

MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
On Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 7.30 pm
In Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr D Cuthbert

Members of the Public: 3

Police Scotland: PC B Samson

Minutes: Mrs C Aird

1. Welcome

CClr L Mckay welcomed everyone to the February meeting of 2023 and thanked them for attending the meeting. She also welcomed representatives from Galileo who were here to present their proposals for the windfarm at Craighead Farm, Carnbo (item 6).

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from CClr H Phillips, Cllr N Freshwater, Cllr W Robertson and Cllr R Watters.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 24th January 2023

The draft minutes from the January 2023 meeting were accepted as a correct record of the discussions. The minutes were proposed by CClr W Freeman and seconded by CClr E Leslie.

5. Police Report

PC B Samson was in attendance at the meeting. He advised that since the January meeting, there had been 88 calls with 16 crimes being reported.

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
25/01/2023	Robbery (Sainsbury's)	Subject to live investigation however two suspects identified and to be arrested
25/01/2023	Theft (Giacopazzi's)	Subject to live investigation however two suspects identified and to be charged (both youths)
30/01/2023	Vandalism (Springfield Road)	Subject to live investigation
03/02/2023	Fraud (Bogus Workmen - Lomond Mews)	Subject to live investigation (no further reports of this)
24/02/2023	Theft by housebreaking (Winski's of Kinross)	Subject to live investigation

In terms of traffic statistics, members were advised that Community officers were aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Kinross. These have all

been added to the speeding matrix and officers will continue to make efforts to conduct speed checks across the area during our patrols. It was also noted that traffic units from Perth have also been carrying out regular speed checks in the area and have issued tickets over the last month for speeding and various other road traffic offences including a driver being cautioned and charged for having no MOT and no insurance on Montgomery Way, Kinross.

Those present were reminded that security advice had been left at previous meetings and PC Samson advised that he had more leaflets which he would leave for anyone who was interested. He reminded members and the audience that should they wish to receive crime prevention advice for their premises, whether that be physical security, CCTV, secure key storage options or anything else related to keeping your premises safe, residents should contact the Partnerships, Interventions and Preventions Department by email at taysidepreventionsandinterventions@scotland.police.uk

In terms of Community Team Activity, posts on Twitter (@PerthKinPolice) continue, and PC Samson advised that colleagues had seen a decrease in calls for youths being involved in anti-social behaviour in the Kinross area. However regular patrols will continue in areas where problems had previously been reported.

The CC thanked Police Scotland for their informative update.

6. Craighead Wind Farm, Carnbo

CCllr Mckay welcomed Alex Orr, Orbit Communications and Jason Morin and Molly Lynch from Galileo who were attending the update on the proposed wind farm at Craighead, Carnbo.

Mr Orr advised that a scoping application had recently been submitted, with environmental impact surveys being undertaken between 2022 and 2023. This evening's presentation was part of the consultation process with community councils in the surrounding areas and their residents. Information on the proposal, as well as the company, were handed out to those present.

Those present were advised that Galileo develop large-scale renewable energy projects in multiple European countries and plans for a wind farm development of turbines at Craighead Farm, Carnbo. These plans for up to twelve turbines, at a height of 200 m (subject to scoping) with a total installed capacity of up to 72 MW. The turbines annual output will be in the region of 165,000 MWh with 70,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions saved with a projected life span of 50 years. The site has been chosen due to potential power to over 47,000 homes, which could boost the local economy and because there are no environmental designations on the site. Further information on the company can be found at <https://galileogreenenergy.uk/>

The company has submitted the proposals for the wind farm development against the backdrop of the devastating impacts of a climate emergency where renewable energy can assist in addressing this by replacing fossil fuels and helping to dramatically cut our greenhouse gas emissions. As the windiest country in the UK, Scotland is the UK's onshore wind powerhouse, with an ambitious climate change target for Scotland of net zero emissions by 2045.

If consented, it is proposed that the wind farm would deliver a significant community benefits package which could be worth approximately £360,000 every year to the community (split proportionately between CC areas) over the lifetime of the wind farm, dependent on its ultimate capacity.

In response to a question from Cllr Wilson, the room were advised that the cables for these turbines would preferably be underground but Scottish Power would have the final say on that matter. It was also noted that dependent on the size of the project, there may be pylons and substations required.

Mr Morin, in response to a question about the height of the turbines, advised that these would not be the biggest ones in operation but the higher the height, the bigger the power outage would be. Blades would be transported in sections, dependent on the site accessibility and height of the turbines. Access to the site would be via A91, with a road assessment being undertaken before and after the works. It would be a condition of the contract that the company repair any damage to the roads.

The lifespan of the farm is proposed to be 50 years but realistically turbines only last 25 – 40 years, dependent on the technology used and warranty, and would be replaced as and when necessary.

Moving onto shared ownership, which is seen as any structure which involves a community group as a financial partner over the lifetime of a renewable energy project, Mr Morin advised that this could be anywhere between 1% and 10% of the project but would involve a group being set up (advice available/provided by Scottish Government, specialist organisations and advisors) and those who join would be offered a discounted price for energy.

A briefing note on the proposals, details of the Galileo community offering and also details on shared ownership will be forwarded to the CC for anyone who is interested.

The CC thanked everyone for attending and asked to be kept updated as plans progress.

