

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council
ZOOM MEETING
MONDAY 12th September 2022 AT 7PM

Present: Ruaridh Ormiston (RO)
Janet Kinnaird (JK) Margaret Bentley
Martin Stanford (MS)

Guest Jinty Moffat (JM)

Apologies Russell Jones Esther Botha Louise Thomson

Declaration of Interests None

Adoption of Previous Minutes: August 2022 Proposed by JK Seconded MS

Treasurer's Report

LT reported the account balance stands at £16310.99. This is after payment of £1680 was made to Highland Conservation Ltd and £4046.47 to Envirocentre both for the Glebe Ponds.

Planning Report

RO said the planning notice from Speyside Distillers is a matter for Laggan Community Council

Matters Arising

- Notice boards JK had agreed to help with sourcing and funding of notice boards. She has managed to find a practical but cheaper version. After some discussion it was agreed that a wee bit more 'homework' should be done and an application submitted to KCDC **Action JK**
- Community Meeting Update. A second invitation has gone out as a reminder to all community groups. To date most of those invited are going to attend.
- Update on Money From Festivities Committee. LT was not available for an update. RO said that were KVCC given the money it would be ring fenced for the purpose for which it was raised.

Items of Business

- Vaccination Clinics.

Jinty Moffatt attended the meeting to raise awareness and concerns regarding the recent appointments for the next round of vaccination clinics. Initially the closest option was to be Boat of Garten with many families receiving appointments for Inverness and sometimes one in each venue. The system had not taken in to account the distances from Dalwhinnie and Laggan particularly for those with no transport. While discussions continue about an option in Aviemore the point was made by JM that the distances and mileage required for people to be vaccinated ran counter to NHS Highland's own Health Board policy on travel and the environment. It was agreed by all that this situation required action from KVCC. Comment was made that all clinics undertaken by Kingussie Medical Practice had run very smoothly and the

uptake had been excellent. This might not be the case with the new centres. It was agreed that a letter reflecting the concerns of our community should be sent. **Action MB**

- Glebe Ponds Update

JK had shared the hydrological survey with the group. It was not encouraging and recommended a sediment analysis to be undertaken. JK said that Ali McKnight had done a great job supporting the project. Ali has been in contact with Bear and Transport Scotland who are responsible for the water run off from the A9 and A86. E-mails between Ali and those organisations have taken place with suggestion being made that those organisations do have a responsibility to the community for the condition of the water. In order to have a sediment analysis JK, with support from Ali McKnight, would submit an application to the Nature Restoration Fund for funding of the sediment analysis. Following discussion this was agreed. RO said that once this was done it would show clearly if there was a chance of restoration for the Glebe.

- Fund raising Ideas

JK had approached John Robertson with the possibility of running a raffle during the Final Fling week but this was not possible. RO reminded the group of the success of the Glen Bancher center in previous years for Newtonmore. It was suggested that as we have prizes tickets could be sold on the Christmas Shopping Day. JK suggested that a community group fund raising event might be organised in the Spring with all groups doing something different. A possible venue for that or a tabletop sale could be the Gynack Gardens. MS suggested we should be mindful of Caberfeidh if doing a tabletop sale. RO suggested this idea should be discussed at the community group meeting in October. In the meantime we should investigate using the Gynack Gardens. **Action JK**

- Recent consultation Updates

Dellmore. RO apologised following the Dellmore meeting with KVCC. He had been unaware of how offended some people were by his comments. An update has been received from Gwen Greenwood.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend one of your meetings in May earlier this year. Your assistance in promoting the Dellmore site-use survey and our drop-in sessions was appreciated.

We received 29 completed surveys during June and July from our short survey, which aimed to evaluate access use at Dellmore and assist development of future proposals. These responses were largely received online, with a few returned in person. In addition, drop-in sessions held in Kingussie during June attracted a total of 29 people over two days. A range of comments and questions were received during the drop-in sessions, regarding the dualling proposals and Dellmore, with a number of points regarding proposals clarified. We are currently collating the information received, and will provide a further update once this has been completed.

In the meantime, as you are aware works to clear the site, erect fencing and plant replacement trees has been undertaken, but establishment of planting will require some replanting in the coming months and years. SSE have now largely completed their works to underground the overhead electricity cables across the site, which helps to facilitate the introduction of the scrapes and creates a more open aspect to the site. The dedicated webpage (also known as the Dellmore StoryMap) will continue to be updated with information as we progress.

Ruthven Road /Spey Street Junction.

It's understood that this sharing of information was well attended although it closed earlier than advertised. MB had attended and was very impressed with the plans and how the whole area will be opened out to people arriving from the train while being safe for pedestrians, cyclists and other users.

CNPA

RO expressed his disappointment in CNPA .he believes it has evolved to the point where people take second place. JM commented that the Park has very little power to make things happen. It was felt that a role of the CNPA is to empower communities but CNPA is not listening. The one real power it has is planning. The recent publication is a list of aspirations but seems to be missing "how?"

Safer routes to School.

Ross Bartlett had contacted KVCC re the plans for traffic calming outside the primary school to make crossing from the school to the Gynack Gardens safer. KVCC hopes that this will reduce the number of young people being driven to school and encourage more walking and cycling. Letter of support to Ross Bartlett. Action JK

- Upcoming events

K6 Memorial. RO, MB and JK to attend on behalf of KVCC

Final Fling

RO wished Kingussie the very best for the upcoming final. The group agreed that the Kingussie Shinty Club has done an outstanding job organising a week of events leading up to the Final. KVCC congratulated the Shinty Club on a wonderful effort.

Heritage Week.

Heritage week follows the Final Fling. The opening of RO's museum has been postponed. 70th Anniversary of Pony Trekking 24/25th September

AOCB

WEB page. JK wondered if MS would now take on the web page. MS agreed. JK will put him in touch with Gus Mitchell. Action JK

Christmas. What are our plans? RO suggested it was discussed t the Community Group meeting.

In conclusion RO asked that the Condolences of KVCC on the passing of Her majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 be recorded.