

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 23rd September 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 Communication, 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.

How we communicate with people is important to sort out. We need more people to have access to the email account (not just Iain!). IH to add BA and AH to it as a minimum.

AH to ask James Alexander for a coffee to figure out how the website works so that it is able to be amended and used fully.

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

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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.**

Jackie confirmed that factors who arranged for tree cutting in 'Sainsburys Park' had not carried out as much tree maintenance as should have been done (bare minimum), even though over £12K charged by Greenbelt prior to the tree work being done! Jackie confirmed the locals will be meeting with Greenbelt regarding this.

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. See point 6 above with

comments from Jackie. **No tree survey has been forthcoming from the NHS after multiple chasing.**

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.

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. Kim McIntosh was given as the local contact.

We have tried to set up a multi-stakeholder meeting, which was hopefully going to be next Monday 30th at 6pm, but this has to be re-scheduled as Gary Mitchell could not attend. Dates to be confirmed. We've made the point to Gary that he'd more likely to get responses to the issues from the stakeholders using the RA 'name' than as an individual; and think that has proven to be true to some extent with responses from the Police and People for Places so far (and one councillor).

Another issue was raised by Jackie which needs added to the anti-social behaviour list for another set of main road flats, where bins have not been emptied for 6 months due to the council claiming they cannot empty them after repeated disposal of the wrong waste in the wrong bins.

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).

In terms of Douglas' work, he has started to try to speak with all the stakeholders for the potential proposals.

- NHS is proving impossible (so it's not just us!) and we agreed he should escalate it and send an email to the new Chief Executive (on his direct email). He may also have to resort to referring to the Community Empowerment Act to force it.
- He'll be meeting with Paul Ketrwick of Falkirk Council mid-October.
- School contact has been made and a meeting is required with them.
- Spoken with the Third Sector interface – Ewan, which is ongoing.
- Mark of Sainsburys has still to be spoken with.

CE has updated the survey for issue to everyone to get some feedback. Asked for the RA to confirm it's ok to go out. He's spoken with Lochgoilhead Community Garden (who bought the land off the landowner but decided against a community facility) as a good example of what could be done. Also Cyrenians Garden in partnership with the NHS in Edinburgh, which has also made a formal garden in a piece of wasteland behind a community centre (more commercial garden centre use). Also Leith growers – do a lot of community events which are successful (open fire meetings etc at different parts of the year). Also Woodlands Community Garden in Glasgow. Also potential pump track and potentially skate park. Douglas will upload some photographs alongside the survey comments – see attached for the suggested survey (which needs some tweaks but nearly there) – **RA to provide comments and then sign off.**

A community consultation event will happen in due course (slipping – now hopefully end October say) 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.

NHS engagement is an issue, but Jackie was able to suggest names to Douglas, as there will be other people in the NHS who would be very interested in some of the ideas around mental health spaces etc.

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.

Agreed we should try to issue flyers through the post office to go through all the doors. Need to get our skates on for this as it will be heading into the busy Christmas card period.

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 - ongoing**

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. CE is making contact as part of community consultations and will be meeting them soon

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

It was noted that RBS needs confirmation that Iain Henderson should be added to the RA Bank Account, to become a second signatory to the bank account. This was confirmed by the RA at the meeting.

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 Gordon Young asked through Facebook questions on the potential installation of sound barrier fencing along the M876 to the north of the area. Also how to stop predators killing wildfowl and whether more ecological matters could be introduced to the SUDs pond? We discussed it but would only be able to suggest he contacts Transport Scotland and the RSPB as a starting point, which we can then add to later.

16 DONM: 28 October 2024

at 18:00 at Kinnaird Primary School