

Kinnaird and The Inches Residents' Association

On line meeting on Monday 5th April 2021

Minutes

Present: Stephen Clarke (chair), James Alexander (vice chair), Iain Henderson (treasurer), Fiona Hannah (committee member), Victoria Pope.

1. Welcome **Chairman**

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Nick Keiller.

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2021 were approved.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Meet community police officer **Colin Mather**
Invite to next councillors' meeting?

This is ongoing and we will invite the community officer to the councillors' meeting if there are relevant agenda items nearer the time.

(b) Community App **Stephen Clarke**

Ongoing

(c) Litter pick **James Alexander**

James Alexander is now a member of the Kinnaird Primary School Parent Council. He has been tasked by that Council to organise a litter pick and it makes sense to do a joint event. Falkirk Council will be contacted to provide the necessary equipment. James will arrange a Covid rules friendly litter pick.

Action **James Alexander**

There are a number of tasks in regard to this portfolio and Iain will put these on the Google Calendar for people to see and volunteer to help. Iain will send a link.

Iain suggested that letters should be sent to prospective MSPs for this area to ask them what their thoughts are in regard to Kinnaird and The Inches and this was agreed.

Action: Iain Henderson

(b) Factors Stephen Clarke

As discussed earlier.

(c) Fundraising Fiona Hannah

We have already applied through Community Choices for a grant. If we are successful in receiving a grant for planters and benches, we will need to get permission from the Council and Greenbelt to site these.

(d) Community Safety Colin Mather

As previously discussed.

(e) Communication James Alexander

The Easter hunt is going well. It was suggested that we should circulate another newsletter for Spring/Summer.

Action: James Alexander

6. Membership of the Association James Alexander

It was agreed that we should prepare a 'welcome' pack for new members of the Association which would include a welcome email, previous minutes, constitution and newsletter.

Action: Colin Mather

There was discussion about the need for donations to the Association as we currently have no income for basic important items such as insurance etc. It was agreed that we need to put something out on our media asking for donations and selling advertising space for businesses which operate in our area, or their owners live in our area. Fiona suggested that we emphasise the

point that we are a non profit making organisation and that all money raised will be invested in our communities in Kinnaird and The Inches.

Action: James Alexander

7. What 3 Words **Iain Henderson**

This is a mapping app which divides the whole planet into 3 metre squares and each square is given a unique combination of three words. This would be helpful in plotting out Kinnaird and The Inches. Iain will do a note on this.

Action: Iain Henderson

8. AOCB

(a) Stephen Clarke indicated that patients from Bellsdyke Hospital often walk through the estates and that it would be helpful for them to have seats that they can use when doing so. Iain Henderson said that he would raise this in his discussions with other agencies.

(b) There was discussion in regard to the retail units and it was agreed that we should write to the owner to ask what his plans for the empty units are. We should also check with the Cala consortium to establish what basis the units were sold to him.

Action:Iain Henderson

(c) Fiona raised the issue of a questionnaire circulated by the Stenhousemuir Football Club as part of their application to become a charity. It was agreed that James and Iain will make a collective response to the questionnaire on behalf of the Association and they will publish these comments. Also, Fiona and Iain will attend on an on-line meeting in this regard.

Action:Iain Henderson/James Alexander

Action:Fiona Hannah/Iain Henderson

9. Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Association will be at 8pm on Monday 3rd May 2021.

Suggested dates: Meetings will start at 8pm and are on Mondays.

7th June 2021

5th July 2021