

KINNAIRD AND THE INCHES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting held on Zoom on Wednesday 9th December 2020

Minutes

Present: Stephen Clarke (chair), James Alexander (vice chair), Iain Henderson (treasurer), Colin Mather (secretary), Fiona Hannah, Kim Christison, David Robertson.

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed people to the meeting which was held on Zoom.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Neil Keiller and Michael Houghton

3. Previous Minutes

This is the first meeting under the new committee set up.

4. Land Acquisition

There have been previous tentative discussions about the Association purchasing land within the community to build on for community purposes.

In this regard, some members attended a Zoom meeting on 3rd December 2020 with a representative of the Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) and a representative of the Winchburgh Development Trust. The latter has experience in working with DTAS in developing major projects for its community and carrying out comprehensive community surveys. The purpose of this meeting was for our Association to learn from their experiences.

It was evident from the 3rd December meeting that there are a great number of issues to be considered and that the process is inevitably protracted with significant costs and risks involved. However, if successful, the benefits to the community would also be significant.

Members discussed the above in detail at our 9th December meeting and it was agreed that the Treasurer would compile a scoping report for the next meeting in January 2021, in order that the detail of what would be involved can be fully understood.

Action: Iain Henderson (treasurer)

6. Our Place Survey

It will be necessary in the near future to carry out a comprehensive community survey utilising a recognised methodology, possibly through DTAS. This will inform any projects the Association may undertake, including land acquisition. The treasurer will consider this in his scoping report as discussed at item 5 above. This will be discussed at our next meeting on 11th January 2021.

7. Christmas Lights Competition

Fiona Hannah along with others, is progressing the Christmas light competition. The competition will judge the Christmas lights outside residents' homes in Kinnaird and The Inches. The judges including local councillors, will make their decision on 19th December 2020. Prizes have been donated and will be awarded to the winners.

8. Association Leaflet Drop

Leaflets have been produced to publicise the existence of the Association and it's ongoing work so far. These are in the process of being delivered to each household in Kinnaird and The Inches. This will be an ongoing process over the next few weeks.

9. Membership

The membership of the Association is only about 15 at the moment. This will need to rise substantially for the Association to become a truly representative organisation. Our quest for members has been highlighted on social media and in our leaflet. This will be an ongoing situation.

10. AOCB

Nil.

11. Date and time of next meeting

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 11th January 2021.