

**MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
On Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 7.30 pm
In Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

Present: Cllr L McKay, (Chair), Cllr W Freeman, Cllr C Collins, Cllr E Leslie, Cllr T Stewart, Cllr S Wells and Cllr M Wilson

Ward Councillors: Cllr D Cuthbert, Cllr N Freshwater, Cllr W Robertson, and Cllr R Watters

Members of the Public: Approx 4

Minutes: Mrs C Aird

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr L McKay welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Community Council and introduced Cllr Sharon Wells who has been co-opted onto the Community Council.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Police Scotland, Cllr H Phillips, Cllr W Robertson, and Cllr N Freshwater.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Police Scotland Report

Due to annual leave, Police Scotland had not submitted a report, but members were advised of a Mercedes A Class car being stolen recently.

5. Minutes of meeting held on 27th June 2023

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as an accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Cllr W Freeman and seconded by Cllr E Leslie.

6. Matters arising from meeting held on 27th June 2023

a) Parking Restrictions

Cllr Watters apologised for not forwarding the email from PKC to Cllr McKay and confirmed he would do so as soon as possible.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters

b) Gallowhill Road

KCC members confirmed that the hedges had been cut back. Cllr Watters advised that a meeting with PKC officers had been arranged for 4th August to discuss concerns over safe routes to schools and an update will be given at a future meeting. He also advised that he had been looking at old maps of the area and it appeared that the hedges were placed on boundaries. PKC officers are therefore looking to confirm land ownership and if KCC felt that this was a safety issue, they should advise PKC of this, asking for this to be reviewed/rectified as soon as possible. It was agreed that the discussion at the meeting was enough to allow Cllr Watters to advise PKC of this.

c) Common Good Fund (CGF) Scheme of Delegation

It was confirmed that KCC members had discussed this item outwith the meeting and had agreed that an amendment should be submitted for consideration by PKC.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had met with officers earlier that day and invited KCC to send a representative to a meeting on 2nd August where developments in the local area would be discussed. An update from the meeting will be given at a future date.

d) VAS

Cllr L McKay raised an issue regarding the new VAS in Springfield Road and in Gairneybank. These were obstructed by trees and were not as visible as the older style. Cllr Watters agreed to raise this issue with PKC.

ACTION: Cllrs R Watters

7. Concerns re GP Services

Cllr McKay advised that several residents had been in contact raising concerns about the lack of availability of both GP and dental services in the town. It was noted that residents were having to travel outwith the town, especially for dental appointments, and Cllr Watters suggested residents raise these concerns in the "Big Place" conversation. Cllr E Leslie agreed to post this information on the CC Facebook page, and it was also agreed that the CC would write to Jim Fairley MSP.

ACTION: Cllrs E Leslie/C Collins

8. Kinross Town Centre

There was no update given but members noted that a new shop had opened in the High Street earlier that day, The Kind Pantry.

Cllr S Wells enquired as to whether there was an onus on shop owners to maintain properties, highlighting a number of shops with dirty windows. Cllr Cuthbert did not believe there was an onus unless it was a safety issue or a danger to pedestrians. Cllr McKay agreed to contact the owner specifically mentioned during the discussion.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay

Members were also advised that representatives of the organisation looking to purchase the BCA site had met with flooding officers and had also attended the Milnathort CC meeting the previous night.

9. Planning Matters

(a) Planning Applications received

23/01148/FLL - installation of replacement sludge thickening system comprising containerised packaged plant, thickened sludge pump, sludge break tank, wash water and concentrate poly kiosks, tank fed eyebath and associated works at Kinross North Wastewater Treatment Works, Kinross

23/01039/FLL - alterations and formation of balcony at Applegarth, Sunnypark, Kinross, KY13 8BX

23/00919/FLL - erection of 3 light industrial units (classes 4, 5 and 6), and a member only retail club unit | Anchorpoint House, Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross, KY13 8GD

Members discussed this application and agreed that an objection should be submitted. However, they were advised by a member of the public that the closing date for doing so had now passed and were therefore unable to do so.

