

Kinnaird and The Inches Residents' Association

On line meeting on Monday 3rd May 2021

Minutes

Present: James Alexander (Chairing in absence of chair), Iain Henderson (Treasurer), Fiona Hannah (committee member), Colin Mather (secretary), David Robertson.

1. Welcome **Chairman**

The chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Stephen Clarke (chair), Jacqueline Traynor, Gary Mitchell and Julie Bell.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2021 were approved. Proposed by James Alexander and seconded by Iain Henderson.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Meet community police officer **Colin Mather**

A meeting will take place in the week commencing 10th May 2021, exact date to be confirmed.

(b) Litter pick **James Alexander**

The Association received an email from a resident expressing concern about the anti social behaviour in and around the Paton Drive flats. In particular, there is a serious litter problem. Photographs accompanying the email highlighted this problem. It was agreed that this matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Association and the 4 local councillors to be held in a few weeks time. A meeting is also scheduled to take place with the community police officers when the matter will be raised. Fiona Hannah has contact with the anti social behaviour unit and she will raise the matter with them also to see if they have any jurisdiction in the matter.

Action James Alexander/Fiona Hannah

It was intended that the Association organise a litter pick, but Kinnaird Primary School is going to be organising one. Therefore, it was decided to leave the Association one meantime and pick it up again after the school has completed theirs.

Action: James Alexander

(c) Register interest Falkirk Council grants – update? Iain Henderson

Our application for the grant has been moved to the second stage which includes further details being submitted on a form. Iain Henderson has contacted Green Belt who own the area of trees next to Sainsburys, to obtain permission to site benches in that area if the application for a grant is successful. He has had no response. Iain will complete the form mentioned herein.

Action: Iain Henderson

(d) Factors - advice to community More info to the community Stephen Clarke

Ongoing. Stephen Clarke will update at the next meeting.

(e) Letters to prospective MSPs Iain Henderson

Iain Henderson sent a letter to the prospective MSPs who, if successful at the election on 6th May 2021, would cover The Inches and Kinnaird. The purpose was to elicit any information about what they would do to support the Association and the areas concerned. He received no response.

(f) Easter Hunt James Alexander

James reported that the Easter Hunt was a successful and enjoyable venture for all involved, especially the prize winners.

(g) Membership welcome pack Colin Mather

Colin Mather authored a welcome email to be sent to new members of the Association along with a copy of the constitution, previous minutes, newsletter etc. This was sent to James Alexander who will take the matter forward.

Action: James Alexander

(h) Circulation re donations James Alexander

Ongoing.

Action: James Alexander

(i) What 3 Words Iain Henderson

Ongoing.

Action: Iain Henderson

(j) Letter to owner of retail units Iain Henderson

Ongoing.

Action: Iain Henderson

**(k) Questionnaire – Stenhousemuir Iain Henderson
Football Club James Alexander
Fiona Hannah**

The questionnaire has still to be completed. Iain Henderson and Fiona Hannah will meet with David Reid, vice chair of Stenhousemuir FC, and Cllr Murtagh, a board member of the same organisation, to give an input from this Association.

Action Fiona Hannah/Iain Henderson

5. Standing Items

(a) Land Acquisition Iain Henderson

No further update at this time. Iain Henderson is arranging meetings with the NHS.

(b) Factors Stephen Clarke

Stephen Clarke will give an update at the next meeting.

(c) Fundraising Fiona Hannah

Nothing further to the grant application mentioned earlier.

(d) Community Safety Colin Mather

Nothing further to a meeting with the community police officers mentioned earlier.

(e) Communication James Alexander

James is continuing to explore new ways of communicating between members of the Association and the public.

8. AOCB

(a) Solar lights James Alexander

James will be speaking with Councillor Coombes to progress the installation of solar lights on the path adjacent to the M876 motorway between The Inches and Kinnaird.

Action: James Alexander

(b) M876 noise James Alexander

James wrote to Bear Scotland who is responsible for the maintenance of the M876 motorway, asking them to consider sound barrier fencing along the boundary between the motorway and The Inches/Kinnaird to lessen the noise impact. They responded by saying that, in the first instance, they will inspect the road surface in that area as a poor surface can add to noise levels. We will await their conclusions.

(c) Smart Village James Alexander

James is exploring the possibility of us working with this organisation which could help us to be more vocal locally and also to reach out to organisations for funding. James will update us in due course.

(d) Allotments

David Robertson reported that he is still exploring sites for allotments. He will update in due course.

9. Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Association will be at 8pm on Monday 7th June 2021.

Thereafter, meeting dates will be:

5th July

2nd August

6th September

All meetings will start at 8pm and are on Mondays.