also an afternoon event. The aim is to involve everyone in the community and community groups. Tree Planting will take place in the autumn **Action LTh** All members of KVCC have taken on tasks in order to make this a successful community event.
- Highland Council Badenoch and Strathspey Short term Let Control Area Consultation. This topic raised a great deal of discussion and varying views. It was decided that the on line consultation should be widely and regularly publicised on FB and each member would submit their own view. **Action LTh**

#### **AOCB**

- Members of the community have raised concerns about the future of St Vincent's. There is speculation in the community as to what is happening. There is also concern for the equipment left on the premises and the meeting thought that these items could be used by an overseas charity. KVCC will contact Kenny Roger from NHS Highland to find out what is happening. **Action JK**
- Pitmain Estate KVCC has received a brochure outlining the future developments for Pitmain Estate. This includes an invitation to see first hand what is going on . **Action RO**
- Festivities Fund LTh has been in contact with former members of the Festivities committee. There is a sum of money left and they would be happy to transfer the money to KVCC as long as they continue with the same projects. This was greed by the meeting. Stepanie Wright will contact VABS to find out how to fold the Festivities Group. LTh will contact Stephanie at the end of the week to find out how things are progressing. **Action LTh.**
- For future consideration the Clock Tower in Kingussie will be 100 years old in 2025

**Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March**