7. Matters Arising from 24th January 2023 meeting

- **Hayfield Community Wildlife Garden** – no update available due to the absence of Cllr Phillips
- **Road Safety Issues** – VAS would be put into Gallowhill Road and Springfield Road
- **Bathing Site** – a meeting is to be arranged
- **Kinross-shire Fund** – Cllr Freeman is to be the CC representative on the group
- **CC Bank Account** – changes had been made to the account in respect of the new Treasurer and funding had been received from PKC. Cllr Leslie advised that she had received invoices, receipts and reports from the previous Treasurer and asked if it would be acceptable to put these into the archive storage at LLCC. This was agreed.
- **KCCNL** – a meeting is to be arranged ASAP. Cllr D Cuthbert agreed to send potential meeting dates to Cllr Mckay, who would then contact members for availability. Cllr C Collins and Cllr E Leslie confirmed that they would be keen to join the group, and Cllr Cuthbert is to speak to Cllrs Freshwater, Robertson and Watters.

ACTION: Cllr E Leslie

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert/Cllr L Mckay

All other matters arising were covered by the agenda.

8. Kinross Town Centre

The CC were advised that there was a potential to paint lines at the junction at Burns Begg Street but that the road surface would need to be looked at. PKC Officers have been tasked to look at this and an update will be given at a future meeting.

In respect of Avenue Road, Cllr Mckay asked if PKC could be asked to re-paint the signs in respect of the resident's parking. Cllr Cuthbert agreed to speak to PKC.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

9. Planning

a) New applications:

22/02181/FLL - erection of an office/workshop building, formation of car park and associated works at land 150 metres north-west of Unit C, Kinross Business Park, Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross

23/00015/FLL - erection of a garage at 61 Sutherland Drive, Kinross, KY13 8YU

22/01881/FLL - erection of a replacement dwelling house, garage, boundary wall, gates and associated works at land 20 metres east of 27 Curate Wynd, Kinross

22/02230/FLL - installation of replacement windows at Glen Luke, 3 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

It was noted that the proposed replacement windows were of uPVC material which did not meet the conditions of properties in a conservation area. Cllr Cuthbert advised that PKC planning officers pick this up in their discussions at the next Planning Committee meeting.

22/02196/LAW - siting of two caravans and a storage container (existing) at Queich Place, Kinross, KY13 8DF

Members were advised that these caravans had been sited at the location for more than 10 years and that previously no planning permission was required however the owner has now been advised that this is no longer the case, hence the application.

b) Decided Applications

22/01763/FLL - erection of a dwellinghouse (revised design) at land 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado (**REFUSED**)

c) Other Planning Matters

No other planning matters were raised.

10. Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr D Cuthbert –

- KLC – a meeting had been held recently at LLCC where there had been presentations on the proposed wind farms at Brunt Hill and Carnbo, and discussions around road safety, the sale of Blairingone Primary School, and funding allocated to King George V pavilion.
- PKC budget – PKC were meeting the next day to discuss the budget for 2023/24 and it was noted that there was a large funding shortfall, in all Council areas.

11. Reports from Community Councillors

Cllr E Leslie –

- CC meeting had been held recently where members were advised that use of the campus was beginning to increase. Those present at the meeting had been shown a dashboard which highlighted what the campus was being used for. The next meeting is scheduled for 18th May.
- She highlighted the issues around the current service provided by the dental practice and the apparent move to being a private practice from June, although children under 15 years will still be treated on the NHS.
- Laptops/ipads – Cllr Leslie asked when the schools were likely to receive the laptops/ipads, promised by Scottish Government as part of the digital learning strategy, as the Parent Council were now being asked to fund these.

Cllr C Collins –

- Recently attending the Light Up Kinross meeting and while there was not a lot discussed, he asked for suggestions on areas that the group could focus on. It was noted that there was a need to encourage and maximise the work of the group, with members suggesting a platform for CHAS residents to be able to see Santa

Cllr L McKay -

- Town Hall clock has stopped working and the factor appears to have disappeared. Cllr D Cuthbert agreed to look into the matter.
ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert
- Davies Park Update – a budget was still available for replacement of equipment on a like for like basis. It was agreed that this should be pushed ahead, and PKC would be contacted for this to happen. It was agreed that Cllr Cuthbert would be copied into the email.
ACTION: Cllr L McKay
- Cllr McKay advised that she had been invited to a meeting arranged by the Action Group from “No Road In The Park” and whilst they had said Cllr McKay had been invited, unfortunately this wasn’t the case - she only discovered the meeting was taking place during a conversation with the PKC Greenspace and Community Empowerment Officer who had contacted her to ask if she would be attending. Cllr McKay advised the Officer that she did not know anything about the meeting and since this conversation was taking place the day before the meeting, Cllr McKay thought it was best to not attend as not a CC plan.

12. Licencing Applications

No applications had been received.

13. Correspondence

- Royal Garden Party – a request had been received for nominations of invites to the Garden party in July. After discussion, it was agreed that Ross Mitchell would be nominated by the CC.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay

14. AOCB

- Vandalised trees – Cllr D Cuthbert is to follow this up but suggested that residents repair any incidents as much as they could.
ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert
- CCs working together
Neil Bingham, Chair of Milnathort CC, introduced himself to those present. There was a brief discussion around local CCs meeting on a quarterly basis, and it was agreed that Cllr McKay and Mr Bingham would discuss this further, with other CC Chairs.

ACTION: CClr L McKay

- Traffic Lights at LLCC
A member of the public queried why traffic lights at the Campus had been suggested when a roundabout would be a better solution. They were advised that the traffic lights were a condition of the planning permission for Persimmon Homes.
- Litter Picking
A member of the public advised that he participated in the group litter picking in the area and advised that the group were always looking for more volunteers. The meeting was advised that there would be an article in the next edition of the Newsletter on this matter.

There were no other items of business raised.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on 28th March 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend. Apologies were received in advance from CClr W Freeman.

Meeting closed at 2205 hours approximately
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting