

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 @ 6.00pm, Kinnaird Primary School

### Office Bearers In Attendance:-

Ben Adam – Chair

Iain Henderson – Treasurer

Ailsa Herd - Secretary

### Joined by: Douglas Westwater – Community Enterprise

### 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](mailto:kvtiracommittee@gmail.com)

[committee@kvtira.co.uk](mailto:committee@kvtira.co.uk)

### 2 Summer Fayre or Similar:

Not much discussed about this as we need more people involved to arrange a community event. Revisit once we move forward with community consultations etc.

### 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 – ongoing, but now the election is out the way we might get more contact.**

Safety of pedestrians was raised as an issue along Moss Road as there should be more segregation of road users and pedestrians. **Needs to wait on wider consultations commencing**

#### **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 now the election is out the way we might get more contact.**

#### **5 Litter Picking:**

Informal litter picks are being held but can be coordinated and we're now seeing some more uptake. **Ailsa has set up a WhatsApp group and post on the website a request that people direct message the committee to get added to it:**

**07957601701**

#### **6 Factoring:**

Although officially this is now in abeyance due to the impact on the potential move to SCIO , a specific issue was raised regarding a letter received from First Port, asking for £800 from locals in the Inches to pay for the removal of felled tree branches which were allegedly cut down by a local resident. **RA to contact First Port for justification of costs.**

#### **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 – see point 12 too. **RA to email and chase both.**

##### **Tree Survey:**

Trees in the park next to Sainsbury's have been trimmed by tree surgeons, suggesting the NHS has commissioned work to help control the tree growth.

#### **8 Drug Dealing & Anti-Social Behaviour:**

Paton Drive was raised as an issue again, with spates of incidents recently which has

raised issues of the potential anti-social behaviour and the potential for any new community development to be vandalised.

**We will ask PC Archibald to attend the next meeting, along with the local councillors.**

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).

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 – Kim McIntosh was given as the local contact.**

### **9 Community Land Transfer Application:**

We were successful in our application for grant funding from Scottish Land Fund for Stage 1 funding and have appointed Community Enterprise as business planners and community consultation consultants, and met them initially on 12 August as an introduction. Douglas Westwater of CE introduced CE and then went through their plan of works and next steps as part of a presentation.

He raised the need to be smart in trying to buy the land, but also for trying for funding for other capital projects (hopefully hitting the right timing for new community funds to be instigated).

A community consultation event will happen in due course (hopefully end September / start of October) to try to tease out what people want and then from that we can formulate the business plan to test that (and look at funding sources, and a phased approach). CE will be testing the following questions for any options:

1. Is it fundable?
2. Do people want it?
3. Is it financially viable?
4. Will it make an impact?
5. Does it displace what is already there?
6. Does the group have the ability to run it?

Douglas asked about places to speak with and have contact boxes say, with the local shops etc to give their views (potentially with a prize for prize draw!) – what day is the best

day for an event (or afternoon and evening). Potential for using the school then Rost in the evening say.

Hopefully by the end of November CE will be able to present the short options appraisal which then gets whittled down to what gets taken to the formal Business Plan.

Fiona McLeod delivered a presentation on one such potential use (Sensory Garden) and the layout and information contained in her presentation was seen as a good template for other potential uses to present to the NHS and other funders. Some discussion on how to deal with potential vandalism, but if we don't try what is the point?!

Following the change to SCIO 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. This can happen more forcefully now.

### **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 CE now they are appointed**

### **11 Getting more Use out of Kinnaird Primary School:**

Following the initial meeting with the Headteacher and Paul Kettrick in April, we have not had any formal meet up but there has been some contact relating to the potential land transfer as it may impact on the school.

The main sticking point is the fact the school is a Primary and not a Secondary it doesn't have a dedicated resource to plan the calendar for community use, and the janitorial staff is not high enough

**We need to follow up on this and keep momentum up. Iain and Ben to follow up with Paul and Ghislaine along with CE making contact as part of community consultations**

### **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. Michael Clements is not responding. NHS say it's got nothing to do with them. **Ailsa to continue to woodpecker away to try to get a contact at Greenbelt or Cala.**

### **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. We have a 8 months to get to these numbers which is easily do-able.

Anyone happy to join as a member or wanting to become more involved please email: [kvtiracommittee@gmail.com](mailto: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. Discussion on whether we want a pharmacy on our doorstep with the potential issues of dependency that may go with it. 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. Bear in mind we are getting NO RESPONSE from Cala and Greenbelt, and NHS just say 'it's got nothing to do with us'!

**16 DONM: 23 September 2024 then 28 October at 18:00 at Kinnaird Primary School**