

# **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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ 6.30pm, Kinnaird Primary School**

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

Ben Adam – Chair

Iain Henderson – Treasurer

### **Joined by:**

Gary Bouse - Councillor

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

The full re-application was made on 30 April 2025, with the following documents sent to the NHS:

- Asset Transfer Application Form
- Community Enterprise Feasibility Study and Research Report
- Community Enterprise Business Plan
- A copy of the KVTIRA SCIO Constitution from 7 January 2024
- DM Hall commercial Report and Valuation of Plots A and B

This submission has been acknowledged by NHSFV and they now have 6 months to respond, albeit Douglas Westwater at CE has asked if they would kindly respond sooner so that we can meet the funding dates set out by the Scottish Land Fund:

'The final submission to the Scottish Land fund for this round is the 18<sup>th</sup> August. The SLF board decision will be in November I think and my understanding is that a positive NHS decision will be required by then so they can take our bid to their funding panel. We can submit the bid, knowing that the CAT is in process. We understand that the NHS is allowed to take up to 6 months but a speedier response would be hugely helpful. Please do let me know if there is anything I can do to support that.'

We met the 18 August date for the submission of the second round funding submission, which was accepted by SLF, therefore we are just awaiting the NHS to approve the land transfer.

We met with the NHS on 28 August 2025 to answer their remaining queries, which was positive and all left the meeting feeling there was a way forward. The NHS did suggest they would try to meet their dates but might not be able to have their management transfer team come to a final decision. Which is very disappointing, as we found out on 12 September that they did not think they would meet the deadline.

So we might need to come up for Plan B, which is to try to force the NHS to maintain the land themselves, or even better develop the land and create the parkland use that allows use by the community.

KVTIRA has asked our local councillors and MSPs to help put pressure on the NHS to try to get them to meet and come to a decision before the 17 October, to allow us to progress.

## **2 Factoring:**

No further action has been taken in relation to factoring.

## **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)

Iain has emailed all the respondents to the survey who said they would be happy to join, which has generated 30 new members. We can keep at this as people get more interested and email communication is probably better than relying on Facebook.

We have completed the payments for the Stage 1 SLF input from the business planner and land valuation surveyor.

## **4 Road Safety:**

Nothing has moved forward in terms of Moss Road. There is a traffic study camera on Hamilton Road to the north of McIntyre Avenue.

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?). Ongoing.

## **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. This has not moved forward and we need to get councillors involved. We will invite them to the next meeting.

### **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. Some trees apparently need more work to them but the tree surgeons used recently have been told to carry out minimal maintenance.

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.

A bigger bin has been placed outside Sainsbury's, but the bin to the south end of Sainsbury's Park has fallen off the fence and is unusable. To be raised with the council (volunteer required).

### **5.4 Site Investigation and Contamination Testing:**

BWA has been in contact with the new MD of Mason Evans (Geotechnical Engineers) and has requested again the final SI outcome document stating the park areas would not need to be remediated for contamination if used for park land. To be chased - ongoing.

### **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. This seems to have been less problematic (anecdotally).

Gary Bouse confirmed there have been numerous meetings with Places for People and councillors (him and Laura Murtagh), to explore what can be taken 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.

There is also a Falkirk Council fund which can be tapped into for further business planning/feasibility planning.

A Sustainable Design Fund has also been raised as a potential if we were looking to add sustainable power generation as part of the site offering – to be looked into when we know more about the land transfer outcome.

### **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.

Jackie raised the point that some of the local church halls in the area may not be available in around 6 months time due to the ownership potentially being transferred due to church

congregation amalgamations. This may mean that more people want to use the school hall, which can only be good to help show the local need to gain more access.

IH will email the local councillors to ask them to attend the next meeting and to push for more access to the school. CE should have research from the community consultation which can be used to show the need/requirements.

For taking forward when the land transfer happens.

**9 Pharmacy:**

Nothing has moved on with the potential pharmacy. It still appears to be locked in the appeal process raised by rival pharmacies in the area.

**10 AOB:**

Nothing further raised.

**11 DONM: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November (provisional)**

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