



Kinnaird & Inches Residents Association Meeting Minutes Log

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Minutes of Meeting on Monday 6th February 2023 @ 6.30pm, Kinnaird Primary School Main Hall

Office Bearers In Attendance:-

Ben Adam – Chair

James Alexander – Vice Chair

Joined by:

David Henderson (COSS) to talk about setting up as a SCIO

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 Summer Fayre or Similar:

The Christmas window display didn't happen due to running out of time for it. Suggestion for trying to get SOMETHING arranged in the summer – Ailsa has prepared a flyer to ask for ideas (see point 5 for flyer):

Action: Issue flyer/leaflet physically once we get the quote for them.

3 Moss Road -Safety:

Safety of pedestrians was raised as an issue along Moss Road as there should be more segregation of road users and pedestrians.

Action: James will email Gary Bouse about Section 75 requirements for road safety at Moss Road.

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.

Ongoing 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. Ailsa has prepared a flyer which includes that – see below:

Action: James suggested a WhatsApp group is set up for this, and will put up a post asking for volunteers, with one of them to manage it.



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.

Ongoing Action: James to confirm if we have any mapping to be sent (link to website say). There was a hand drawn map however unable to locate. No free mapping tool has been found to allow markings of the various factors. Still looking into solutions.

7 New Park Flooding:

Cala are still 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 CCTV camera has been active now for a while and there looks like there is an improvement.

Drug dealing in the area is still a worry and is actively happening in various locations (Sainsbury's Car Park, Car parking areas, stashes in bushes etc). Police force only has 8 officers to cover the whole area. James confirmed that both the police and Places for People need evidence if they are to prosecute anyone.

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. This still stands. Contamination testing could cost a few thousands of pounds and will be required at some point.

The office bearers and Iain Henderson have looked into the potential application to become a SCIO and an application form has been completed prior to submission. We have taken advice from COSS (who work for the Scottish Government to help groups like us). We agreed at the meeting to proceed after looking into the implications of title deeds (Persimmon title deeds mention a Resident's Association – does moving to SCIO affect it?). **To be confirmed prior to submission. David Henderson will ask his Legal team to review.**

We put an environmental freedom of information request and Iain Henderson pursued this and did not get a response that helps confirm one way or the other if there is contamination. Mention of mine workings shown on plans that were shared (but mining was not considered a risk in the Site Investigation reporting).

The Planning Local Plan has been re-issued confirming the two areas of land are shown to be not allocated for residential use.

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.

BA got feedback to suggest we need to produce applications that are more OUTCOMES BASED. i.e. we want to make our community a better place to live and work by... or we to engage with climate action and contribute to a net zero community aspect.

To proceed with another application.

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. Iain did keep pestering but no response yet. James confirmed he'd spoken with David McKay at the council to look into supplying an additional janitor. James also asked for an outside switch for the MUGA pitch.

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. Action was for the 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, which was done. It was suggested that we issue a survey monkey to ask what people want to use the hall (and MUGA) for.

Survey Monkey to be set up to gain feedback. Ailsa, Iain and Denise to progress

12 Community Choices Funds:

Ailsa Herd submitted and we all need to vote for our application (and tell our friends and neighbours to do so!):

www.falkirk.gov.uk/ccvote

VOTE FOR KINNAIRD VILLAGE & THE INCHES



YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION PROPOSING BETTER SOCIAL SPACES

We could receive £5,000 funding to improve our area!

VOTE TO IMPROVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Our proposal is to develop our social spaces to encourage walking, talking and outdoor activities for the benefit of individuals of all ages and stages. Having places for children to play and learn, for families to meet and people to bletcher. We believe these spaces and facilities contribute to a healthier, happier and more connected community.

VOTE FOR US!

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The Inches
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13 Community Council:

The deadline was missed by enough people to make a valid number of community councillors.

14 RA Office Bearer Replacement for Treasurer:

Kevin Wilson has unfortunately asked to resign as treasurer and will need to be replaced. This makes Kevin and Corinna Toner to be replaced. **Any volunteers please email the RA on kvtiracommittee@gmail.com**

15 DONM: Last week of March (and before the April Holidays)

Monday 27th March Hall booking has been requested.