

MINUTES OF KINGSEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH JAN 2021 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Forbes Stuart, Norman Woolley, Sheila Colville, Margaret Hall, Les Smith, Janet Reid, Cllr Helen Law, Cllr Gavin Ellis

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ian Ferguson

Minutes of last meeting accepted as correct

No declarations of interest expressed

MATTERS ARISING

PARK DRAINAGE/UPGRADE

After taking off donations to various groups in the village, the remaining £2000 will go to park improvements, should it not have to be repaid to Fife Council. Cllr Law felt this was unlikely. Following a meeting with Kevin Jolleker he agreed to implement some tidy-up work at the burn and around the park and also investigate the pipework at Taylor Wimpey. There are diggers parked at TW but these are unconnected with this.

It has been acknowledged by everyone involved that the issues with the park drainage is due to broken pipes. Cllr Law will take this up with Kevin to seek a solution.

YOUTH GROUP

No update, but all the Christmas activities went ahead.

FREW PLACE

Work has been ongoing and funding has been secured for a shed. The raised vegetable beds are ready for spring planting and a donation of seeds has been received. The next big project will be to extend the path and an application for £10,000 will be made, however, there has been difficulty in getting estimates. It was agreed that Les would contact Gilmerton and possibly Purves. Cllr Ellis also suggested putting it out on social media.

CERTAIN AGE GROUP

We have 50 slips returned for the afternoon tea and there will be one more advert in the next Newsletter. Sheila will contact Flo/George to confirm 17th February and confirm everything will be Covid secure.

The trip to Japanese Gardens will be discussed next month.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

We asked if there were any plans for the future of the Centre as we have £1000 we could use to help with costs relating to installing windows or lowering ceiling in main hall. Cllr Law said that FC need to know what the plans for Bowling Club are and she was advised that they may now be thinking along the lines of a community shop. Helen will discuss this with Scott Fenton and outline that KASH may be changing their direction and the Community Council are pressing for an upgrade to the centre. Once restrictions are lifted all the village groups will restart. Cllr Ellis also felt there was a need for free Wi-Fi in the building.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Les thanked FC for installing the outside socket for the tree. Janet and Les will add to the lights during this year and will also consider a planted tree for the future.

BUS SHELTER

The shelter is now finished although there have been some complaints that it is on the walkway.

BIN COLLECTION

The issues at Taylor Wimpey have still not been resolved but Helen has someone looking into it.

PLANNING DEMOCRACY

Gladman have put an appeal into Scottish Government and the Reporter is taking this up. Forbes has written to the Reporter and Helen confirmed that FC would definitely write to defend the reasons for their refusal of the application. Gavin said he would also raise this with Cllr Ferguson.

AOCB

- Forbes will respond to Scott Fenton who has asked if we were happy to nominate a key holder for the Community Centre
- Helen said that there was money available from the Fife Area Committee and we should consider putting in an application. Suggestions covered park drainage, upgrade to Centre and possibly Frew Place. Another suggestion was tidying up the area at the Lassodie War Memorial.
- Janet asked about a digger in one of the fields on Cuddy Road and Norman said it could be related to livery stables being built.
- Norman advised that the cost of the web site had gone up but he had negotiated a lower sum. We may have to look at this next year. There were 10,200 visits to the site between January 2020 and January 2021.
- Margaret asked if a grit bin could be put in Frew Place and Gavin will take this up.
- Les asked if broken fence at the burn bridge could be repaired and Helen said she would deal with it. Les took the opportunity to thank our three Councillors for all the help they provide.

Next meeting will be on 16th February