

**MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
On Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 7.40 pm
In Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

Present: CCLr L McKay, (Chair), CCLr D Colliar, CCLr W Freeman, CCLr H Phillips, CCLr T Stewart, CCLr M Wood

Ward Councillors: Cllr D Cuthbert and Cllr W Robertson

Members of the Public: Approx. 15

Police Scotland: PC B Samson

Minutes: Mrs C Aird

1. Welcome

CCLr L McKay welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs N Freshwater and R Watters.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on 27th September 2022 were accepted as a correct record of the discussions. The minutes were proposed by CCLr D Colliar and seconded by CCLr W Freeman.

5. Police Report

CCLr L McKay thanked PC Ben Samson for taking time out of his schedule to attend. The audience was advised that there had been 62 calls recently, 15 of which were crime related, including a number of house break-ins, drunk driving and road traffic incidents. PC Samson took the opportunity to advise that the number of house break-ins increased in winter months and in response to a question from a member of the public, he recommended that residents should take every opportunity to make it look like properties were occupied, use CCTV/video doorbells as well as ensuring doors and windows were secure at all times. PC Samson reported that the recent break-ins were more professional in nature, as opposed to opportunistic.

The audience were also advised of a fraud scam on social media and reminded residents to be vigilant and not share any banking information at any time.

It is proposed to have a speed watch campaign set up in the area (during daylight hours only) and Cllr W Robertson advised that he was looking for volunteers, and any interested parties should contact him directly. A minimum of three people is required for each location, and volunteers do not need to be in their own area. It was agreed that this item would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

A member of the public raised a concern around parking at the junction near the Church at Station Road, particularly when events are being held and while they had spoken to Revd. Reid, who in turn had spoken to the congregation, things had not improved. PC Samson agreed to give the matter his attention.

6. Matters Arising from 27th September 2022 meeting

While all matters arising were covered by the agenda, it was noted that the Community Campus Management Group meeting would be held in late November and a representative from the CC was invited to attend. It was agreed that this item would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

7. Kinross Town Centre

- Burns Begg Road – a sign was due to be erected but work had not yet been completed.
- Members were advised that the next meeting of the local partnership was arranged for 24th November 2022 at 5 pm.
- CCllr Mckay commented that there were 2 bollards missing from the High Street and she was unsure as to whether these were being replaced.
- The Sycamores – a member of the public raised concerns over road safety at the entrance/over the entrance. He advised that the residents had applied to have yellow lines painted in the area for a number of years without success. While the residents have tried a number of solutions, all had been unsuccessful, and they were now requesting the CC's support in the quest to have double yellow lines put in place.

Cllr Robertson advised that Councillors receive a list of road safety issues which Councillors have agreed to review and recommend a priority list to PKC. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

8. Hayfield Community Wildlife Garden

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

9. Planning

a) New applications:

22/01587/MWM – extension to quarry at Balado Quarry, Balado

22/01572/FLL – extension to dwelling house at Piper Cottage, 244 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DQ

22/01300/SCRN – land 350 metres northwest of Davies Park, Springfield Road, Kinross (Closed)

22/01693/SCRN – change of use from military base to space museum/educational centre at Offices, Balado Bridge, Balado, Kinross, KY13 0NW

22/01633/PNA – erection of an agricultural building at land 40 metres southeast of Goudierannet Farm, Kinross

b) Decided Applications

22/01693/SCRN – change of use from military base to space museum/educational centre at Offices, Balado Bridge, Balado, Kinross, KY13 0NW

It was noted that this application was closed which meant that a full application is likely to be submitted.

22/01379/FLL – siting of modular building to form extension to amenity area at Kinross Service Area, Kinross, KY13 0NQ (**approved**)

22/01356/FLL – erection of 2 dwelling houses at land 80 metres southwest of Gellybank Farm, Kinross (**refused**)

22/01342/FLL – erection of a dwelling house and associated works at Tillyochie Farm Cottage, Balado, Kinross, KY13 0NL (**approved**)

22/01336/FLL – alterations and extension to dwelling house, erection of log store and formation of raised decking at 12 Talla Park, Kinross, KY13 8AB (**approved**)

22/01300/SCRN – land 350 metres northwest of Davies Park, Springfield Road, Kinross

It was noted that this application was closed and Cllr Colliar advised that the next stage in the process would be for a full application to be submitted with an opportunity for PKC to request a number of reports which would be considered in conjunction with the full application. Members of the public raised a number of concerns including pollution levels and the rising number of lung cancer cases year on year, and concerns about the play park. Cllr McKay advised that she had requested information in respect of the play park, but this had not yet been provided. She went on to advise that a small group had been set up to progress the upgrade of the play park and funding applications have been made. There has been a delay in the work starting as it is preferred to have funding available to undertake all work at the same time and in response to a question from a member of the public as to what would happen if the park was upgraded and Miller Homes then obtained permission to build, Cllr McKay stated she hoped that the residents would object to that decision as it was imperative that children and other residents had somewhere to go. It was also noted that a consultation event by Miller Homes was scheduled for Wednesday.

