

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council
ZOOM MEETING
MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2022 AT 7PM

Present: Ruaridh Ormiston (RO) John Craig (JC)
Janet Kinnaird (JK) (Louise Thomson (LT) Esther Botha (EB)
Martin Stanford (MS) Sandy Maxwell (SM)

Guest Patrick Bell (PB)

Apologies Bill Lobban Margaret Bentley

Declaration of Interests None

Adoption of Previous Minutes June2022 Proposed by LT Seconded JC

Treasurer's Report

LT reported balance currently stands at £21802.62. JK asked if payment had been made to Kenny Deans . LT has that in hand..

Planning Report

JC reported that there were no applications in June.

Matters Arising

- **Complaints/Procedure and Outcome**

As MB was unable to attend the meeting JK outlined what had happened. In line with the advice given by Highland Council(HC) MB ,LT and JK met with a complainant . Each point of the complaint was discussed and a solution was reached. The outcome was shared in a letter to the complainant. The second complainant did not respond to either e-mail ,letter by post or hand delivered. Therefore no further action was taken. This was all completed within the 28 days time frame set out by HC. Information was shared with members of KVCC according to the process set out by HC

- **Notice board update EB**

KVCC was not successful in the application to the ward discretionary fund . The total cost of the boards is £5000. It was suggested that KVCC could fund the boards however it was agreed that an application to KCDC for half the funding should be made. SM outlined the two funding streams from KCDC and suggested that an application would get a favourable hearing. **Action EB**

- **Golf Club Planning Application JK**

A comment was sent to re this planning application as per previous discussions.

- **KCDC update JK**

JK attended the last KCDC meeting. Rather than read the draft minutes it was agreed that a copy should be sent to KVCC members.

- **Meeting of all community groups JK**

The date for the meeting is Tuesday October 4th in Talla. A letter of invitation has been sent to all community groups as well as to members of KVCC. The list of those invited has been shared with the groups asking for others to be added should any have been missed.

- **Wild Flower Borders JK**

A letter of support was sent to Rachel Avery

- **Road safety at KPS JK**

JK shared the following from Ross Bartlett

“We are planning to propose a flat top road hump we will be progressing with consultation next week by giving the plans to Elected Members, they are given two weeks to respond. If this goes without incident we will move onto consulting with Statutory consultees and at this point plans will be provided to the Community

Council again for a 2 week period which leads to advertisement in the paper for full consultation for a period of 28 days. If we have no objections we can move to construction, if there are outstanding objections these will be taken to the Area Committee for Members to make a decision as to whether or not construction can go ahead.”

- **Ardbroilach Road Parking RO**

RO had contacted the developers of The Old Police Station re traffic obstruction on Ardbroilach road. The developer felt it was not solely her responsibility. Things seemed to have eased. JK mentioned that the issue of parking was commented on at the last KCDC meeting. Particularly in terms of all new developments in a small area.

- **Website update LD**

Nothing to report as LD was not present.

Patrick Bell. Padel Court.

Patrick reported that he and Kenny deans have been working on this project in the background. As some members were not familiar with the plan PB will recirculate the plan and visuals. The plan had received support from KVCC when it was initially suggested 18 months ago. PB and KD are currently preparing a paper to go forward to Highland Council. (JK commented that a Padel court would add further value to the sports facilities in Kingussie. She mentioned the popularity of such courts across Europe. RO endorsed that with a recent visit to Italy.) PB Following the presentation of a paper PB expects to go forward to the planning stage with a fully-fledged application. KD will follow up with a report.

Items of Business

- **Glebe Ponds**

- JK reported that two further community consultations had taken place in the Badenoch Centre an evening and a morning event. The initial paths survey has come back from Highland Conservation and it is very expensive. JC commented that there might be other providers locally who can do the job at a reduced rate. He was mindful though that not all providers are preferred providers for HC. JK mentioned that there could be some “work arounds” to reduce costs. The final water survey has still to be received. The level of inlet to outlet is very shallow, and the water is contaminated with metals and particulates from the road. The consultant had contacted transport Scotland (A9) to ask if they felt they could contribute to the improvement of the water but as the A9 is going on the other side of the ponds that will not be happening. A contact for the A86 was suggested. The next stage is an overall plan following on from the consultation and survey results.

- **Police Report** no response

- **Ruthven Bridge Update**

Cllr Jones held a community meeting in Talla with HC representatives to hear concerns re Ruthven Bridge and to share solutions. The repairs to the bridge will begin in either October this year or Spring next year. A positive from the meeting is that the bridge will remain open during works for non-motorised users. MS commented on the dangerous state to all users at the moment. Signage has been erected to warn users of the ‘uneven’ surface.

- **Update on money from Festivities Committee JK**

JK has received an e-mail from Hazel Kay(HK) who was formerly Treasurer of the Festivities Committee .Although (HK) resigned some time ago she is still noted by the bank as treasurer and has received a letter asking what should happen to the funds. LT had been in touch with HK and former members of the festivities group some time ago. LT had suggested that an approach by HK or Stephanie Wright should be made to CAB. KVCC are happy to take over the residual funds and ring

fence the money for the use for which it is intended. LT will follow up with Stephanie Wright **Action LT**

- **TGP meeting /consultation 31st August**

TGP will host two meetings on August 31st. One at 1pm and the other at 6pm to ensure all who would like to view the plans for the Ruthven road Spey street junction are able to do so. SM recapped that Cycle Friendly Kingussie and KCDC initially worked up the project and funding. HC will now progress the plan.

- **Ideas for improving our funds**

JK was conscious that a lot of money had recently gone out of the funds with nothing coming in. She had been in contact with Aviemore community council as they ran successful craft fairs to raise funds. This might be an option in the Gynack Gardens. JC said that other communities do 10k races regularly which brings in funding.. MS noted that these involve a huge amount of people and time to be successful.RO suggested presence at the Christmas Shopping day with some old fashioned games. JC also reminded the group that there are three good bottles of whisky, which have still to be raffled. Perhaps there is an opportunity at Shinty 2022. JK to ask John Robertson **Action JK** All members to have a think about fund raising ideas for the next meeting. **Action All members**

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Date of Next Meeting 12th September.