

Kinnaird & Inches Resident's Association Meeting Minutes Log

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

Minutes of Meeting on Monday 11th March 2024 @ 6.00pm, Kinnaird Primary School

Office Bearers In Attendance:-

Ben Adam – Chair

Iain Henderson – Treasurer

Ailsa Herd - Secretary

Joined by:

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.

Now that the change to SCIO status is confirmed, there should be more impetus and requirement to grow the membership – see section 9 too.

How can we get a Youth Club going? Janitorial back up required unless we can get 'trusted key holder' working – see section 11 too.

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:

Ongoing

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. Ongoing

3 Moss Road -Safety:

School crossing at Sainsburys – emails received back from council stating a road survey had confirmed there was not enough traffic to justify a crossing.

Just outside the new nursery building, it has been noticed that kids are running out onto the road and cannot see each way due to parked cars. Could the double yellow lines be extended to the west of the school? **Committee to take up with Councillors again.**

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

South Alloa Road, Moss Road etc as raised by local resident Mark Rinkus is in abeyance until we get more traction with locals, including community consultations. **Next meeting**

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.

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. Jim Flynn suggested larger bins may be part of a solution and we should ask the council about installing larger bins where they have current bins.

Gary Bouse to enquire for us on this front. **Ongoing - to be raised again with new councillor contacts**

5 Litter Picking:

Informal litter picks are being held but can be coordinated. **Ailsa will set up a WhatsApp group and post on the website a request that people direct message the committee to get added to it. Should re-home the Litter Pick equipment from James's garage to somewhere accessible if we are to do more/ more organised litter picks.**

6 Factoring:

Although officially this is now in abeyance due to the impact on the potential move to SCIO (where we would not be able to interfere with individual neighbour groups organising factor responses.), we agreed to look further into a previous request by Ross Martin (ex-chair of Link Housing Group) to see if a joint meeting with the RA would be possible relating to consolidation of open space maintenance. **The RA confirmed that we would be interested to set up the initial meeting.**

7 Environmental Considerations:

New Park Flooding:

This is still an issue and we need to contact Cala again (new contact Michael Clements) and also continue speaking to Greenbelt to be contacted. **RA to email and chase both.**

Tree Survey:

Trees in the park next to Sainsbury's – NHS suggest they have been surveyed by a tree surgeon but need to push for evidence. **RA to contact Greenbelt and NHS**

8 Drug Dealing & Anti-Social Behaviour:

Drug dealing in the area is still a worry and is actively happening in various locations (Sainsbury's Car Park, Car parking areas, Kinnaird Park, 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.

For drug dealers using electric bikes and covered head-to-toe in black clothing, the Police need a photograph proving who it is so they can do something about it.

We have posted the police contact email address or number on Facebook to allow people to send in reports of drug dealing or similar anti-social behaviour. It would confirm that people can submit anonymous reporting to the police (but one of the main issues is if people are taken as witnesses their names would be disclosed).

We will ask PC Archibald to attend the next meeting.

Gary Bouse confirmed that £12K would get a CCTV installation and 5 years of maintenance. Places For People to be asked with some contribution from the council. RA to ask Places for People about further CCTV or improved lighting.

Places for People and their policies for housing people was queried as there did not seem to be a vetting process for getting a dwelling with them. **Ongoing – to be contacted.**

9 Community Land Transfer Application:

This has moved forward and we have asked for quotations from consultants who specialise community consultation and business planning to help move forward as part of a Stage 1 Scottish Land Fund application. This would gain between £12-30K of funding for this initial piece of consultancy, which would be useful to show other funders and the land owners we have consulted effectively with the community.

We have also attended a Community Land Roadshow event in Stirling which confirmed we were approaching this in the correct manner, and that we were ahead of the game in some respects compared to other similar community groups.

We have met with DTAS (Fiona Taylor, who we will invite to the next meeting) and SLF,

along with other groups like the Dalgety Bay Development Trust, so all moving in the right direction (at last!).

Following SCIO application we'll need to garner more support and membership of the SCIO. Upgrading comms to email listing for membership would be the next step, and more roles will need to be formed/agreed for others to help.

As a summary on the potential land contamination, the outcome is as follows:
The spoil heaps are not contaminated. There is no asbestos contamination to worry about as it is at trace levels throughout. Elevated concentrations of heavier metals WERE found but it was low concentrations which would not be an issue for any general park use (including sports days by the school). If allotments for growing food were proposed it would need remediation or capping (300mm inert topsoil below the upper growing medium), something that raised beds would deal with.

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:

As with other funding streams, we need to produce applications that are more OUTCOMES/NEEDS 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. We will be able to apply for similar pots of money with more input from our SLF Stage 1 consultant. **RA to take up with them once appointed.**

11 Getting more Use out of Kinnaird Primary School:

We met with a new councillor (Margaret Anslow) who has been concentrating on other matters but now wants to help us get this moving. We will invite Margaret to our next meeting but she was very supportive of the move to use the only council facility in the area.

12 Community Choices Funds:

We're getting ignored by Greenbelt on the installation of goal posts and we also want Cala to fix the field drainage. **Ailsa to continue to woodpecker away to try to get a contact at Greenbelt.**

13 RA Office Bearers and Membership:

Office bearers will need to step down at next meeting as it will be the first formal SCIO General Meeting. (We can be re-elected if everyone happy with that). We need more people to sign up to become members and we will need at least 20 members initially to satisfy the constitution for SCIO. Name and address are all that is needed to become a member and there is a lot of rules in the articles of association (which will be posted on the website – it follows the standard government SCIO advice).

Note that we should have a quorum of 11 members to be able to pass resolutions at general meetings.

Anyone happy to join as a member or wanting to become more involved please email: kvtiracommittee@gmail.com

14 Pharmacy:

In limbo due to appeals by rival pharmacies, but hopefully the main objections will be removed when Lloyds' pharmacy closes down in Stenhousemuir. **Ongoing – no update**

15 AOB:

15.1 Will the wildflower seeded area be re-seeded? Or maintained? To be discussed with Cala – add to the list of queries for Cala. AH to ask Michael Clements – **ongoing**
Note we raised the state of both areas with the NHS who claimed they would send a squad to tidy them up.

16 Date Of Next Meeting: 29 April at 18:00 at Kinnaird Primary School, then 17 June 2024