



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th April 2016 IN TALLA NAN RÒS

Present: Community Councillors Mrs Schofield (Chair), Mrs F Dallas, Mrs J Morse, Mrs I Malcolm, Mr J Taylor (Treasurer), Mrs M Brown, Mrs S Rowley
Highland Councillors: Mr D Fallows,

Apologies: Mrs V Emmett

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 1st March 2016.

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

Mrs Schofield reported that the uptake for the High Street frontage competition was extremely low and it was agreed to cancel the event. Mrs Schofield also confirmed that the pavements were being repaired between May and June and hopefully the road markings were to be repainted at the same time.

3. Police Matters

None

4. Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report (Mr J Taylor)

Mr Taylor presented his monthly financial statement (appended). He reported a donation of £100. The accounts were to be presented to Peter Munro as the financial year ended 31st March. He would organise a box of chocolates for the office staff as a Thank you.

5. Planning Matters (Mrs A Schofield)

Mrs Schofield reported that the application for an awning at the caravan site had been granted by Highland Council using designated powers, as had the application to replace the old Court House roof. There was lively discussion regarding the application to vary conditions of existing planning consents relating to landscaping and the construction of a temporary haul road for the proposed Kingussie housing development site, and how it would impact on the area. Affordable housing was discussed, as was the possibility of forming a local development plan to put before the planner in CNP.

6. Highland Councillors' report (Mr D Fallows)

Mr Fallows reported that THC will continue to provide plants and maintenance services to all with the exception of Kingussie and Grantown. Charlie has volunteered to plant the Duke Gardens with this year's plants and would like volunteer help with maintenance. A discussion followed regarding sponsorship to pay for next year's plants and possible use of perennials to reduce workload.

Mr Fallows informed us of the scrapping of The House of Bruar bus link, with a revised route from Aviemore to Newtonmore. Timetables are to be displayed. Mrs Brown asked about the likelihood of getting new bus shelters. Mr Fallows replied it was unlikely to happen except for the possibility of one at The Wildlife Park.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Reports of Meetings of Outside Groups and Organisations

Mrs Rowley reported on the public meeting held in Aviemore with Scottish Water, who admitted that errors were made with chlorine levels in 2012 when the new treatment plant was opened. It was revealed at the event that following a consultation period SW were planning on introducing Chloramination in 2017. Mrs Rowley is following up on this issue.

Mrs Schofield reported on the Community Council forum held on 22nd March. There were issues with the new call handling for the police, this is being looked into.

A report was made about the forthcoming closure of St Vincents and Ian Charles Hospitals and the progress of the new hospital in Aviemore, also the possible expansion of Kingussie Medical Practice. There was a brief update on the A9 dualling works and plans.

Mrs Morse reported on KCDC and the fact the Hydro scheme was functioning and running well. The Golf Club is planning on upgrading its heating system; it is also holding an open day on May 14th.

The Community Council would like to congratulate KCDC for getting the Hydro scheme going.

9. AOCB

Mrs Malcolm expressed her concerns about the amount of dog fouling in the area and suggested a doubling of the fines as well as a clampdown on the owners concerned.

Mrs Brown spoke about The Heritage Festival and the Quilt exhibition at the Iona Gallery. The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

Financial report for period ending 29th February 2016

Balances £4354.22

Payments

Hire of Talla Nan Ròs £54.00

Honorarium for secretary £250.00

Total £304.00

Project Fund

Railway/station adopters £525.17

KVCC funds £3829.05

Current Account Total £4354.22