



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2013 IN TALLA NAN RÒS AT 7 p.m.

Present: Crs. Mr A Davidson (Chair), Ms G Wright, Mrs A Schofield, Mrs M Brown, Mr J Taylor, Mr J Patchett, Mrs V Emmett. Highland Councillor Mr D Fallows.

Apologies: None.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th November 2012.

Cr Taylor requested a minor amendment to the financial report. The minutes were then approved as a correct record. Prop Cr. Mrs Schofield; sec. Cr. Ms G. Wright.

2. Matters Arising

AOCB (iii) The date for training of councillors has been changed by Highland Council; unfortunately the new date means that none of the KVCC councillors is able to attend.

3. Treasurer's Financial Report (Mr Taylor)

Cr Taylor presented his monthly financial report (appended). He reported that £1097 has been received from the CNPA for the **"All Our Stories" project**.

A new leaflet was published for the **2014 Little Town of Festivals** in time for distribution at the Kingussie Winter Festival event.

150th anniversary celebrations of the opening of the Highland Mainline, Sept. 2103: Cr Taylor reported that cheques sent on 12th October to the SWRI and Badenoch Fiddlers for their contributions to the event have still not been cashed. Cr Mrs Schofield undertook to chase up the SWRI.

The **Annual Children's Christmas Party** is to take place on the 21st December. After the last party, the organisers indicated they were going to do some fundraising during the year, but have not. There are sufficient funds in the account, however, to pay for this year's party, which is open to all nursery and primary schoolchildren in Kingussie. In response to a question from Cr Taylor, it was agreed that historically KVCC administers the funds for the party, even though it is organised by a separate group. Cr Fallows commented that administration of the funds would be outside the remit of the school's Parent Council. KVCC merely acts as "the banker".

4. Police Matters

In the absence of an officer from the Police, this item was not taken. Several councillors regretted that matters they had wished to raise could not be taken.

5. **Planning Matters** (Mrs Schofield)

Cr Schofield reported on planning applications included in the weekly list from the Highland Council. None of the applications has been called in by the CNPA. KVCC has not raised any objections to any of the applications.

One application was dealt with by the chairman since Mrs Schofield is a neighbour of the applicant.

KVCC has requested to be regarded as a consultee with respect to an application for an extension to the Hermitage, Spey Street, and has suggested that materials used are in keeping with the original building materials where possible, since it is a significant building in the town.

Councillors agreed the KVCC response giving wholehearted support for KCDC's application for the microhydro scheme on the R. Gynack since it is a good community venture that will benefit the town and the community in several ways.

Mrs Schofield reported that the application for the Court House was submitted last month and a response has been sent in on behalf of KVCC.

6. **Highland Councillor's Report**

Cr Fallows commented that he had nothing of significance to report. A discussion followed about the impressive new building for the Highland Folk Museum that is now complete. The staff is in process of moving the collections into it from Kingussie.

7. **Finalising arrangements for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

The party will take place on Sunday 15th December in the Duke of Gordon Hotel. So far more than 100 senior citizens have applied to take part. The costs are higher than in previous years: meals will cost £14.50 a head, all paid for from the KVCC fund. The chairman has arranged for drinks – a welcome drink on arrival and wine at tables during the meal and this will also be paid for out of the fund held by KVCC. After lunch drinks will have to be purchased at the hotel bar individually by those wanting them, however. The chairman has also arranged the after lunch musical entertainment. Councillors agreed to arrive at the hotel at 1130 to welcome the guests, who will arrive at noon.

8. **AOCB**

Cr Mr Patchett thanked councillors who had looked after the community noticeboards in King Street during his absence.

He suggested that the new Principal of the High School is invited to meet the Council in the New Year, this was agreed.

9. **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th February 2014.** (NB no meeting in January).

KVCC Financial Report December 2013 meeting.

Balances in accounts:

KVCC account	£8077.27
Senior Citizens' Party fund	£4148.45
Children's Party fund	£1776.85
Reserve fund	£1819.53

Lodgements:

CNPA	£1097.00
Little Town of Festivals	£40.00

Cheques paid out:

All Our Stories Project	£520.00
Heritage Project	£79.20

The KVCC account is made up as follows:

All Our Stories Project	£2446.25
Railway adopters/anniversary fund	£833.17
Town Trail Project	£368.85
Heritage Project	£535.80
KVCC current account	£3893.20

Total: £8077.27

J Taylor
KVCC Treasurer
3 Dec. 2013