



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2013

Present: Mr A Davidson (Chairman), Ms G Wright, Mrs M Brown, Mr J Taylor, Mr John Patchett, Sgt J Crawford. Highland Cllrs David Fallows, and Bill Lobban.

Apologies: Mrs V Emmett

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 2nd July 2013

The minutes were approved as a correct record. Proposed M.B prop Seconded G.W.

2. Matters Arising

Dog Fouling: Mr Taylor said that there had been a meeting with Mr Gillies from Highland Council resulting in a "No Dogs" sign at the memorial gardens. He was advised that if offenders could be identified the Council would take action. Further discussion ensued.

3. Police Matters

Sgt Crawford said that he did not have much to report. There was discussion re the vandalism at The Glebe Ponds. The offenders had been asked to assist in cleaning up their vandalism but had declined to do so. The Police had no power to enforce this. Issues regarding the gate at the old Folk Museum site being regularly removed from its post, noise at the bottom of Ardbroilach Road late on Friday/Saturday nights, difficulties encountered obtaining a Police presence via the call centre for other incidents, and camping on Ardvonie Park were discussed. It was asked why the sign displaying opening times at Kingussie Police Station had been removed? Sgt Crawford said that this was as a result of the change over from Northern Constabulary to Police Scotland but that he would request a new sign. A question was asked about the defibrillator outside the Police station, and it was mentioned that a training course in its use would be available soon.

4. Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report.

Mr Taylor presented the accounts – statement appended at the end of the minutes.
Proposed M.B. Seconded A. D.

5. Highland Councilor's Report

Councillor Fallows said that he did not have much to report as the council was in recess at present. He drew attention to the new road markings which had been applied to various Streets in Kingussie. Councillor Lobban mentioned Highland Council's plans for 20mph limits

throughout the Highlands, but warned that this would take some time owing to budgetary and geographic constraints, and would be prioritised according to accident records. Scottish planning policy indicated that 20mph restrictions should be standard in all newly built housing developments. There was discussion regarding Kingussie's "safer route to school" and it was pointed out that despite the Community Council having tried their level best, nothing could be done unless the respective Parent Council's pushed for it.

6. Planning Matters

Mrs Schofield reminded everyone of the objection which KVCC had made on 19.2.13 regarding the proposed erection of a house on land 10m West of Caledon, West Terrace. A letter had been received from Highland Council advising the Community Council that the application had been granted under delegated powers conditional upon the approval of flood risk measures and method of connection to the public sewer. As KVCC's submission did not display correctly as a Consultee Comment on the Highland Council e-planning website, Mrs Schofield said that she had raised the issue with Kingussie Planning Office who were looking into the matter. Councillor Fallows said that if an objection had been made within the stipulated seven day period (it had) then the application should have been heard by the Planning Committee rather than being dealt with under delegated powers. He said that he would also look into the matter.

Mrs Schofield reported that in order to meet the time deadline, she and the Chairman had responded to several planning matters on behalf of KVCC in the past month:

- i. An application from First ScotRail to repaint Kingussie Railway Station and footbridge with ScotRail branding colours. She said that a supportive response had been made on behalf of KVCC, as any investment in Kingussie's highly valued railway station, was to be welcomed.
- ii. A further application from First ScotRail to replace the existing lights on the railway footbridge with replicas of the originals. Again, a supportive response had been made.
- iii. An application to build a conservatory at Tigh Nan Rothach on West Terrace. No response had been made, as although the conservatory was intended for the front of the house, the property was set well back from the road, the proposed conservatory was not large, would be built of materials sympathetic to the existing house, and was unlikely to affect the amenity of adjacent properties.

Discussion ensued regarding an applications for the following:

- i. A rear extension at 33, Campbell Crescent. It was decided not to make any response for the following reasons: the house was set slightly back from the road on a knoll, with its building line also slightly set back from neighboring properties. The proposed extension would be built in a style sympathetic to the existing building. As such, the extension was unlikely to affect the amenity of existing properties.
- ii. An application to change the colour of existing windows at the listed building Kildrummie, Newtonmore Road, to Basalt Grey. As KVCC had previously submitted a supportive response on 29.10.12 regarding structural improvements to the property, it was felt that a further supportive response should be made, as there were no issues with the proposed colour which would enhance the proposed colour scheme intended for the house.

Discussion regarding the proposed "up to 300" housing development in Kingussie. This took place after A.O.C.B when both Highland Councilors had left the meeting.

Mrs Schofield said that Community Councilors would no doubt be aware that the determination date for this application had been brought forward from 11th October to Friday 13th September. She said that she was in the process of drafting a response for the determination meeting which she would circulate for comment in due course. Further discussion ensued.

7. AOCB

- i. **"Doors Open"**: Mrs Brown asked why this Highland Council publication produced by H.C Planning & Development Service only mentioned Abernethy Old Kirk & Strathspey Steam Railway and why other communities had not been asked whether they had any venues they would like to be included?
- ii. **Snow clearing**. (H.C Winter Resilience scheme) Discussion ensued re this. KVCC are not involved in this scheme. Re the priority winter gritting: this had been changed from four priorities to three.
- iii. **Ward Forum**. Mrs Brown asked whether these still happening and was advised that they were. The next Ward Forum meeting was scheduled to be held on 18.9.13 at Aviemore Community Centre.
- iv. **Heritage Project**. Mrs Brown said that People were queuing up to be involved and that there would be an exhibition in Talla nan Ros at the end of November.
- v. **Youth Room**. Mr Patchett said that at long last improvements were on-going.
- vi. **Duelling meeting at Kincaig 2.9.13**. Mr Patchett said that he had attended this meeting and that there would be a lot of consultation before anything commenced.
- vii. **Redesign of Medical Services for Badenoch & Strathspey**. (New hospital) Mrs Brown said that this was progressing and that she felt communities were being listened to.
- viii. **Hanging Baskets**.
Mr Davidson said that Mr Ken Tait would no longer be responsible for the town hanging baskets, having carried out an excellent job for several years now. He had returned KVCC's cheque for £240, and Kingussie Business Forum will be taking over responsibility for funding and finding a volunteer to take over the publicity/ordering/maintenance of said baskets.
- x. **Senior Citizens Christmas Party**
Discussion ensued regarding dates for this. suggested dates were the 24th November or the 8th December, but preferably the 8th December. The venue would be The Star Hotel again if available, as they had been very accommodating in previous years.

The meeting ended at 21.25 hrs.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2013 in Talla Nan Ròs at 1900 hrs.

Monthly Financial Statement

Balances

KVCC	£10,613.36
Senior Citizens' Party Fund	£4148.35
Children's Party Fund	£1776.85
Reserve Fund	£1806.53

Cheques Issued

All Our Stories	£1,263.34
“ “	£1,430.00
Town Trail	£500.00
Talla Nan Ros	£22.00

Lodgements

Railway	£164.59
Refund Part Donations Flower Fund	£240.00
Annual Grant	£1,263.34

Projects

All Our Stories	£4,906.85
Railway Anniversary	£845.70
Town Trail	£368.85
Heritage	£615.00
KVCC	<u>£3,876.96</u>
	<u>£10,613.36</u>