

KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON **TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2009**

PRESENT

G. Wright; A. Davidson; T. Wade; D. Grant; D. Hyndman

IN CHAIR K. Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Schofield; Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Fallows; M. MacRae; N. MacAulay;

2. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Adoption of minutes proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Davidson.

As a mark of respect A/Chairman Reid called for a minute silence so all those present could reflect on the life and service given by the late Alexander Bennett MBE

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES - NOT ON AGENDA

Gateways - Cllr Grant reports little progress having been made - we will get new signs but not much more because of the current financial situation. Meeting arranged with MSP F. Ewing and Transport Scotland - Cllr Grant to attend.

4. PLANNING REPORT

Nothing adverse re planning matters.

5. WALKS GROUP UPDATE - CLLR GRANT

Cllr Grant reports bridge at Cross Restaurant now completed and various paths have been upgraded. Interpretive Trail/Information Panels to be placed throughout woods and this should be completed within next few weeks.

6. KCDC REPORT - CLLR GRANT

Next meeting on 22nd April 2009 - nothing to report meantime.

7. 2009 - YEAR OF THE HOMECOMING - CLLR WRIGHT

Cllr Wright reports that approximately £3,000 funding has been granted - sponsors unknown at this stage.

A carnival is to be held on 20th June 2009 at Ardvonie Car Park which will coincide with a walk to the top of Creag Bheag where a bonfire will be lit.

Cllr Grant said that on same day, the KCDC/Walks Group will officially open bridge at Cross Restaurant - Sandy MacDonell has composed a tune entitled "The Gynack Bridge" and he will march group down to Ardvonie Car Park.

8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL TENTS - CLLR MACRAE

Cllr MacRae absent from meeting - to be place on May Agenda.

9. PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - NATIONAL PARK RESPONSE

The contents of the letter compiled by the A/Chairman in relation to the proposed housing development within Kingussie was presented and approved to be sent to Cairngorm National Park Planning Association.

10. DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

This matter is ongoing at this time.

11. PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - CLLR WRIGHT

Court House - Report to be completed by end of this month and then given to community to look at. Building not big enough to hold all council staff but no reason why extension can't be built out back. Hopefully have report for next meeting together with plans.

Travellers at Market Stance - One family of travellers were at Market Stance for one week but did not cause any problems. Newtonmore Site now open and they have moved to there.

School Railway Bridge - Continuing problems with bridge. Cllr Fallows to give report at Meeting.

Flood Alleviation - Cllr Grant has spoken to Estate Agent for Pitmain Estate and they have done an initial survey to see if it is financially possible to build dam above Pitmain Lodge and take excess water into Loch Gynack. It appears that this is financially viable. Meeting to be held during the summer when owner of Pitmain is in residence.

Pavements - Email sent to Andrew McIver regarding pavements on Spey Street. Cllr Wright said she had spoken to two workmen and their remit was to do one side of King Street pavements only and nothing else. She felt the most important section of pavement is from the Wade Centre to shops. Cllr Grant said he would pursue matter.

Alcohol Bye-Law - It was agreed to include Ruthven Barracks in the byelaw.

Street Football - Scott Sangster to be invited to talk on this at our June meeting - Cllr Grant to arrange.

Alldays - A reminder has been sent to David Polson, Head of Planning to see if he can update us on developments.

Plastic Bottle Skip - A skip for plastic bottles is to be placed at Market Stance. HC are going to put this in place and empty same when necessary. There will be a press release from HC in due course.

12. PAVEMENTS KINGUSSIE - CLLR WRIGHT

Covered in Item 10.

13. KVCC - THE WAY FORWARD

The current situation regarding the Community Council will result in change. The position of Chairman and Vice Chairman will be open for identification along with two councillor vacancies. There will also be a vacancy for the position of secretary. Appropriate procedure for same will be adopted.

14. UPDATE FROM CLLR FALLOWS ON MATTERS RELEVANT TO KINGUSSIE

Cllr Fallows absent from meeting.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Highland Council request information of Community Council boundaries and any changes in constitution.
- b) Copy of Ward Forum Action Notes - Next Ward Forum Meeting on 22nd April 2009 at Boat of Garten Village Hall.

16. AOCB OF A MINOR NATURE

Cllr Grant reports email received from BT to the effect that the telephone kiosk at junction to Manse Road is to be removed.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) Community Council Tents

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AGM

TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2009 AT 7PM WITHIN THE LIBRARY, KINGUSSIE HIGH SCHOOL