

## **Meeting of Kinross Community Council**

**Monday 11 August 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus**

**Present:** Cllr D Cuthbert, CCllrs D West, C Collins, A Vaughan, M West, E Gilmour, C Willsher, S Sharp, B Freeman, D Mackenzie, Minute-taker H Collins and 5 MoP

**Apologies:** CCllr Lynne McKay, Cllrs W Robertson and N Freshwater, Police Scotland

**Declarations of Interest: None**

Minutes of the July meeting were proposed by S Sharp, seconded by C Willsher.

### **Police Report**

From 14 July 2025 (last report) there has been approximately 89 calls to Police from the Kinross area. There have been 23 crimes recorded on Police systems within this period (6 of these were from an incident of reported domestic abuse & 4 from disturbance on 20/07/25 which is below).

Crimes of note (since last report 14/07/2025)

19/07/2025     Serious Assault (Bowton Road) Subject to live investigation

20/07/2025     Assault x 3 Threatening or abusive behaviour (Green Park)  
2 x arrested, charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

27/07/2025     Theft by housebreaking (Greens, High Street)  
MO - enter using true key(s), remove cash box and tobacco from within.  
Subject to live investigation

07/08/2025     Theft by housebreaking (Premier, High Street)  
MO - did enter by smashing front door and did steal items from within  
2 x arrested, charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

We are aware of at least 4 reports of vehicles being damaged overnight between 06/08/2025 – 07/08/2025 in the town centre. These have yet to be formally noted but will be investigated in due course\*\*

Road Traffic Matters: On 30/07/2025 following a road traffic collision, a 66-year-old male was issued with a conditional offer (ticket) for careless driving on the A977 near Kinross Services.

Water Safety Day: On Friday 25th July, PSYV Perth had the privilege of attending the Kinross Water Safety Day at Kirkgate, supporting an important message about staying safe around water.

The team got involved alongside emergency services, sharing water safety advice and engaging with the public throughout the day. It was a great opportunity to learn, connect, and represent PSYV in such a vital community event.

Scam van: On Tuesday 29th July between 1pm to 3pm, the scam van visited Sainsburys in Kinross. Police officers along with Local Authority Trading Standards officers were there to provide advice on how to prevent Doorstep Crime and Scams of all types. This was advertised on Police Scotland Tayside Facebook page and shared locally to the community council.  
PSYV – It'll cost you

On Wednesday 30th July, PC Duncan along with PSYV (Police Scotland Youth Volunteers) ran an 'It'll cost you' campaign with local licensed premises in Kinross. The campaign is a national one

and is a response to the issue of proxy purchasing, where adults buy alcohol for minors. This local campaign was well received by local businesses.

### **Actions/notes from last meeting**

KCCNL and KNL AGM is taking place in September.

CAP funding – progress with PKC re funding

Sinkhole on Acremoar Drive – was Persimmon's responsibility. DC intervened and this is now fixed.

Minute taker – post with advert will be circulated soon.

KCC representatives volunteered to add the following groups to their existing portfolios.

Sustainability Group: CC, KLEO: DC, AV, BF LLCMG: DMcK Transport Forum: SS

### **Secretary Update:**

Fairer Communities for all – SS and LMcK attended the July meeting which was quiet and not a lot to report yet (early days).

Open spaces survey. Deadline held for CCLrs to contribute after tonight's discussion. Looking for gaps and ideas to feed into local development plan, including core path linkage. DC reported that PKC can't adjust core paths as they stand without redoing whole plan for P&K. It was hoped that a change could have been made to an individual section. MoP asked about path at the back of Davies Park which needs trimmed. KOSAG could ask MOCC for use of their equipment. Insurance would need checked.

Grow Wild – concern about certain areas not being cut back. PKC are going to review the map and KCC will ask for another walkabout/meeting. Suggest invite them to CAP? Action: AV.

20MPH Speed limits – almost everywhere now. Road closures over 8 weeks. Some confusion as some VAS signs updated before the road signs. An MoP said the change from 20MPH to 60MPH after Gallowhill Road would be dangerous.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bank is going to resolve issue over free account.

### **Community Action Plan (BF)**

Action Day now on Saturday 20 September 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. 777 forms returned for 862 people.

### **Green Issues (CC)**

Sewage Sludge fertiliser. CC advised to contact council re regulations over waste management at Loch given that it is a SSSC etc.

Raingardens Update: CC attended walk with Brian D'Arcy, Jim Fairlie and R Watters.

### **Education and Health (DMcK)**

Encouraging email from Jillian Shaw, new Campus Leader. D McK will arrange to meet her. She will hopefully attend KCC meeting with some pupils.

Defibrillators discussion – re locations and where new ones could be located. There are some clusters and some barren areas. Bowton Rd suggested. Ask Potager Garden. Action: DMcK

MoP asked about list of defibs in Newsletter. Information will be put in about what to do (call 999 and they will direct you to nearest one) rather than a full list every month. Suggest add to Tourist Map or make a leaflet to distribute to houses in Kinross at CAP event.

### **Business, Travel and Tourism (SS)**

High street traders meeting poorly attended. Another meeting coming. Local filmmaker making promotional video for Kinross. New Pharmacy on High St. It is thought that old fish shop will be a fruit & veg shop.

Kinross Community Transport Forum meets on 18 August. Public meeting which anyone can attend.

### **Sports, Recreation and Parks (EG)**

EG has been in touch with Nick Riley from Greenspace regarding improvements to play equipment. £1000 is ring-fenced in KCC for outdoor gym equipment. Davies Park – parent/child swing and zipline require lowering. Action: EG

### **Planning (CW)**

Applications of interest: Industrial Units by KipperHire. MoP concerned about height and existing line of trees which links two areas of raingardens and whether they will be retained. To ask for landscape plan. Action: CW

### **Reports from local Councillors**

D Cuthbert: Road safety. Safe crossings required at Springfield Rd and Sainsburys. Kinross does not appear to get fair share of PKC budget. Population has increased but not infrastructure!

### **Comments from the Floor**

An MoP said it was ridiculous that all our local councillors were not listened to regarding the new traffic lights at Muirs.

An MoP said there were not enough disabled parking spaces in the town centre.

DW asked for ideas about how to clean up vans at bottom of High St.

DC commented that CIF funding applications have a new process, which will involve participatory budgeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8 September at 7.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.