

KINNAIRD & INCHES COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 9th September @7.30pm Rost Coffee, Kinnaird Village

In Attendance:-

Iain Henderson, Stephen Clarke, Jacqueline Traynor, Lesley McCallister, Gary Wilson, George Barr, James Alexander, Colin Mather, Fiona Hannah.

Apologies:-

David Robertson, Ross Lyall, Nick Keiler, Mikey ?, Darren ?

Introductions were made as not everyone knew each other. Office Bearers were confirmed as Iain Henderson - Treasurer, Stephen Clarke - Secretary, Jacqueline Traynor - Chair. It was also agreed that this formal committee would allow us to get started. Everyone is prepared to "muck in" but names are required for official documents.

Our Charter has been produced and a bank account has been opened with Starling Bank.

The Grace Church Application has been rejected by Falkirk Council but will now go to the Scottish Office Reporter (DPEA). Hopefully there will be a decision made on this on or before 4 October 2020. If application is granted we have the right to appeal - similarly if it is rejected Grace Church also have the right of appeal.

Cllr Gary Bouse entered the meeting after discussions regarding the Grace Church.

Discussion took place regarding what the Residents Association want to achieve. The bins in the corner of the car park have been removed following contact by members of the association to our local councillors. A good result for one of the first official issues.

There was a general consensus that what we want to see is the currently vacant areas of land being used for the community - community centre, play areas, community garden, sports centre were all discussed. Cllr Bouse stated that we must start small before looking at any of these bigger projects. Cllr Bouse also discussed grants that will be available to help with community projects and will assist the association in applying for any grants that they are eligible for.

The actual number of houses currently in the estate, plus those that are still being built, is not known by the association. ?? will investigate and find out what the actual number is.

Discussion took place regarding the work of the factors in the estate. Why do different areas have different factors? What are the factors responsible for? Are they carrying out the maintenance they are being paid to do? It was agreed that the factors will be asked to add more bins for dog mess and also ask that they get emptied more regularly as they are often overflowing.

Letting the community see what the association is doing was also discussed. Organising litter picks and other community volunteering activities will be organised to raise the local profile of the association.

It was decided that the committee discussions were on too many forums and it was agreed that all discussions between the committee would be done via Slack. Iain Henderson agreed to let everyone not at the meeting know this.

It was agreed that the official committee should be no more than 15 people at any one time although other members of the public can be involved with assisting in any projects that are being undertaken.

Date of Next Meeting - 12 October 2020