



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2013

Present: Mr A Davidson (Chairman), Ms G Wright, Mrs M Brown, Mrs V Emmett, Mr J Taylor, Sgt J Crawford.

Apologies: Mr J Patchett

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 4th June 2013

The minutes were approved as a correct record. Proposed JT, Seconded MB.

2. Matters Arising

Dog Fouling: Ms Wright reported that dog fouling is still a problem at the Glebe Ponds; she felt that notices similar to those put on the gates at the Gynack Gardens would overcome the problem. It was suggested she contact Mr Gillies of Highland Council.

Kingussie High School: It appears a new headteacher has not yet been appointed.

3. Police Matters

Sgt Crawford apologised that the monthly summary reports have not yet arrived.

Vandalism at the Glebe Ponds: Ms Wright raised an important matter of vandalism and damage at the Glebe Ponds overnight on Thursday 27 June. The damage was very upsetting for the local residents who put in a lot of hard work to make the area attractive. Mr Taylor reported that a drinking party had also taken place the same night at the mouth of the R. Gynack –there was evidence of a large fire and lots of empty liquor bottles were left there. Sgt Crawford confirmed that the police are actively pursuing the matter and he undertook to report back when information is available.

4. Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report.

Mr Taylor presented the accounts – statement appended at the end of the minutes.

5. Highland Councillor's Report

In the absence of Councillor Fallows this item was not taken.

6. Planning Matters

New Planning Application for 55 houses by Davall Developments:

Councillors discussed their meeting held in the morning with consultants representing Davall Developments, Highland Council Roads Engineers Department and the CNPA Planning Department.

KVCC's principal concerns continue to be the developers' application to overturn one of the conditions imposed in the original permission-in-principle and to use Dunbarry Road as the main access. At the morning's meeting on-site the consultants had explained their proposals for traffic calming measures at the junction of Dunbarry Road and the High Street, others along Dunbarry Road and other proposals for East Terrace. The meeting had been useful as councillors were able to show the visitors where there are serious community concerns about the applicants' proposals since none of the visitors lives in the area nor is familiar with the terrain.

Mrs Schofield spoke to her draft response on behalf of KVCC to the CNPA's Planning Department. Councillors agreed it covered all the main issues well and that it was ready to be sent. She confirmed the deadline for responses on the application is the 8th July 2013.

There were no other planning applications.

7. AOCB

- (i) **Dualling of the A9.** A brief paper from Mr Moffett, KDCDC chairman, about the need for the provision of underpasses and safe footpath routes, was discussed. Councillors agreed with it and suggested that KDCDC should send it to the Transport Scotland Infrastructures Project team so that KDCDC's proposals can be built in at the early design stages.
- (ii) **CNPA Proposed Local Development Plan.** Mrs Emmett circulated the draft response on behalf of KVCC, councillors agreed it covered all the main issues about Kingussie and that it should be sent.
- (iii) **New Ward Manager.** Mrs Emmett circulated a letter from Ms Liz Cowie, the new Ward Manager for Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey. She had spoken to Ms Cowie that morning inviting her to join the meeting and meet councillors, but Ms Cowie was not able to attend on this occasion.
- (iv) **NHS Hospital Development Group.** Mrs Brown reported back on a meeting she had attended recently. NHS Highland has now appointed a Project Manager to develop plans for the new health provision for Badenoch and Strathspey, preparing a health care business case and redesigning health care services for B&S. She outlined all the detailed processes that this has to go through. She confirmed that the Group is still seeking a suitable site for a new hospital.
Councillors congratulated her on the invitation to attend a meeting in August and meet the Health Minister.
- (v) **New Church of Scotland Parish Minister.** Mrs Brown informed the meeting that the new Parish Minister Mrs Alison Burnside, has taken up her appointment and conducted her first church service in Kingussie.

The meeting ended at 2110 hrs.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd September 2013 in Talla Nan Ròs at 1900 hrs.

Monthly Financial Statement

Balances	
KVCC	£12136.29
Senior Citizens' Party Fund	£4148.45
Children's Party Fund	£1776.85
Reserve Fund	£1805.53
Cheques Issued	
Station Adopters: purchase of new plants	£191.59
KVCC Funds	£400.00
Projects	
All Our Stories	£7600.19
Railway Anniversary and Station Adopters	£681.41
Town Trail	£868.85
Heritage	£615.00
KVCC	£2370.84