KIPPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9th of February 2020 7.30pm
Via Microsoft Teams

Apologies: Fiona Clark.

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

Attending: Councillor Alistair Berrill, Pam Campbell, Jeremy Gaywood.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved (proposer Helen Wilson; seconder Derek Shanks).

Graham Lambie: Helen would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Graham Lambie.

ACC: Arnprior Community Council have been in touch re the Shelloch Windfarm – Helen has suggested who they need to contact.

Health and Social Care Questionnaire: Completed during meeting forward to Pam.

Police Report: Dummy Policeman have been put up to try and slow traffic.

Community Green: Update Received from Jon Greenman as follows –

(a) I have contacted Gavin re cutting down the diseased Ash trees and he promised to do this by the end of January. I will contact him again since the weather seems to be improving and hope to get a firm commitment from him for the end of March. I have been told that Gavin normally has a full-time job out with Kippen and he can only fit us in in late autumn or early spring.

(b) Ideas have been circulating within the VGC on how to replace the felled trees. No objections have been received to the latest plan circulated within the Committee: Namely to plant Willow Trees along the Burn and wildlife friendly bushes along the Burn Green Estate boundary. This plan has been thought suitable by a well recognised professional tree person living in Kippen. Hopefully we will get a 'free' grant from the Woodland Trust for the bushes and a grant for the Willows from the Kippen Community Trust.

(c) Issues about future management of the Green, including both trees and footpath, have yet to be finalised.

Kevin Carty is arranging a Zoom call with Jon Greenman. Trees would need to be cut down before birds start nesting. If Trees are cut down then further funding can then be sourced for the next phase.

Planning: The only planning that's been submitted is a change to the access road of the 31 new houses. Councillor Berrill has forwarded a query to the Planning Department to ask questions that we have raised. There have been a number of issues with this development including the fact that KCC weren't given a Site Visit, the planning meeting took Place in the middle of a Pandemic, behind closed doors. There seems to be errors on the approval including the mention of a street not even in Kippen. The Scottish Government has set rules on "Generous Housing" plan and based on a population growth of 30% over the next 20 years. Due to what appears to be irregularities the KCC want this pushed forward and

resolved – even if this means to set a precedence in overturning the decision. Due diligence needs to be followed and if it hadn't – then this needs to be followed up.

Treasurer's Report: Robert has been trying to access internet banking but been given runaround by the bank for the past 6 months. Once this has happened, KCC can start to pay bills and deliver grants that have gone into the bank account. Robert to contact John Fulton to have accounts approved.

Electric Charging Points: Proposed site for 2 charging points outside Kingdom Court. A resident of Kingdom Court has been made aware as he thought the land was owned by Kingdom Court.

Correspondence: None

Sign Posts Traffic Calming School: It's suggested that signage should be put up at the speed bumps as cars are still approaching too fast. Helen will look into this.

Councillor's Report – Councillor Berrill: I would like to say a few words about Graham Lambie – he was extremely well respected by everyone of all political parties. There was a meeting of SC – an announcement made that the Viewfield Circular Road has been shelved. There has been a change to the law re drinking in public that the Police only have to see an open bottle to face charges. The waste bin went through another vote went through by 11-10. Stirling Government have put money into all local Councils and therefore Council Tax Bills won't rise. A concern has been raised that schools haven't provided enough video call support during the pandemic.

Any Other Competent Business: None.

Jeremy Gaywood: Thank you Jeremy and the resilience support team. Report from Jeremy – Started off last year with threat of pandemic. Back in 2017 an R&R plan was set up with Helen and SC in attendance. Discussion with Scott Crawford and Kevin Carty invited. A team was quickly set up into two teams – one team in isolation and one not. A spreadsheet set up with contacts and a leaflet drop went ahead to every house in the village to offer support if required. KC and SC closed down and we became reliant on ourselves. Volunteers were given certifications to allow them to go out to deliver shopping and prescriptions. There was a quiet lull. Then approached by Thornhill re masks being made and a visit to food bank. A food bank was set up (with Start Up Stirling) in the Reading and didn't really take-off. Applied to Community Trust to raise funds for Food Boxes and money was funded grants. One of the biggest issues is that people weren't coming forward looking for help. Only once they were approached would they open up and let others know that they required help. Boxes from £40 (single) to £120 (family of 5). Visits were very well received from residents. Biggest issue was shielding – the volunteer sector wasn't told who was shielding – this became an issue once the government changed their rules on those shielding. Articles put into the Wee Vine Magazine. Were looking for an exit plan, however, started back up due to further lockdown. Virtual Christmas Lunch was organized. Skinner's helped produce dinners for everyone and goodie bags from the Reading Rooms. A volunteer aided a member of the community to register with the Dr's and provided great support. Money came from the Windfarm Money to help pay for the Christmas Dinner.

Robert on KCC helped to gain funds. A small number of boxes are still being given out and registered with the Council to continue.

The meeting closed at 09.06pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th of April at 7.30pm in the Kippen Reading Rooms and will be followed by the AGM.

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