

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council Meeting  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 6.15  
Talla Nan Ros

**Present:**

Ruaridh Ormiston(RO) Margaret Bentley (MB) John Craig(JC)  
Janet Kinnaird (JK) (LTa) Pippa Hadley (PH)  
Lindsay Dawson(LD) Gilmore Strang(SG)

Apologies

Louise Thomson (LT) Lisa Taylor (LT) Esther Botha (EB)  
Anna Chiesa sent apologies and is stepping down for personal reasons.

Declaration of Interests RO

Adoption of Minutes

PH asked to have two amendments made to the previous minutes.

1. In the discussion re the Indian War Memorial. I think we had agreed the wording was that Bill Lobban was “supportive” of the K6 Memorial initiative by the Army and as such he was neither the driver or the person that brought it to the fore.

2. The K6 project applied to KVDC for funding for the memorial but did not need to use it because of the award via ARC from HRC. However they may go back to KVDC to seek assistance with the catering etc for the commemoration event in September

Following discussion the minutes were proposed by JC and seconded by RO.

Treasurer’s Report.

There was no report available however JK didn’t think any money had been spent therefore the account will stand as previously, £22629.65 which includes the grant for the Glebe Ponds.

Planning Report JC

Strathspey Vets. The proposed change of use from a commercial to residential premises had been rejected under delegated powers. RO expressed surprise given that the area in which the building is situated is mainly residential. The consensus following discussion is that should this application be re submitted KVCC should submit a comment.

Matters Arising

Pitmain Estate: KVCC had received a reply from Ewan Harris of Savills regarding path and gate closures. There is still a large amount of timber to be extracted following the storms and overhead cables to be taken into consideration. While there is no specific timetable for opening all paths work is fully underway. The information re timber extraction has been shared on the KVCC FB page. JK raised a concern re timber lorries using Ardbroilach Road given that it is a route used by children via The Crescent and East Terrace. It was suggested that a letter to the Factor that transport drivers should be very mindful of children on

the road. LD said that if extraction was to happen prior to the end of the summer term a letter could go home to parents and road safety reminders could happen in school. MB raised a concern about the suitability of the road for heavy vehicles given the issues of collapsed drains on the road. PH and GS said that damage caused to roads during this process were the responsibility of the Estate/Transport company.

#### Notice Boards

On behalf of EB MB shared the suggestions for the noticeboards. RO suggested getting the best wall mounted version. JK will complete Discretionary Fund application. Action JK

#### Ruthven Road Safety Issues

A very supportive response had been received from Ross Bartlett, Safer Routes to School. His plan is to order a speed survey to see what vehicle speeds are actually doing along the front of the school to be fully informed before making and decisions about the way forward. If there is an issue with speed compliance remedial measures can be considered. Road markings can be looked at and can be repainted once any other works have been carried out. LD reported that the Primary school has since received a report on the issues of speeding.

#### Items of Business

##### Indian war Memorial

RO shared that plans for an unveiling have been put back to September 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the same week as heritage week. PH said that this was due to supply issues. GS is concerned about lack of community engagement .LD said that Maj Laurie has now been in touch with KPS. RO said at least with the school being involved there was some raising of awareness.

##### BASMA

EB had attended meetings and JK shared any information with EB. To date nobody is aware of any Ukrainian families in Kingussie. LD said that there had been no enrolment requests in KPS. Caberfeidh Horizons have made a room available in Kingussie for any locally placed refugees to meet.

##### Felling of trees and changes to the Dell

JK reported that Rebecca McGraw was unable to attend the last meeting. The work currently taking place at Dellmore prompted a very in depth and wide range discussion relating to the history of the area, the RSPB and the reasons given for the current works. There are concerns over the path infrastructure, fencing and restriction to business that takes place there. The major concerns are that the work, which has been done, cannot be undone, as so far it has involved tree felling. The conclusion of the discussion is that a representative of the project should be expected to attend the next KVCC meeting. JC has prepared a letter, which will be circulated,

to members of KVCC before being submitted to Transport Scotland, CNPA and SEPA. GS reiterated the need to do things with a community and not to a community. JK to invite the developers and circulate JC's letter. Make a freedom of Information request on the cost of this project. Action JK

#### Community Resilience.

MB had attended a meeting re a Community Resilience Plan and discussed the need with Kathleen Cameron from Aviemore Community Council. PH highlighted the need for a resilience plan should an emergency such as the prolonged power cuts experienced by some communities in the winter. The question was raised as to how necessary was a plan given that during the early days and weeks of the Pandemic the community pulled together via One Kingussie and Cycle Friendly Kingussie. It was agreed that following some further fact finding and receipt of a template from Highland Council a discussion on the topic would go ahead with One Kingussie and KCDC.

#### Glebe Ponds

JK reported that the hydrology and path assessment would take place in May.

#### AOCB

Website. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we did require a website. LD offered to work on this. JK will put LD and Gus Mitchell in contact. Action JK

#### SSE Funding

The SSE communities funding links well to the Community Resilience Plan. JK suggested that it might be worth sending the info to the Iona gallery to upgrade their loos. Action JK.

#### Capercaillie Survey.

Survey closed on 25<sup>th</sup> at midnight. The agreement was to complete as individuals if anyone cared to and it has been put on FB

#### CAG Request FS414245280 - Flatted Development - Former Police Station, 15 High Street, Kingussie

The developer has suggested Seelie House as the name for the development. The meeting discussed the meaning of the name. The former Police Station was built on the site in the 1970s. Prior to that the site is believed to have been the garden for either the Bank House or the property at 15-17 High Street. The meeting agreed that the name Seelie house was not a suitable name for the development, as it had no relevance to the area or community. This will be conveyed to CAG requests at Highland council. PH to be copied in. Action JK

#### Road Closure in September

MB has submitted road closure application for the Shinty Final in September.

LD has asked if KPS HT can attend the next meeting. This was agreed.

RO thanked everyone for his or her work. Next Meeting 9th May