

Meeting of Kinross Community Council

Monday 14 July 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus

Present: Cllrs R Watters and D Cuthbert, CCllrs D West, C Collins, A Vaughan, M West, E Gilmour, S Sharp, B Freeman, C Willsher, L McKay, Minute-taker H Collins

Apologies: D Mackenzie, Cllrs W Robertson and N Freshwater, Police Scotland

Police report received after the meeting.

Actions outstanding from previous meeting: BF still to circulate CAP update.

Minutes of previous meeting were proposed by E Gilmour, seconded by C Collins.

KCCNL (Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd)

BF provided a report about the history of KCCNL which was circulated. DW explained the responsibility involved in becoming a charity trustee. OSCR website has helpful information. It was noted that OSCR recommend moving all SCO charities to SCIO status. This is not an easy process but ensures that trustees are not legally liable for charity debt. No monies to be transferred to KCCNL this year.

DW/BF to arrange August date for KCCNL and KNL AGM. DW to circulate list of organisations.

Community Action Plan (BF)

Action Day on Saturday 30 August in Millbridge Hall from 11-3. At the day the public will be able to vote on their priorities. They will also be able to do this online.

Plans for day require management help. There is to be food and drink provided, entertainment and stalls for community groups. Ideas and offers can be sent to the CAP email address. Promotion also required (posters, social media). There are funds for this. Lesley (STAR) emailed a presentation which MW will share.

Finance – meeting to be held to progress status of claim forms and award letters. KLEO expenditure. BF to send Green Hotel invoice paperwork to MW.

Green Issues (CC)

- 1) Sewage Sludge fertiliser. Discussion on impact for loch. CC advised by RW to contact Loch Leven Catchment Management Group. LENS scheme providing quarter of a million pounds to encourage farmers to do the right thing.
- 2) Current heatwave. Cold Spaces instead of Warm spaces? We are not geared up for this weather and it is going to get warmer.
- 3) Raingardens Update: CC to attend walk with Brian D’Arcy, Jim Fairlie and R Watters and will report back
- 4) Grow Wild mapping exercise allows residents to indicate where it is working, or not. Alistair Macleod. Suggested he should be invited to CC meeting.
- 5) Water Safety Day at loch in July with emergency services present. Should we have appropriate boards up at loch about this.

Business, Travel and Tourism (SS)

High street traders have a committed group who are trying to promote the High St. Circular economy keeps money in local area. Please shop local and support local traders. They have a meeting coming up. Previous discussions included ideas like advertising on Ember bus.

There was a discussion on the PKC visitor Levy and tourism in general. Could any funds raised from this go towards community groups who support tourism? DW suggested potholes could be part of this list!

SS is organising a meeting with Jeremy from NatureScot and a representative from RSPB to discuss tourism going forward.

Sports, Recreation and Parks (EG)

EG has been in touch with Nick Riley from Greenspace to request additional play equipment/upgrades. EG attended a useful Teams meeting. WR has been dealing with an issue regarding weeds at Lathro. Grow wild discussed: an online survey has been shared. It was reported that there are two particularly hazardous areas of concern where visibility is poor: the A90 J5 roundabout and the area of grass with the geese statue.

Some reports that residents are using more weedkiller to control spread. Also a rise in respiratory health issues and hay-fever due to pollen. DW suggested contacting health centre to investigate rise in occurrences of this.

Issues at Wimpy/Green Park/Ochil View where children can no longer play outside. RW said children's play areas should be mown, which is why mapping exercise will be useful. Concerns from MOTO staff too. There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the Grow Wild Initiative. Also PKC budget cuts were a factor.

It was suggested that a large map was taken to the CAP event for people to discuss areas of concern.

Planning (CW)

Weekly and monthly planning updates available from PKC website.

Applications of interest: Men's Shed workshop

CHAS premises. It was agreed to send a letter in support of the application.

CW to action

Flood scheme improvements. Test pits being dug in South Kinross. CW asked local councillors for an update on timescales. Currently local enquiry thought to be end Aug/Sept.

Reports from Ward Councillors

D Cuthbert: Road safety issues. 104 outstanding active jobs in Kinross (the most in PKC). Concern that only firefighting happening and no priorities being met. DC investigating what resources are required to improve the system, which doesn't seem to be working.

Reported sinkhole

Sinkhole/collapse at Acremoar Drive. DC to check.

Roundabout at Lathro/Muir

All four local members wanted a roundabout here. Situation complicated due to Persimmon originally being required to put in a signalised junction as part of their planning agreement. Issues with Road Traffic Order system. There does not appear to have been consultation with residents. Currently looking for evidence of consultation. Suggestion that lights could only be operational at school times. Could the road layout be altered to provide better visibility? Expense of roundabout prohibitive.

Correspondence

Masonic Hall have requested a meeting re use of their premises for CC meetings. DW/AV have replied (conditional with new meeting schedule)

Email from LSPIM (BCA site) regarding plans for development. There is widespread interest in this matter and all members wish to be kept updated. Suggest DW invite to future meeting.

Financial Update (MW)

MW and AV now have access to bank account. Currently a 'community' account charged at £4.25 per month. Not possible for a CC to get a real charity account but could be considered as an 'acceptable' charity. MW investigating. Balance £1333. (£1000 ring fenced for park gym equipment).

Secretary Update (AV)

WhatsApp group up and running for CC members.

Newsletter Deadline means that minutes from CCs need to be produced and checked in a timely fashion.

AOCB

DC noted that the Police are no longer recording accidents without casualties. Let DC know of traffic incidents, and he will keep a log.

Fairer Communities meeting: To be attended by LM, SS and DC.

Green Road Road Restrictions to be in place on 14/08/25.

Water Safety Event: Kirkgate Park 25 July.

New noticeboard in place: Map of Kinross with tourist highlights could be created.

Grow Wild – method of amending and reviewing plan to be discussed with Greenspace.

Comments from the floor

MoP had concerns about Grow Wild initiative. Katrine Place/Morar Place. Grass 2ft long and now full of dog dirt and collecting rubbish. Used to be a nice area for children to play. Can report as a play area. MoP found mapping tool difficult and unwieldy to use.

Shop local: MoP said Kinross was too expensive to shop in.

Reports from CCllrs

CCllr McKay

Concern over address related to previous dog attack incident – LM was advised to contact Police.

Bowton road water area – dangerous to children. Cllrs are aware and will report.

LM reported that a new barber's shop and a new bike shop were due to open.

'No overnight parking' sign removed, again, from Kirkgate Park

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CCllr Freeman

Remembrance Event meeting to take place at Swansacre on 7/09/2025. Time TBC

Minute-taker

Role and remuneration to be agreed on with draft advert and job specification circulated. It was agreed to pay HC the £30 fee for this meeting. Proposed by DW and seconded by EG.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11 August at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.