

Kinnaird & Inches Residents Association Meeting Minutes Log

This shared online document acts as an ongoing, transparent record of residents association meeting minutes.

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 17th November 2022 @ 7.15pm, Kinnaird Primary School Main Hall

Office Bearers In Attendance:-

Ben Adam - Chair

Joined by:

Councillor Gary Bouse

Councillor Rachel Nunn

1 Community Engagement and RA Membership/Interaction:

Overall issue is we do not have enough community engagement or people signing up. Feeling was we need to get a project or focal point for people to get behind (Farmers Market, Christmas Fayre, Something else for the kids to get involved with, etc). How we set that up and spread the word is the question.

KLSB community café – RA to look into that (food pantry etc) to see if there is a potential tie-in with them for our area.

Action: Ask for feedback from RA attendees for ideas, using the email address below:

Facebook is not considered enough to reach more people and need to come up with more options for people to engage with. First thing is to get more people signed up to the RA email address:

kvtiracommittee@gmail.com

2 Christmas Lights:

It is thought this year is not the right time to be promoting unnecessary electricity use so the previously popular Christmas Lights Display competition is not going ahead.

One suggestion for an alternative suggested by Lesley as an easy initial idea for raising community engagement was to advertise on a leaflet to ask people to make a Christmas window display. A route around Kinnaird and the Inches could be put on a map for families to get out and walk a route (suggestion to hand out litter pickets en route was provided with tongue firmly in cheek).

Action: prepare updated flyer/leaflet

3 Benches:

Cala has confirmed NHS were notified and no issues have been raised by them. They have been well received and are being used daily in general.

One local resident was present at the meeting and reiterated the view that the benches were not put in with the right consultation, and that NHS lawyers are looking at the legality of Cala placing them where they did.

She continued to ask why the RA did not consult more with people local to the benches and that they should have leafleted people directly affected by their placement. Anti-social behaviour continues in the area with any outfall needing to be paid for by local residents. Drug taking etc on the benches continues too, along with drugs being stashed in the locality.

The RA confirmed it had leafleted and consulted, and the bench placement had been an ongoing effort for many months.

Once there is a better understanding of the factoring and bin/bench allocation we can look at the options for potentially moving some of the benches.

4 Bins For Kinnaird Park & Wider:

The RA needs some members to meet with the shop owners and ask them to buy and empty 3 or 4 new bins. We know they don't personally do the litter dropping, however if you look at what the rubbish is, it's mainly rubbish from sweets, drinks, takeaway etc so it would be great if they help keep the place clean by providing bins. Ideally if they could have a rota or own and empty a bin each in the park it would also show locals they care about the area too.

Action: BA and JA to meet with shop owners

Dog waste and bins for the dog waste still seems to be one of the biggest issues as both factors and Falkirk Council deny responsibility for them. This has been an ongoing item for years.

5 Litter Picking:

We should apply for help on Facebook to link up people who are currently conducting litter picks, and it should be part of a leaflet drop.

Eggs and flour being sold to kids and it being dumped on people's cars etc. Speak with Sainsburys (same time as bins).

Action: BA and JA to meet with Sainsburys manager

6 Factoring:

We need to reignite some interest in this to chase this down to see what the options are, following on from previous Chair's investigation.

From previous minutes: James Alexander agreed to add a page on to the website about factors - "Who is yours?". Query with James if this happened and to what response as a starting point.

Find out from council if we have a map showing the various factors and also the council-owned land.

Action: RA asks for any mapping to be sent (link to website say).

7 New Park Flooding:

Cala are working with the contractors to resolve the water issues in the park. Let's see if they can fix it before asking them about it again.

8 Paton Drive:

The Day of Action went very well, Places for People, Falkirk Council waste, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland were all in attendance for the people of Paton Drive. Places for people chapped doors and had roughly a third of households come out to see them, talking over a number of issues to the area.

There were questions over what is happening to the spare ground and if allotments were going to be there as they would be interested in that.

There were a number of repairs requiring to be carried out to ensure safety of tenancy in particular security doors not operating properly. Places for people have set out action plans to resolve this.

A large number of food caddy bins were supplied by Falkirk Council to people as well as glass and electrical goods black boxed. Education on what and where to recycle was given to the tenants. The green bins were drilled by Places for People and they supplied them with combination locks to ensure their bins were not filled by others.

Residents were asked what they would like to see on Paton Drive and Places for people have taken note of what they asked for. Quite a few asked about the 4K resolution CCTV and it was good to tell them that it should be installed in the next 3 weeks. The CCTV is monitored by Falkirk Council and is available to Places for people and Police Scotland.

This is positive and Paton Drive residents can hopefully be reached through a leaflet/flyer drop.

9 Community Land Transfer Application:

BA explained the background to the community land transfer request for the two pockets of land behind the school and behind Sainsburys. Potential contamination is a risk on both pieces of land until evidence suggests this was remediated by either the NHS or Cala/Persimmon.

Councillor Rachel Nunn wrote to Ben MacPherson to ask if we needed to be a SCIO before issued. She will let us know his response as it may influence how we proceed. She also asked the land owner (who own the shop units) about other aspects and suggested we contact them directly and mail drop in person in Glasgow. BA could do that easily.

If we put an environmental freedom of information request it should be responded to within a few weeks.

Action: Iain Henderson said he would pursue and issue.

Councillor Nunn confirmed their understanding that if planning said they don't want more housing, and community says no, then no more housing would be allowed on the two pieces of land in question.

They confirmed the current housing Masterplan is coming to an end in Kinnaird, which can be viewed on the council website. Originally, the larger site was given over to industrial use in the masterplan, and the smaller site mixed use. Definitely not housing!

10 National Lottery Application for Development Funding:

Confirmed initial application for funding was not approved due to other more worthy applications which were further along the pathway. BA confirmed he awaited feedback from the community development officer contact who had suggested applying for it, to see if we should go back in for it.

Action: BA to gain feedback and report back

11 Getting more Use out of Kinnaird Primary School:

Woodlands example update: Jen Kerr at Falkirk Council was contacted. Too busy to respond but needs chased.

Action: Iain to keep pestering

Gary Bouse asked if the RA could confirm a list of potential uses/classes so he can see how they can work with the council education dept and see what could be done. Gary Greenhorn can be contacted by Councillor Bouse as part of that.

Action: RA (all residents) to suggest a list of activities they feel would be useful to have located locally in the school so we can present a suggested number of activities.

Costs of use of the hall seemed far too expensive when one local resident made enquiries recently, with local church halls being much more affordable. This needs to be considered as part of the enquiries into getting community use of the school (NB not just the hall but other spaces?). To be looked into as part of overall school use effort.

12 Community Choices Funds:

Are we going to apply for more funds, if so for what? Can someone take leadership of this? Ailsa Herd offered to look into it and BA would be happy to team up on that.

Action: Ailsa and Ben to make contact in Slack to progress.

13 Community Council:

Do we want to all apply to make this happen which would merge the RA into a local CC – to be considered further but the deadline is 9th December so we need to consider it soon. We have four people currently interested. Anyone interested please read the leaflet below

as we need 9 people to form one. We will be able to sponsor each other and the RA can help people apply:

A poster for Falkirk Community Councils Elections. The title 'FALKIRK' is in large, bold, black letters, with 'COMMUNITY COUNCILS ELECTIONS' below it in a slightly smaller, bold, black font. The background of the poster is a faded image of trees. The text is arranged in several sections: a list of nomination areas in a box, and several paragraphs of text below.

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COMMUNITY COUNCILS ELECTIONS

Your local Community Councils are voluntary organisations run by local residents to act on behalf of your area.

Community Councils represent the views of the community and play an important role in local democracy as a link with recognised organisations official bodies such as the Council, Government, emergency services, NHS, and environmental bodies.

They are comprised of people who care about their community and want to make it better.

Community Councils meet monthly and encourage as many members of public to attend and share their issues and successes.

NOMINATIONS will be open until 9th December.

We are looking for nominations for:

- Avonbridge and Standburn
- Blackness
- Bonnybridge
- Camelon, Bantaskine and Tamfourhill
- Carron and Carronshore
- Denny and District
- Falkirk Central
- Falkirk South
- Grahamston, Middlefield and Westfield
- Langlees, Bainsford and New Carron
- Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood
- Lower Braes
- Maddiston
- Shieldhill and California
- Slamannan and Limerigg
- Whitecross

This is your chance to form a new community council in your area.

For information on the community councils contact:
cclo@falkirk.gov.uk

To become a Community Councillor apply online at
www.falkirk.gov.uk or call 01324 506110

14 RA Office Bearer Replacement for Secretary:

Corinna Toner is unfortunately moving out of the area and we will need to replace her to have a formal RA Secretary. **Any volunteers please email the RA on kvtiracommittee@gmail.com**

15 DONM: TBC but before Christmas preferred