

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

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr D Cuthbert, Cllr R Watters

Members of the Public: 7

Minutes: Mrs C Aird

1. Welcome and introductions

CClr L McKay welcomed everyone to the April meeting of the Community Council.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from CClr T Stewart, Cllr W Robertson, Cllr N Freshwater and Police Scotland.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Police Scotland Report

Police Scotland were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a report advising that since the *last meeting there has been 98 calls to Police from the Kinross area with 16 crimes recorded on Police systems within this period.*

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
14/04/2023	Vandalism (Levenbridge Place, Kinross)	Subject to live investigation

Officers continue to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols in an effort to reduce the amount of speeding in the area.

Members were also advised of a visit by Rosemount Nursery and Lauriston Nursery to the Police Station on 10th April where children learned about how to call emergency services if they are in danger, how the Police help people as well as having a 'tour' around the station. The children also got a chance to use the lights and sirens in the car.

Officers were also in attendance at the Better Place to Live event on Saturday.

5. Minutes of meeting held on 28th March 2023

CClr C Collins queried whether the minutes from the March 2023 meeting could be accepted since the meeting was not quorate. CClr McKay confirmed that since no decisions had been made, the minutes could be accepted as an accurate record.

The minutes were proposed by CClr E Leslie and seconded by CClr Collins.

6. Matters arising from meeting held on 28th March 2023

Members were advised that, while there was no confirmed date yet, the bus shelter at Kirklands Hotel would be replaced, and would also have lighting.

7. Parking Restrictions (138 – 150 High Street, Kinross)

A member of the public advised that they had moved to Kinross in November 2021 and in late March a sign advising of parking restrictions had been erected without any consultation. On querying this with PKC, they were advised that the Council had reinstated a sign which had been missing since pre-Covid. This decision is now affecting local businesses and causing traffic issues in the area, since parked cars acted as a traffic calming measure.

While the member of the public was not asking for a designated parking space, they advised that the one-hour restriction was not realistic as this area of the High Street was predominantly a residential area.

After discussion, it was agreed that the CC would undertake a visit (PKC officers to be invited too) and an update given at a future meeting.

ACTION: CC Members

8. Myer Park Football/Pitch

CCllr Mckay advised that she had received several calls in respect of damage to property, since the goals were being left on the pitch, allowing young people to play at all times of the day. This is now affecting the health of residents. CCllr Mckay also commented that PKC were unable to cut the grass due to a sign warning of deep water.

It was agreed that Cllr D Cuthbert would investigate this matter and contact Scottish Water. CCllr Mckay would confirm the specific area at Myer Park.

ACTION: CCllr L McKay/Cllr D Cuthbert

9. Kinross Town Centre

Members were updated regarding the junction at Burns Begg Street. A survey was to be undertaken to look at ways to minimise traffic through the town centre then look at other options. Unfortunately, this has not happened, and PKC had advised that this work would be prioritised. CCllr Wilson suggested a raised crossing may be an option.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that there was a meeting arranged for 24th May where a briefing was expected from the Road Safety Team. Cllr Cuthbert will contact them to request that they attend the meeting with alternative suggestions, and he will report back to a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

10. Planning Matters

(a) Planning Applications received

23/00367/FLL - alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at Green Gates, 12 Station Road, Kinross, KY13 8TG

(b) Planning Applications determined

23/00015/FLL - erection of a garage | 61 Sutherland Drive Kinross KY13 8YU (**APPROVED**)

22/01044/AML - erection of a dwellinghouse (approval of matters specified in conditions of 20/01371/IPL) Land 40 Metres West of Berryknowe, Hatchbank (**APPROVED**)

23/00274/FLL - alterations to dwellinghouse at 11 Talla Park, Kinross, KY13 8AB (**APPROVED**)

22/00623/FLL - erection of 16 dwellinghouses (revised design and change of house type) | Land 300 Metres North West Of Lathro Farm Kinross (**APPROVED**)

CC members were concerned to hear of this planning approval as they had previously been

unaware of its submission. Cllr Watters agreed to look into this and report back.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters

22/02181/FLL - erection of an office/workshop building, formation of car park and associated works Land 150 Metres North West of Unit C, Kinross Business Park, Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross **(APPROVED)**

22/01881/FLL - erection of a replacement dwellinghouse, garage, boundary wall, gates and associated works | Land 20 Metres East Of 27 Curate Wynd Curate Wynd Kinross **(APPROVED)**

(c) Other planning matters

No other planning matters were discussed.

11. Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr D Cuthbert provided an update on the recent budget review group advising that there was a budget for school uniforms, as part of the education budget. There was a discussion around why there was a need for a school uniform and that those pupils requiring a 'special' uniform were not provided for.

Cllr Cuthbert also advised that the school meals contract had been delayed and Cllr Watters agreed to report back to a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters

Cllr R Watters advised that PKC officers had visited the site of the bridge on the Persimmon/Lathro Park/Country Park and agreed that it was not safe, with an enforcement order being served to either fix, or close, the bridge. With regard to the temporary play park, this is also to be sorted/repared and opened ASAP. Officers had also been asked to add the rubble pile to add to the order.

Cllr Watters also advised that he had written to planning officers regarding receiving training on the planning system and he would report back to a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters

12. Reports from CC representatives

Cllr Freeman enquired as to whether there was any update on the planning application for Aldi at Auld Mart Road and was advised that Officers had come back with several reports. A report will be given at a future meeting.

Cllr E Leslie advised she had submitted an FOI request in respect of the IT equipment for schools as the funding for this should have been ring-fenced. In response to this, Cllr Cuthbert advised that funding of around £750,000 had been allocated for the equipment with only 8% of pupils receiving kit. It was agreed that PKC need to be held to account for this.

Cllr Leslie advised that there was a meeting of LLHC before the next CC meeting and asked if anyone had any issues to be raised. Cllr McKay asked for the issue re the 2 doors at the café to be looked at in order to improve better accessibility for those with mobility issues.

ACTION: Cllr E Leslie

Cllr Wilson reminded everyone that he was involved in the litter picking in the town and invited anyone to join the group to help keep the town tidy. Cllr Watters commented that the Climate Action Group (Suzy) were particularly helpful.

Cllr McKay advised that BCA would be attending the next meeting to update on the planning application for the site. She also advised that Mark Ruskell MSP had requested dates of future meetings to allow him to attend.

Cllr McKay also questioned when the boats to the island in the Loch would resume, with Cllr Watters advising that is hope that they would be operational from mid-May.

13. Licensing Applications

No licensing applications had been received.

14. Correspondence

Cllr Freeman advised of two pieces of correspondence:

a) Co-opted Members of Community Councils

An email had been received from PKC advising that it was now possible to co-opt people onto the CC on an interim basis to fill any existing vacancies a community council may have between elections. Co-opted members would have full voting rights, except for co-opting on other co-opted members and once a co-opted member had been on a CC for 12 months they were then counted as an elected.

It was agreed that the email would be forwarded to CC members and also to advertise this on the Facebook page. Anyone interested in becoming a co-opted member should complete the co-option nomination form (available www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils) and then submit by email to communitycouncils@pkc.gov.uk

b) Scottish Conference for Community Councils

An invitation to join West Lothian Joint Forum of Community Councils online conference "Democracy Matters" on 10th June 2023 has been received. The email will be forwarded to CC members.

ACTION: Cllr W Freeman

15. AOCB

a) SMART City

A member of the public asked if there had been any response to his request at the last meeting about the introduction of a SMART city. He had contacted PKC who advised that they could not find/had lost all the information relating to the draft consultation in 2016 and asked if this had not been approved by the elected members, how could it be going ahead.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had had no response to his request for information on this but would chase again and provide an update in due course. Cllr Watters also agreed to send an email to PKC to enquire about this, and he would copy CC members into this.

ACTION: Cllr D.Cuthbert/Cllr R Watters

16. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 2120 hours approximately
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting