

# **Kinnaird & Inches Resident's Association Meeting Minutes Log**

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## **Minutes of Meeting on Monday 17th March 2025 @ 6.30pm, Kinnaird Primary School**

### **Office Bearers In Attendance:-**

Ben Adam – Chair

Iain Henderson – Treasurer

### **Joined by:**

## **1 Community Land Transfer Application:**

A meeting was held with Community Enterprise on 20 February to receive an update on the reporting and process, following on from the previous main meeting on 28 January and from the public consultation event held at Kinnaird Primary School on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. BWA updated the group on progress:

### **Consultations:**

Responses to the Survey had risen to 379 online, which represents many more people given most suggested they were responding on behalf of their household. at the time of the meeting (which was seen as good by Douglas). 94% of respondents live locally which is also positive.

The most important outcomes or hoped-for uses of the land initially were:

1. Growing space
2. Play areas – various
3. Skate park/Teenager space

Consultations have been continuing with Falkirk Council (Paul Kettrick), who could not be more supportive of us helping act as a vehicle to deliver some use by the school of the larger site behind the school, including hiring the space for school use. This would offer us some income which might then allow us to plan and fund future phases. He stressed that KVTIRA have to be the owners to allow the council to help further.

Consultations had also been had with FSVC and the NHS Forth Valley, albeit NHSFV seem reticent to respond to CE.

### **Timescales:**

The Scottish Land Fund is government funded until March 2026, and although there should be another fund confirmed in due course we cannot count on that at the moment, meaning we need to get our land application progressed and submitted by May 2025. We are on track for that after BWA chased up the land valuation with Adam Jennings, who has been liaising with CE to plan the approach to NHSFV to try to agree jointly the value

of the land. This might be a bit of a fight as they still seem to think there are other commercial options available to them (which there aren't, due to planning restrictions).

The Research Report has been completed by CE and this was reviewed on the 20<sup>th</sup> February. It highlights parkland and potential growing space as the initial project we should tackle, and this marries in with the outcome of the Valuation (which confirms it can only be used as community amenity space). We agreed at the meeting to take the research outcome to the next stage, and prepare the Business Plan on that basis.

CE now need to look at completing the Business Plan to make it suit the research, community consultation outcomes and the outcomes which NHS Forth Valley should be looking for.

So we are in a good position and on schedule, with it really depending on NHSFV engaging with us now that we have our planned initial project agreed.

**Outcomes of the Feasibility Study and Research Report (see attached Draft version):**

- We have a high proportion of children in the area, and a low proportion of elderly residents (compared with the Scottish average).
- We are affluent but deprived as an area in terms of amenities. There is a distinct lack of provision of almost all amenities a community of this size would expect to have.
- A number of good case studies are included in the report, which show how other communities have taken ownership of land/buildings and made them work for their local community.
- Costs and viability are tested and a project to transform the derelict land into something useful can be funded both as initial capital project and then on an ongoing basis. This confirms we are not barking up the wrong tree or proposing anything outlandish we cannot finance.

**2 Factoring:**

Alasdair Ross in Glabraith Crescent emailed to confirm that after a two year dispute with Hacking & Paterson which has confirmed that they acted unlawfully for charging for repair works to monoblock which was not part of H&P's domain. It is a victory of sorts but only after amazing perseverance by Alasdair – well done him!

**3 Communication, Community Engagement and RA Membership/Interaction:**

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

It was agreed that with the land transfer hopefully going through, it will be a catalyst for more membership. Iain suggested CE should email all the respondents to the survey who said they would be happy to join. Note that membership does not require any effort!

Iain Henderson has access to the bank account, after another saga with the bank. This is important for paying Community Enterprise and Adam Jennings from the SLF funding.

#### **4 Road Safety:**

Nothing has moved forward in terms of Moss Road.

The issue of parents parking on Melville Crescent and children running out from the school nursery was raised again. To move this forward we need someone to take the lead on it and contact the council roads department (after speaking with the school?).

#### **5 Environmental Considerations:**

##### **5.1 New Park: Flooding and Community Choices:**

Ailsa has chased this, along with the Community Choices funding as we STILL do not have the requisite permissions from the land owners to install the football posts at the park.

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

NHSFV appear to be keeping on top of this, as there has been further work carried out to the trees in Sainsbury's Park/Wood.

There are no tree surveys for the trees in the Plot behind the school, which will be needed as part of any land transfer. We will chase this up with NHSFV, along with surveys of other park and wooded areas in our area.

##### **5.3 Bins For Kinnaird Park & Wider:**

Nothing has moved on with this – still needs us to speak with the new councillors to ask why we cannot get more bins (or larger bins), particularly for dog litter.

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

CE spoke with a number of people in Paton Drive over a few separate visits, which confirmed that anti-social behaviour is being caused by a small number of individuals. We need the police to help monitor and deal with any issues but this is difficult without full CCTV.

One of the residents offered to take this forward and we tried to set up a multi-stakeholder meeting, but it has still not happened after a postponement. Gary Mitchell to take forward

#### **7 National Lottery Application for Development Funding:**

Other funds are also available, and CE will be able to help us try to access them as part of the next steps, once we get to the point of land transfer.

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

The fact the school is a Primary and not a Secondary means it doesn't have a dedicated resource to plan the calendar for community use, and the janitorial staff is not high enough to offer full time access outside school hours/weekends.

CE has found the pricing for the use of spaces in the school, which is shown in Appendix 3 of the CE Feasibility Study and Research Report (Draft attached to these minutes, getting finalised now). The school CAN be used, but only if you get agreement from the janitorial staff to provide cover.

**9 Pharmacy:**

Nothing has moved on with the potential pharmacy

**10 AOB:**

Nothing further raised.

**11 DONM: TBC**

**at 18:30 at Kinnaird Primary School**