23/00916/FLL - erection of a dwellinghouse and garage with ancillary accommodation unit at land 30 metres northwest of Hawthorn House, Gairney Bank, Kinross, KY13 9JX

23/01070/FLL - siting of an above ground fuel tank and associated works at The Control Tower, Balado Airfield, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 0RF

(b) Planning Applications determined

23/00728/FLL - alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at 17 Alexander Drive, Kinross, KY13 8TY (**APPROVED**)

23/00946/LAW - extension to dwellinghouse (proposed) at 16 Levenbridge Place, Kinross, KY13 8FL (**APPROVED**)

23/00593/FLL - erection of a dwellinghouse at land 20 metres southwest of Braeside House, Hatchbank Road, Gairney Bank, Kinross, KY13 9JY (**REFUSED**)

23/00625/FLL - change of use of agricultural land to storage and distribution (class 6), siting of 54 storage containers, formation of vehicular access and associated works at land 250 metres south of Jettrigg, Kinross, KY13 9JT (**WITHDRAWN**)

23/00842/LAW - erection of replacement extension (proposed) at 10 McBain Place, Kinross, KY13 8QZ (**REFUSED**)

23/00648/LBC - installation of replacement windows at 1st Floor 111 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AQ (**APPROVED**)

(c) Other planning matters

23/00794/FLL – erection of replacement boundary fence and gate at land northwest of Old Cleish Road, Kinross, KY13 8EN

Concern was raised about the erection of the fence and gate at the yard. Whilst a pre-planning application had been made, no decision had been made by PKC, but the works had been completed. There was concern about this work as it blocks access to the railway path and Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that he would raise this matter with PKC Officers.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

No other planning matters were raised at this time.

10. Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr D Cuthbert –

A number of issues had been raised regarding the KHS parent council and as such, the members had resigned en mass. Cllr Cuthbert had been elected to the new parent council and was now working with parents to get a new council in place and the constitution rewritten.

CCllr McKay raised an issue relating to refunds for locker keys, which should be returned when the keys are returned, but this had not been happening. Funds were automatically donated to the school charity unless a refund was specifically requested. Cllr Cuthbert agreed to investigate this.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had met with representatives from Kinross Colts recently following complaints. He advised that the Colts now have around 500 members and were therefore training every night of the week. Due to this, they understood that their current training facilities were not fit for purpose and are looking for alternative pitches. They are in discussion with LHCC to determine whether they could use the pitches there and it has been agreed that one of the rugby pitches could be converted to an all-weather football pitch, with moveable posts (and nets left in situ). Cllr Cuthbert had also asked LHCC to investigate whether a 5G (astro turf) pitch could be provided and used, specifically by the Colts. It was also suggested that the LDP needs to look at all local facilities.

Cllr R Watters –

Members were advised that he is working with Persimmon Homes to get the play park repaired, noting that Section 42 of the planning conditions for Persimmon supercede the 2019 conditions.

A new bridge is to be put in place to the west of the current bridge.

11. Reports from CC representatives

Cllr E Leslie -

Reported that VAS in Gallowhill Road were not active/working, and the traffic lights at the end of Gallowhill Road/The Muirs also obscured by trees and were therefore not visible. It was confirmed that this issue had been reported to PKC but that it needs to be followed up.

Cllr M Wilson –

Advised that funding was being sourced for the old RAF station at Balado and although the target had not yet been met, a planning application would be submitted in due course. In response to this, Cllr Collins asked what could be done to direct visitors to the facility to come into Kinross with Cllr Watters advised he had requested PKC officers to undertake tourism as part of the Big Conversation, with Kinross Partnership leading on this work.

Cllr C Collins –

Light up Kinross AGM was taking place the following evening, Wednesday 26th July at 7.30 pm.

Cllr L Mckay –

Advised that representatives of Craigend Wind Farm had requested to attend the August meeting and she had agreed to this.

Plans for Davies Park play park had been received and these looked good, with it being open in Spring 2024, although this was to be confirmed. It was noted that the climbing frame would not be replaced. It was agreed that the plans would be shared.

A member of the public asked if there was any update from discussions with PKC and Cllr Mckay advised that there was no update due to a number of people being on holiday.

12. Licensing Applications

No applications had been received.

13. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

14. AOCB

Trees in Broom Road

A member of the public raised concerns regarding overhanging trees in Broom Road which were being hit by vehicles resulting in branches being left on the ground. They also raised concerns about the roots of the trees damaging their property (wall and tarmac). While they had written to PKC, they had received an unsatisfactory response and asked whether the Councillors could do anything to help. Cllr Watters agreed to raise the issue with PKC and spoke to the member of the public after the meeting.

HGVs in Gallowhill Road

Members were advised that the number of HGVs using Gallowhill Road had reduced but not stopped. A member of the public advised that they had received an email advising that penalty

notices had been given to contractors who continued to use Gallowhill Road to reach the Lathro Estate and in some cases, contracts had been removed. They are happy with this course of action but will wait to see what happens once the workers return after their summer break.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 2104 hours approximately.
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting.