



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd February 2016 IN TALLA NAN RÒS

Present: Community Councillors: Mrs F Dallas, Mrs I Malcolm, Mrs J Morse, Mrs S Rowley, Mrs A Schofield, Mr J Taylor, Mr B Lobban (Highland Councillor).

Apologies: Mrs Val Emmett, Mrs Mairi Brown, Highland Councillor Mr David Fallows.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st December 2015

One amendment was requested and made:

1. Station Adopters Project Fund Balance should read £525.17, not £535.17

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Police Report

None.

4. Treasurers Report

Mr Taylor presented his financial statement to the period ending 31/1/2016 (copy appended)

5. Planning

Mrs Schofield reported that the planning sub-committee had dealt with six planning applications, which were as follows:

15/04379/FUL Change part of an agricultural use to a business use for a riding centre and install temporary buildings. Unit 2A Industrial Estate Ruthven Rd. While not objecting to this application several concerns were raised. These were satisfactorily addressed and permission was granted by Highland Council.

15/04508/FUL Extension Forestville West Terrace. No objections were lodged and permission was granted by Highland Council.

15/04735/FUL Erection of house Land 10M West of Caledon West Terrace. An objection was lodged re this application due to concerns regarding serious issues with water run-off. The Community Council requested to be treated as a statutory consultee.

16/00024/FUL Moveable awning structure Kingussie Caravan Site Caravan No 45 Gynack Road. An objection was lodged re this application as the structure being proposed was considered neither temporary nor moveable and there were also environmental issues.

16/00273/LBC Removal of original Courthouse roof; erection of new roof etc. There was discussion re this and it was agreed that a supportive response should be lodged.

16/00028/FUL Proposed flood alleviation scheme diverting from the Allt Mhor to discharge into the adjacent Loch Gynack Pitmain Lodge. There was discussion re this and it was agreed that a supportive response should be lodged.

Although present, Councillor Lobban did not participate in discussions relating to planning.

6. Highland Councillors Report (Mr W Lobban)

Mr Lobban reported on the Kingussie Court House Project, and also the required savings and likely cuts in Highland Council expenditure. He said that it would be necessary for Highland Council to make £47 million of cuts, resulting in the loss of 400 – 600 staff. Amongst other things, it was likely that Kingussie would lose its recycling centre and public toilets. There would be a 50% cut in the Ward Discretionary budget which would affect communities, and funding for Community Councils would also be reduced. Mr Lobban said that the Council would only be able to provide services where there was a specific legal obligation to do so.

7. Correspondence

There was none.

8. Facebook

An open discussion was held on the best usage for our social media site on Face Book. It was decided that besides advertising the dates of meetings, news and links etc., it should also be used to promote community activities. People could use it to get in touch with the Community Council, but it would not be used for the purpose of conducting community council business.

9. AOCB

Mrs Morse reported back on KCDC matters, including the Hydro scheme, its open day and the need for volunteers to help with landscaping, also A9 dualling, the Bikeathon, Craig Bheag paths and the possible purchase of land.

At this point Mrs Schofield motioned to add Outside Meetings to future Agendas, this was agreed upon.

Mrs Rowley reported to the committee on a new charity group formed to raise money for local children in need through MFR Cash for Kids.

The meeting finished at 20.30 hours.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 1st March 2016

Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report to the end of January 2016

Balances

KVCC	£4658.22
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Payments

Talla Nan Ròs	£24.00
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RBL Wreath	£29.00
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Total	£53.00
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Lodgements

Station Adopters	£50.00
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Project Funds

Station Adopters	£525.17
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KVCC Funds	£4133.05
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Total	£4658.22
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