KIPPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th of February 2020 7.30pm
Kippen Reading Rooms

Apologies: None

Present: Robert Clubb, Derek Shanks, Kevin Carty, Walter Macdiarmid, Helen Wilson, Scott Crawford, Sarah Hill, Fiona Clark, Margaret Beaton.

Attending: Councillor Graham Lambie, 2 members of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved (proposer Kevin Carty; seconder Helen Wilson).

Police Report: (1.) A male was found to be drunk and incapable of looking after himself. Police could not find a person to leave him in the care of so for his own safety he was arrested and conveyed to a place of safety, a Police office, until he sobered up and was released. (2.) There was a report of a male shooting in the Spittalton Wood. Police attended and spoken to the gamekeeper who was lawfully shooting pheasants. (3.) Minor RTC occurred on the B822 between Kippen and Fintry. Drivers exchanged details. (4.) Another minor RTC occurred on the A811 near Kippen roundabout. Again, there was no injuries and both drivers exchanged details. (5.) The Central Scotland Safety Camera have continued to operate on the A811 near to Kippen. One vehicle was found to be driving at 86mph and the driver was reported to the PF. Local officers have and will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to improve road safety. (6.) There have been no thefts since the last meeting although there was a recent theft of a motor vehicle in Killearn and persons trying doors in the early hours in Blanefield so we ask that people remain vigilant. There have also been reports more recently of pedlars going around doors selling household items in the Buchlyvie area and reports of persons trying doors there.

Meetings: None

Upcoming Meetings: N/A

Planning: Update from the last meeting. Letters sent to recommend against planning at Redgatehill – this has been declined. Other Application supported and approved. Fore Road Houses that were rejected are now under appeal.

Ongoing P/App (1.) 19/00781/FUL, land to south east of Castlehill Loan - residential development of 31 Houses. WM wrote to Planning Services outlining concerns re proposed access arrangements for the development. Response still awaited. Councillor Graham Lambie agreed to formally raise the issue of lack of progress/response. Graham also will advise if there is to be a site meeting to review to enable KCC to attend.

New P/Apps (1.) 20/00037/FUL, single storey extension, installation of air source heat pump and alterations to driveway at 1 Davidson Lea. No comment. (2.) 20/00087/FUL, land 310 metres north of Crawfordston Farm - erection of dwelling house. No comment. (3.) 20/00081/FUL, Fallen Brewing, Station House, Kippen Station - extension to dwelling house by way of a glass corridor linking to a disused signal box (dismantled and re-built). Support.

Treasurer's Report: Bill for hire of the Reading Rooms for the KCC meetings - £106. IOC Registration fee of £40 outstanding.

20mph Speed Limit Signs: Some signs have been put up for the 20mph. However, the placement of the one on the Brae is after the bridge – perhaps this should be before the bridge? Under the impression that smaller reminder signs would be placed at the entrance to each housing estate. Should the signs be larger? Will look further into it.

Electric Charging Points: A suggestion put forward to the windfarm panel – to put an area in at the top of Scott Brae to make it bigger and place a couple of charging points in and a drop off area for the school. The charging points might bring visitors to the village.

Burngreen funding: Managed to discuss with the Windfarm People – require local feedback, perhaps with a sub-committee. Would recommend that someone from the Windfarm Committee should be on the sub-committee. Require 2 quotes for all of the work – three phases (each would be separately funded) – 1. The trees to come down 2. Paths to be reinstated 3. Replanting. The Windfarm Committee will only provide part of the funds. If there is donated labour, that would class as fund matching. It has been recognized as a good project but there has been one objector. No planning approval would be required – but, we would require proof of this. Should we have local door-to-door or a meeting at the KCC to discuss with residents? Will apply for funds for phase one and two together.

Community notice board: Notice board is in a poor state of repair and documents getting wet. Could be just other users putting documents in when it's raining.

Correspondence: None

Councillor's Report – Councillor Lambie: (1.) Contacted Peter McKechnie re Burn Green development – 5 objections registered. (2.) Kippen now has 20mph. (3.) Stirling Council has a budget shortfall and are planning cost savings and income generation. (4.) Bank of Scotland are looking to close their Balfron Branch and people should object if they wish. (5.) 4 sections of the A811 have been patched and dressed. (6.) Spent some time with a Police Patrol and visited the Safety Camera at Arnprior when a number of vehicles were caught in excess of 39mph. (7.) Surface redressing has taken place on the B822 at Balafark Farm and also Burnside Road. Would hope to see some upgrades to the Kippen Station Brae.

Any Other Competent Business: Average speed cameras were declined through Arnprior – possible fixed camera option instead. Water getting into the panorama sign at the top of Scott Brae. Should KCC have a stall at the Kippen Street Fayre? Perhaps use it for raising funds for phase 3 of the Burngreen project. Resilience group has been set up in the village and approached the KCC re the potential issue of the Coronavirus.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th of March at 7.30pm in the Kippen Reading Rooms.

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