

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council  
9th May Badenoch Centre  
Minutes

Present :Ruaridh Ormiston(RO) Margaret Bentley (MB) John Craig(JC)  
Janet Kinnaird (JK) Lindsay Dawson (LD) Esther Botha (EB)  
Craig Scott Caberfeidh Horizons

Apologies: Louise Thomson (LT)

Declaration of Interests: RO

The order of agenda was changed in order to allow visitors from Transport Scotland to deliver a presentation re current works on Dellmore. Those present were Andy Torbet, Carron Tobin, Sam McNaughton and Cameron Patterson.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered outlining what is currently taking place at Dellmore, the reasons why this work is being carried out and what benefits this will have in the long term in preservation of habitat for wading birds. Consultation opportunities were available to the community both in 2014 and 2018. A concern was raised that while this may be appropriate action for wetland habitat it might have a knock in effect in terms of midges within the community and takes no account of grazing for rare breed ponies and cattle.

There was wide ranging discussion during and after the presentation. This ranged from the actual creation of this wetland habitat to noise impact on the community when the road is built. The following points were agreed

- KVCC would try and reach more members of the community via Facebook, notice boards and surveys in local cafes to share what is happening and ask for comments. **Action JK and LD**
- Members of Transport Scotland will consult diaries and return with possible dates for a community consultation.

LD thanked those from Transport Scotland for coming to the meeting.

Adoption of minutes. Amendments had been made and the group were satisfied with those. Minutes proposed by ?? seconded by ??

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Treasurer's Report

As per previous meeting.

Planning Report (JC)

There were no new applications to report however KVCC will continue to look out for what happens to the former vet premises.

Police Report

Kingussie has a new Community Police Officer, Jamie Embury. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting due to shift patterns.

Matters Arising

- Freedom of Information request re the cost of current works on Dellmore. A response was received and the current estimated bill before VAT is £299,784.81. The final cost may vary depending on whether there are any variations to the contract as a result of any unforeseen circumstances.
- SSE resilience information has been sent to the Iona Gallery
- CAG request. The meeting confirmed the name as the Old Police House.
- Noticeboards. EB has the application almost complete and ready to send .

- JC's letter re Dellmore. It was agreed that the letter should be condensed and bullet points used. JC is clearly passionate about what happens on Dellmore.
- BASMA  
EB to attend the next meeting.

#### Items of Business

- The proposed event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled. It was agreed that doing the event for the children on the 2<sup>nd</sup> should be the focus. KPS Head Teacher was unable to attend the meeting as planned however the Chair of the Parent Council was happy with the arrangements.

#### AOCB

- Proposed Golf Club Development.

A member of the community raised concerns about the proposed golf club development for more residential caravans. There are concerns re the felling of trees and for wildlife. The proposals centre round an area bordering on St Vincent's to accommodate 20 more caravans. The member of the community had been in touch with Forest and Land Scotland but there are currently no licences granted for felling in that area. It was agreed that KVCC should keep an eye out for further developments and make contact with the Golf Club **Action JK**

- Caberfeidh Horizons

The new Manager of Caberfeidh Horizons ,Craig Scott, was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that work on the Old Bank House next to Caberfeidh Community Hub is about to start. This will involve a change of access at the Hub building. Craig is currently working rejuvenating the training and employability skills of those using Caberfeidh.

- Website

Lindsay had made contact with Gus Mitchell and they have agreed to re vamp the KVCC page.

- Conduct of members.

A number of e-mails have been received about the conduct in public of a member of the community council. This was discussed at length. The e-mails are to be sent to the Secretary who will then forward them to the Ward Manager for advice.

- Annual General Meeting.

JK mentioned that the AGM should be held in June.

\*Minutes to be adopted at next meeting