

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council
Meeting Talla Nan Ros
Following the AGM 13th June .
Minutes

Present: Ruaridh Ormiston (RO) Margaret Bentley (MB) John Craig (JC)
Janet Kinnaird (JK) (Louise Thomson (LT) Lindsay Dawson (LD) Esther Botha (EB)
Martin Stanford (MS) Sandy Maxwell (SM) Cllr Russell Jones (RJ)

Apologies Bill Lobban

Declaration of Interests RO

Adoption of Previous Minutes May 2022 Proposed by JK Seconded JC

Treasurer's Report

LT reported that with the grant for the Glebe Ponds the account currently stands at £2279.65 A payment of £350 will go to pay the theatre company along with other payments related to the Jubilee and Christmas.

Planning Report

(Cllr Jones clarified that he would not be taking part in any planning discussions)
JC suggested that as the planning application for the golf club was also in matters arising it could be discussed then

Matters Arising

Raising of awareness re development at Dellmore

RO was pleased to report that Transport Scotland has agreed to host two community consultation events re the work on Dellmore. There will be a notice informing the community on the board and on Facebook. He encouraged all members to share the forthcoming events.

Development at the Golf Club

An application for change of use for woodland at Kingussie Golf Club has now been submitted. LD shared her concerns about the removal of trees including possibly birch trees. She is also concerned that an application has only gone in yet caravans are sitting in the car park in preparation of the development. RO mentioned that a license would be required to remove birch woodland. JK expressed concern about traffic and no pavement and if a comment on the application is to be submitted that mention should be made of this.

JC is firmly in favour of the development as the Golf Club is a valuable asset in terms of tourism and the extra caravans would improve the value to the community as a whole.

EB suggested that KVCC adopts a more uniform approach to tourism within the community.

After further discussion it was agreed that KVCC would send a comment on this application with support in principle but suggesting that the Golf club works with KCDC in the development of footpaths. SM said that at the last meeting of KCDC the response to the golf club development was similar to that of KVCC. **Action JK**

Item of Business

As the community umbrella group we have been asked to organise and host a meeting of all the voluntary groups in the community probably in August/September. This is proposed as a sharing of information.

Following discussion it was agreed that KVCC should host this event in the first week of October. **Action JK**

Concerns over parking on Ardbroilach Road

JK had been approached by a member of the community raising concerns about the current parking at the bottom of Ardbroilach Road. Currently there is construction on two properties on the High Street and trades vans are parking on Ardbroilach Road and Mill Lane. This is causing a considerable bottleneck to the point that as the lights change traffic is getting marooned on the crossroads. While this may be temporary until construction is complete it also raises concerns about parking when the properties are completed. It was agreed that in the first instance should talk to the developers and if this does not resolve the situation then he will contact the Police. **Action RO**

KCDC Pavement /Paths Plan (Sandy Maxwell KCDC)

All members had recently received a copy of the proposals for upgrading footpaths in and around Kingussie in the future. SM said that recently directors of KCDC had met with the Access and Recreation Managers from CNPA to share their vision and how it will fit in with the national plan being written by CNPA. KCDC have written a paper on the paths and undertaken an audit with action plan and priorities. There will be a meeting with the Access Officers re signage. As far as paths go the obvious gaps in local paths are the Jubilee Way to Ruthven and the Duke of Gordon Hotel to Kingussie Golf Club. Both have obvious challenges and dangers. KCDC are lobbying CNPA to see if Gynack Road could be included in their Lottery Funded Heritage Horizons 2030 project under their working with communities to improve active and sustainable transport section

RO said that he was impressed by the work done by the path volunteers and thanked them. He also said that he was delighted that KCDC are taking the initiative on paths and working closely with Pitmain Estate.

SM said that a representative from KCDC would attend future CC meetings.

Investigation of complaints

Some complaints had been made about members of the CC. JK shared the complaints procedure with everyone. MB will take the lead in the investigation and has experience of so doing. She said that all complaints will be fully investigated but it is impossible to fully investigate complaints, which are anonymous. LD felt that all complaints should be taken seriously. MB said that they would. JK said that complaints would be dealt with according to the procedure with transparency and integrity.

Co Opting New Members

JK introduced Martin Stanford as a possible new member. RO invited Martin to tell us a bit about himself. RO thanked Martin for being willing to come on board.

Martin was proposed and seconded as a co-opted member by JK and RO

AOCB

Wild Flower Borders letter from Rachel Avery

Rachel Avery had contacted KVCC re wildflowers borders. The meeting agreed that wild flower borders would be a welcome addition. **Action JK**

Swimming Concerns

MB was contacted by a parent raising concerns over the coming months of youngsters swimming at the Spey Beach. JK suggested that tis might be something the primary school could include in an end of term safety talk. LD felt that the school is very busy at this time in the year and may not be able to do this. The meeting was in agreement that the lack of swimming opportunities for school pupils in the area is very poor. However on the whole safety warning and responsibility should lie with the parents.

Hanging Baskets

RO said that the hanging baskets are due to arrive in the town, He wondered if KVCC paid towards them or had been approached for funding. JK mentioned in the past a

contribution had been made. MB said that members of Kingussie Business Forum contributed to the cost. No approach for funding has been made.

Follow-up on Road Safety at KPS

LD asked if there had been any follow up from the Road Safety Officer re speeding at KPS. JK has heard nothing so far but will chase up on it. **Action JK**

LD expressed her thanks on behalf of KPS for the Jubilee Event.

Former Councillor Dave Fallows

RO expressed condolences on behalf of KVCC to the family of Dave Fallows.

RO thanked everyone for attending including Sandy and Russell.

Date of Next Meeting 8th August 2022