

Kinnaird and The Inches Residents Association

On line meeting on Monday 8th February 2021

Minutes

Present: Stephen Clarke (chair), James Alexander (vice chair), Iain Henderson (treasurer), Colin Mather (secretary), Fiona Hannah (funding), Ken Drummond (guest speaker).

1. Welcome **Chairman**

The chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Michael Houghton.

3. Ken Drummond, Rotary Club of Larbert

Ken Drummond is a long standing member of Rotary and is currently a member of the Larbert Rotary Club and Assistant District Governor. He gave a description of Rotary and, in particular, the ongoing work of the Larbert Club within the Pandemic restrictions. It was agreed that both organisations had mutual interests and that the club could use the Association's social media and web site to inform the local communities of ongoing Rotary work which may be of interest or affect our communities. We may also be able to combine our resources in local projects going forward.

4. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2021 were approved and can now be published.

5. Matters Arising

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

Iain Henderson had previously circulated a first draft of a development plan based on a previous survey of the community. This will be a constantly evolving document as we start to identify priority projects and will be published in due course.

(b) Factors – Community wishes **Stephen Clarke**

Members discussed self factoring and the fact that we do not currently have sufficient resources to take such a proposition

forward at the moment. Stephen Clarke will circulate a message on the Associations' media to check the views of the communities and ask for volunteers to join the Association.

Action: Stephen Clarke

- (c) Contact with Community Police Officer **Colin Mather**

Contact has been made with the community police officer and he is willing to meet with the Association as soon as Covid restrictions allow. He is checking to see if it is feasible to join us on Zoom meetings. Colin Mather will provide him with agreed future dates of meetings.

Action: Colin Mather

- (d) Neighbourhood Watches **Colin Mather**

A message was circulated to the communities asking if there are currently any Neighbourhood Watches in the Inches or Kinnaird that we could link in with. There were replies, but no information about current watches was received. It was agreed that our role would be more of a coordinating role for localised watches providing the clout of the Association and links with the schools and police.

6. Association Programme

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

Following a recent meeting with the head teachers at Kinnaird and St Bernadettes primary schools and some members of our committee, it was established that Kinnaird primary school does not have enough indoor space for physical exercise etc. A partnership with the school would be useful in terms of the purchase of land behind the school which could be utilised for school and other community purposes. But we need the commitment and support of the community in taking this forward. Iain will continue working on the legal and procedural aspects of this long term project. Stephen Clarke will explore the possibility of creating an app that the community could use to visualise what this area could look like if developed. Iain Henderson will write to local councillors to see what help they can give.

Action: Stephen Clark

Action: Iain Henderson

(b) Factors **Stephen Clarke**

As discussed at 5(b) herein.

(c) Fundraising **Fiona Hannah**

Fiona reported that there are a number of funding streams and grants that we can apply for, including £10,000 for small projects. It was agreed that at our next meeting, we should produce a prioritised list of projects which would benefit the community, before applying for funding. This matter should be a distinct item on the agenda of the next meeting.

Action: Colin Mather

Concerns were raised over the empty retail units near to Sainsbury's. It was agreed that this is a matter which should be raised with Councillors in Iain Henderson's letter discussed earlier herein.

(d) Community Safety **Colin Mather**

As 5(c) and (d) above. From the meeting with the head teachers, it was said that the area around Kinnaird Primary School had been designated a 20 mph zone but no signs have been erected. Also, there is the need for a pelican crossing at the Hamilton Road end of Bellsdyke Road to assist young children crossing there to go to St Bernadettes Primary School. It was agreed that we would write to the Council to find out when the last time was that a traffic survey was done around The Inches and Kinnaird and what the position is with the 20 mph zone. This will be included in Iain Henderson's letter discussed earlier herein.

(e) Communication **James Alexander**

It was agreed that we should allow any local business to advertise on our web site or in any future fliers for a small donation.

7. Ongoing

(a) Membership of the Association

It was agreed that we should get the community involved in volunteering to help with small projects such as litter picking. It is hoped that by becoming involved, people may wish to join the Association. James will contact the head teacher at Kinnaird

Primary School to see if she would be interested in helping to organise a litter pick.

Action: James Alexander

8. AOCB

(a) Meeting with head teachers at Kinnaird and St Bernadettes

As discussed earlier herein.

9. Date and time of next meetings

The following dates will apply. All meetings will start at 8pm and are on Mondays.

8th March

5th April

3rd May