

Kinnaird and The Inches Residents Association

Online meeting on Monday 11th January 2021

Minutes

Present: Stephen Clarke (chair), James Alexander (vice chair), Iain Henderson (Treasurer), Colin Mather (secretary), Michael Houghton, Victoria Pope.

1. Welcome **Chairman**

The chair welcomed members of the Association to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jacqueline Traynor, George Barr, Nick Keiller and Fiona Hannah.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020 were approved. They will now be published on the website.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Scoping report. **Iain Henderson**

This item has been carried forward to the next meeting.

5. Association Programme

(a) **Land Acquisition** **Iain Henderson**

Iain Henderson reported that our interests in both pieces of land have now been formally registered with the appropriate authority. Also, DTAS had flagged up a local authority process known as 'Locality Planning'. There is an obligation on local authorities every 5 years to produce plans in conjunction with local community groups and many other local agencies including the emergency services, NHS, Falkirk Community Trust and many others. Falkirk Council area is split into 3 areas, one of which includes Larbert and Stenhousemuir. At the moment, no plan has been drawn up for Larbert and Stenhousemuir. It was suggested by DTAS that we could become an interested partner in this process. Iain Henderson undertook to contact our local councillors in this regard.

Action: **Iain Henderson**

(b) Factors

Stephen Clarke

Stephen Clark reported that the process of identifying all the factors, thought to be 10 in number covering The Inches and Kinnaird, is ongoing. He has spoken with the Ethical Factor who has advised that we need to engage with all of these factors initially if we want to change factors. There has also been a suggestion that we could engage in self factoring, essentially taking responsibility for it ourselves. The next stage is to establish what our communities want in relation to factors.

Action: Stephen Clarke

(c) Fundraising

Fiona Hannah

Fiona was unable to attend the meeting but has been in contact with the National Lottery. She will give an update at the next meeting.

(d) Community Safety

Colin Mather

There have been a number of crimes committed in the Association's area of remit and it was agreed that we should contact the community police officer and ask him if he could attend one of our virtual meetings to discuss the prevalence of crime in the area.

Action: Colin Mather

There had been a report of poor parking in an area in Kinnaird. It was agreed that the Association could not take on board all of these types of incidents as it would be inundated. Residents have a responsibility to report matters to the police at the time if appropriate. However, where there is a persistent and protracted problem that causes a danger or serious inconvenience, then this could be taken on board by the Association. It's remit could extend to liaising with the police and/or placing a message on our Facebook page/website asking residents to desist.

Work will be done to explore the possibility of introducing neighbourhood watches to The Inches and Kinnaird.

Action: Colin Mather

(e) Communication

James Alexander

The Facebook page is operating well and the website has a new domain name of Kinnaird Village and The Inches Residents

Association. James has received a number of messages through these media.

6. Ongoing

(a) Christmas Lights competition

The Christmas Lights competition 2020 was a great success and an article about it appeared in the Falkirk Herald. It was agreed that a similar competition should be held at Christmas 2021. Well done to all those involved in the organising of the event.

(b) Association leaflet drop

It was said that every part of the Association's area has been covered but there are spare leaflets should they be required.

(c) Membership of the Association

We now have 16 members in the Association. It was agreed that if members hear of anyone wishing to join, that the secretary will be notified of their details so that they can be added to the list.

7. AOCB

(a) Stephen Clarke raised the idea of introducing a Community Champion scheme and a bank of volunteers for improvement around the estates. Members agreed that this would be a good initiative and Stephen will give a narrative to James Alexander for circulation to the community.

(b) Iain Henderson and James Alexander have arranged a remote meeting with the Head Teacher at Kinnaird Primary School on 29th January 2021. It will be a good ice breaker for a future liaison with the school.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 8th February 2021 at 8pm. If you can attend please let me know so that a link to the remote hearing can be sent to you nearer the time.