

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council
Monday 9th January 2023 6.30pm
Badenoch Centre Draft Minutes
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Present Margaret Bentley (MB) Louise Thomson (LT) Martin Stanford (MS)
Sandy Maxwell (SM) Jamie Rodgers (JR) Janet Kinnaird (JK)
Cllr Russell Jones (RJ)

Apologies Ruararidh Ormiston

Declaration of Interests None

Adoption of Previous Minutes Proposed by JK Seconded by LT

Treasurer's Report

LT reported that the bank balance currently stands at £13076. A number of payments have recently been made: £250 –Pipe band

£750 -Senior Citizens Lunch, £20.99 Collection buckets

. On the positive £334 was collected on Christmas Eve in Cash plus £165 in card payments. There was also £280 (approx.) collected in the raffle. There are still bills to pay. The money from the Festivities Group has not yet arrived in the account as expected but should do in the near future

Planning Report

At the moment there are no plans to discuss

Re: FS465896314 - Leslie Hutt Architect - 11 High Street, Kingussie A request was received for the name of the new development on Kingussie High Street at the former Bank House. It was agreed and minuted to be Bank House Flats.

John Craig (planning member) has stepped down from KVCC but is happy to help with event and planning if required. MB thanked John for his time on KVCC. The meeting agreed a letter of thanks should go to John. **Action RO**

Police Report

Currently no report. **Action JK**

Matters Arising

- Notice Boards

The new notice board has arrived .JK has checked with Faye Dallas that it can be mounted on the Sugar Bowl wall. This has been agreed. The board will be put up either this week or the week of 23/1

- Footpath at Dunbarry

RJ reported that the matter with the footpath at Dunbarry Road and Clunie Terrace is still on going and the matter is in the hands of the planning department.

- Footpath to station yard from Newtonmore Road.

Despite requests for this path to remain open SSE has taken the decision to close it in the interest of safety.

Items of Business

- New Members

MB was delighted to welcome Jamie Rodgers to the Community Council as a proposed co-opted member.

- Update on Shopping day and raffle

JK and MS reported that the shopping Sunday was freezing but they did a good trade for the KVCC raffle outside Boots. MS also reported that the ceilidh at Talla in the evening was a good event. A member of the public had approached the community council to see if it was time for changes to this event. LT said that in the beginning it was a very successful afternoon when initiated by John Allen. Over the years there are a number of other events on the same day and fewer businesses in the town. It was suggested that the member of the community should approach KBF and perhaps a community meeting could determine the way forward. **Action JK**

- Warm Spaces at the Church

JK had received an e-mail from Eppy Mackay outlining how the Warm Space has so far been well received. There were board games; craft activities and the soup and bread were well received. Four youngsters from KHS were in attendance to help and worked hard. There were volunteers in attendance from both the Free Church and Catholic Church, which was a great example of teamwork in the community.

- Feedback from Christmas Eve

The feedback from those who attended was very positive. The mulled wine was very well received. There were far more people in attendance than were expected despite the weather. There are a number of suggestions for improvements on the night, which are all very doable.

1. Designated MC
2. Waterproof covers for speakers Purchase?
3. Make more /less of the raffle
4. Signage at both ends of the Duke Gardens on sandwich boards/blackboards
5. Designated marshals and highviz jackets
6. First aid kit and fire blanket on hand
7. Manpower hours for the tent were in the region of 40 hours (sorting, putting up, taking down, storing) Suggestion is we bite the bullet and buy good quality pop up gazebos. Could be used by the wider community.
8. Mulled wine portion control and more burners required. Or made on the spot in tea urns if electricity is available.
9. Lighting for the path up the middle of the Gardens-fairy lights and glow sticks for children.
10. Pipe band

All of the above were discussed by the meeting and with ways forward suggested. How much of this can we do /buy/ implement ourselves and how much help would we need from other community groups?

- AGM update from KCDC

JK attended the AGM of KCDC on behalf of the community council. All community groups, which had received a grant from KCDC, reported back on how the money was used. There was a very broad range of groups in receipt of a grant. Much work could not go on in the community without these grants from the Hydro Fund. SM also reported on behalf of KCDC that the work on the Spey Street junction would begin in April.

SM explained the huge amount of work being undertaken by KCDC Path Group and Cycle friendly Kingside. Please see the KCDC website for further information.

- Cllr R Jones

Cllr Jones was able to tell the meeting that work on both the Spey Street Junction and repair to the Ruthven Bridge will start in April. Due to lambing the bridge repairs will begin on April 24th.

He also said that as we now have two war memorials in the Gynack Gardens ways are being explored to link the two with paving and lighting options. KCDC has pledged £3000 towards the project and ARC will be applying to the Ward Discretionary fund for further funding. There may be some volunteer work included

in the project. Hopefully this will go some way towards making the Remembrance Service smoother. A number of concerns have been raised of late re parking in Kingside. RJ has a meeting with Shane Manning from Highland Council on Wednesday to see how some of the issues can be resolved. Street lighting issues will be discussed at the next Ward Meeting so if there are concerns within the community please report them to the Street Lighting Department.

- Cost Of living Support Funding Opportunity.
The e mail had been circulated and following discssion it was agreed that a copy should be sent to Caberfeidh Horizons. **Action JK**
- AOCB
- MB reminded the meeting that this year would be the Coronation. It was agreed that ideas should be considered and brought to the next meeting. It was suggested this should be mentioned on FB **Action LB**
- It was noted that a former member of KVCC has recently passed away. Gwyneth Wright will be remembered for all of the work she did on behalf of the community. KVCC expressed condolences to her family and friends.

MB thanked everyone for attending

- Date of next meeting 13th February 2023.