A member of the public advised that the action group had written to the Ward Councillors looking for support/agreement in respect of an application to Fields in Trust (<https://www.fieldsintrust.org/>) and agreed to forward on information prior to the CC's next meeting.

c) Other Planning Matters

22/00005/PREAPM - Davies Park, Springfield Road, Kinross, KY13 8BA – covered earlier in the meeting.

10. Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr W Robertson advised that had written to the Environment Minister expressing his concerns on the Loch and advising that SEPA were not dealing with the matter as they should. Cllr Robertson advised that while had received a response from the Environment Minister, he was most disappointed with the content of the response and would welcome the support of the CC in highlighting the concerns of the residents of Kinross. It was agreed that a letter would be sent by the CC.

ACTION: Cllr H Phillips

Cllr D Cuthbert advised that he had been successful in laying his motion where the CC would be considered more than one voice when objecting to planning applications. The Scheme of Delegation would therefore be updated in due course.

Cllr Cuthbert also advised that there would be a meeting of Kinross-shire Community Transport Forum on Thursday at 7 pm where the re-organisation of bus services in the area would be discussed. A representative from the CC was invited to attend but due to other commitments, no-one was available. An update will therefore be given at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

Members were also advised that the bus shelter at Kirklands garage would be replaced but timing would depend on the insurers paying the claim.

11. Reports from Community Councillors

Cllr D Colliar advised that this would be his final meeting after 39½ years and thanked everyone for their support over that time. He wished to place on record his thanks to the residents of Kinross, and also the Community Councillors he had worked with – he had met a lot of people and made a lot of friends and would remain interested in what was happening in the town.

He also advised that it was his intention to remain in the post of treasurer to the newsletter.

Cllr Robertson commented that he had sat on the CC since 1995 during which time Cllr Colliar had been a constant member. He had made a valuable contribution over the years giving a lot of advice and the residents of the town owed him a debt of gratitude.

Cllr W Freeman reminded everyone that the Remembrance Day parade would take place on Sunday 13th November at 11 am. This would be an in-person service at the Church, and he asked as many CC members to attend as possible. Members of the public were also invited to attend the service.

Cllr L McKay raised an issue of emails for the Community Council being sent via the link on the Kinross.cc website and therefore being forwarded by Pauline Watson. In response to a question from Cllr McKay, Cllr Phillips advised that the kinrosscommunitycouncil.com website would be going live next week and agreed to send an email to Bruce Crawford in this respect.

ACTION: Cllr H Phillips

Cllr McKay also raised the issue of lighting in the Muirs and while this should improve as autumn approaches and the leaves fall, Cllr Robertson would keep an eye on the situation.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

In response to a question from Cllr McKay, Cllr Robertson advised that the crossing at the north end of Gallowhill Road was in abeyance until a decision could be made as to its location. The situation will be reviewed once the pavements are in place.

12. Licencing Applications

No applications had been received.

13. Correspondence

● Action Group

Cllr McKay acknowledged receipt of the email, and its contents, from the group following the September meeting.

● Sound Levels in the Hall

Cllr McKay enquired as to whether everyone had been able to hear the discussion at the meeting and while it had improved since the last meeting, it still wasn't easy to hear. It was agreed to discuss the possibility of improving the acoustics with the Lodge and, if in

agreement, make an application to purchase equipment similar to that used in Milnathort Town Hall.

ACTION: CClr L McKay

- **Distribution of CC Minutes**

In response to a request from members of the public, it was agreed to display the minutes of CC meetings on the noticeboard at the side of Baillies Solicitors.

ACTION: CClr L McKay

- **Removal of Trees/Shrubs at Green Hotel**

A member of the public raised concerns following the removal of mature trees and shrubs from the conservation area around the Green Hotel. This has been completed without a planning application being made and while PKC have now received a tree report, the issue remains ongoing. The CC were unaware of the removal of the shrubs and expressed their concern over this. The audience were advised that it was likely that a planning application would be submitted in retrospect and a condition of approval would likely be made for trees to be replaced, although it was recognised that these would not be of the same age as those removed.

- **Damage to Trees at Junction Road**

A member of the public raised concerns about the vandalism to the trees near the machinery shop at Junction Road advising that strappings had been damaged and trees pushed over. Cllr Cuthbert is to raise this issue with PKC.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

14. AOCB

- **Presentation to CClr David Colliar**

On behalf of the CC, CClr McKay presented CClr Colliar with a plaque to mark his 39½ years' service to the Community Council.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on 22nd November 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 2105 hours approximately
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting