



KINGUSSIE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2017 IN TALLA NAN RÒS

Present: Community Councillors Mrs Schofield (Chairwoman), Mr J Taylor (Treasurer), Mrs J Morse, Mrs M Brown, Mrs S Rowley. Highland Councillor: Mr B Lobban.

Apologies: Mrs V Emmett, Mrs F Dallas, Cllr D Fallows

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 6th December 2016.

The Minutes were unanimously approved to be a correct record.

Matters Arising

Mr Taylor reported that he had followed up on the nomination of good causes for the proceeds of Fishing Permit sales from Pitmain Estate (New Benches & Memorial Gardens). Monies would be available in 2018 for whichever cause was approved.

3. Police Matters

There were none, as there was no Police presence at the meeting.

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

Mr Taylor presented his monthly report (Appended). He said that £150 of the monies allocated to the "Project Fund Railway/station adopters" actually belonged to the Heritage Group, as it had been left over from the Highland Mainline 150th Anniversary celebrations. Mrs Schofield said that she believed the money had actually come from ScotRail to be used for railway related activities and could not be allocated anywhere else, but Mr Taylor said this was not the case and that he had records to confirm this. Consequently it was agreed to pass the £150 to the Heritage Group.

5. Planning Matters (Mrs A Schofield)

Mrs Schofield said that there was not much to report, as only two applications had appeared on Highland Council's weekly list, dated 22.12.16. These were:

16/05517/FUL Erection of new dwelling house and detached garage, land 10M West Of Daytona Court, East Terrace, to which the following response had been made:

"Kingussie & Vicinity Community Council have no objections to this application. However being acquainted with the proposed site, we have concerns as to whether cognizance has been given to the steeply sloping nature of its southern boundary? Although we note the presence of mature trees nothing appears in the on-line application to indicate what measures, if any, will be taken to ensure the stability of the site at its southern boundary where the land drops away towards other properties on High Street".

16/05619/FUL Removal of hipped roof to house and new slated pitched roof formed. Two extensions erected and garage to be removed with new carport and store being formed Tom-Baraidh, Ardbroilach Road.

No response had been made, as the proposed application would improve the existing house without adversely impacting on the adjacent property.

A consultation letter had been received from the CNPA inviting further comments regarding the Balavil application (2016/0153/DET). There was discussion regarding this, and Mrs Schofield was asked to write a draft letter to the CNPA. She agreed to do this, and said that she would send it to the CNPA once it had been circulated to everyone to make sure they were happy with it.

6. Highland Councillors' Report (Councillor Bill Lobban)

Cllr Lobban reported that the Kingussie Am Fasgadh Regeneration Project was due to go to Highland Council's Assets Committee the following day, Wednesday 8th February. Highland Council's budget would be set this month, and following that Council business would be restricted until after the election.

7. Participatory Budgeting Event for Badenoch and Strathspey

Mrs Schofield reported that this event was to be held on 25th February in Carrbridge, and that a bid for £2000 towards the cost of replacing the public benches in and around Kingussie had been submitted. The event entailed a short presentation and Q & A session, followed by a ballot to choose the successful applicants.

8. Tesco "Bags of Help" Fund

Mrs Schofield reported that K&VCC's application had been successful, as we had been granted £1,000 from Tesco's Bags of Help fund. The money was to go towards replacing the town's benches. A family from Glasgow with local ties are generously donating a bench (at a cost of approximately £750) in memory of a family member, and it is anticipated that this will be sited on High Street outside the bank. Mrs Schofield said that in view of the recent spate of petty vandalism throughout the town, any new benches would be secured to the pavement. There was discussion as to whether K&VCC insurance would cover new benches, and Mrs Schofield agreed to check on this.

9. AOCB

a) It was reported that a Christmas tree had been left in Duke Street car park. In previous years these had been collected by the Council, but this does not happen anymore, and arrangements had been made to have it removed.

b) Mr Taylor spoke about the forthcoming Community Festival to be held on 29th April 2017 by the Heritage Group. A request was made for a donation from the Community Council towards this event. A brief discussion followed, and it was agreed to make a donation.

c) A complaint was made about the persistent removal of notices from the local notice board, and several members stated they had noticed this problem.

d) Mrs Brown commented that the grass around the local churchyard was looking much better now that the maintenance of it had been returned from contractors to the Highland Council.

e) Mrs Schofield reported that she had received an email from Maggie Lawson regarding Community Car service and an invitation would be extended to her to attend the next meeting and discuss the needs of the service.

f) It was reported that the 09.30am bus service was still running to Inverness. Mrs Brown stated that the bus shelter opposite the Duke of Gordon had not been repaired and it was still flooding.

Meeting Closed at 8-45pm

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 7th March at 7.15pm

Financial report for period ending 7th February 2017

Balances £5065.64

Payments

Hire of Talla Nan Ròs £78.00

British Legion £29.00

Total £107.00

Project Fund

Railway/station adopters £525.17

KVCC funds £450.47

Current Account Total **£5065.64**