

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF KINGS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 01 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM  
ONLINE**

**Present:** Bill Ruddell (Chair), Jen McNiven (Secretary), Gary Bell, Niall Hamilton-Smith, Vicky Mason and Stuart Small.

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:** Lauren Grant (minutes)

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were as noted above.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 07 December 2020.**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record:

Proposed	Jen McNiven
Seconded	Gary Bell

**3. Police Report**

No officer present at the meeting. Written report submitted and circulated to members prior to meeting.

Noted that there seemed to be a rise in incidents contained within this month's report.

**4. Matters Arising**

Allan's Primary & Dumbarton Road Crossing

Noted that there is no update on this matter.

Sustainable Transport

Noted that there has been a blanket traffic regulation order issued which has identified some areas within Stirling as possible to have allocated to them a 20mph speed limit that appears to still be at consultation phase.

Noted that Stirling Council have put in a bid for £350,000 smarter transport funding including bus services and staffing for consulting.

Noted that members have been invited to an event in respect of the Walk Cycle Live Stirling project relative to the Stirling college route. Bill has responded to this invitation but has not heard anything in response.

Friends of Kings Park

Noted that members feel that it is beneficial that the park itself is represented separately from the community council. Members noting that the park is a 'city park' for the benefit of the

whole of Stirling and accordingly, it is beneficial for members to convene from all over the city.

Agreed that correspondence could be issued by the community council to other community councils within the Stirling council area to urge residents from across the city to become members of the Friends of Kings Park.

Agreed that initially, the community council should write to the current members of the Friends of Kings Park to seek their approval to write the correspondence noted above.

#### Viewforth Link Road

Noted that the matter is still ongoing but that the e-petition has had an excellent response and has 372 signatures at the present moment. Noted that there are a lot of comments on the petition, some comments could be deemed to be rather heated but there are a lot of helpful comments from people across the Stirling Council area.

Members asking that everyone continues to circulate the e-petition.

Noted that the next stage for consideration are the environmental matters. The Council would need to start working on the trees throughout the month of February in order to have the work completed prior to nesting periods.

Noted that per the Council rules, their delay in acknowledging the petition could mean that the petition is not heard in a Council meeting until the full meeting of the Council in March.

Noted that there are financial and environmental considerations in terms of the link road, which means that residents from throughout the Stirling Council area have their opinions to share on the matter.

Agreed that some questions require to be raised with the Council in terms of the funding for this project being ring-fenced. Noting that there have been statements made that this has become a generally accepted truth.

Agreed that Stewart will write to Alistair Tollemache and Neil Benny to obtain their understanding of the funding position and whether indeed there have been funds ring-fenced.

Noted that members are happy, if it assists, to sign the petition off as being on behalf of the community council in order for the Council to take proper notice of it.

#### **5. Chairman's Report**

Noted that all matters have been covered.

#### **6. Secretary's Report**

Noted that Alan Smith is attempting to be in touch with community councils should anyone wish to arrange a Zoom call.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer not present.

#### **8. Councillor's Report**

No Councillor present and no report submitted.

Members noting that there has been a distinct lack of Councillor presence at the meetings and agreed that Stewart will write to Councillors to request their future attendance.

#### **9. AGM Discussion**

Noted that there are some decisions to be made in terms of the logistics of the AGM for this year.

Agreed that AGM will take place online on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June (subject to being an organised in person meeting should government restrictions change).

#### **10. Kings Park**

Noted that a new wall has been erected at the back walk.

#### **11. Planning Issues**

Noted that a fresh planning application has been submitted in relation to 21 Victoria Park. Members agreeing that the proposals appear to be more in keeping with the surrounding properties and far less imposing than the application that has been submitted previously.

Noted that an application has also been submitted for some extensive alterations to a property in Clarendon place. One member being a neighbour advising that he has no objections to these proposals.

#### **12. KPCC Communications**

Facebook is running well and people are contacting the community council via the Facebook page.

#### **13. AOCB**

##### Vacancies

Noted that there are some spaces to fill on the community council and agreed that some advertisement should be made to attract some interest in the same. Agreed that a notice will be placed in the notice board.

##### Petition

Noted that another petition has started in respect of deputation which allows the public the right to sit in on and make comments on council meetings.

##### April/May Meetings

Agreed that meetings will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**14. Date of next meeting is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21:00**