

**MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
On Tuesday 23rd August 2022 at 7.30 pm
In Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

Present: CCllr L McKay (Chair) CCllr W Freeman, CCllr D Colliar and CCllr T Stewart

Ward Councillors: Cllr D Cuthbert, Cllr N Freshwater Cllr R Watters

Members of the Public: Approx. 12

Police Scotland: PC Ben Samson

Minutes: Mrs Caron Aird

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from CCllrs H Phillips and M Wood as well as Cllr W Robertson.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on 26th July 2022 were accepted as a correct record of the discussions. Proposed by CCllr D Colliar and seconded by CCllr T Stewart.

5. Police Report

CCllr L McKay introduced PC Ben Samson to the audience advising that he had recently been posted as the Community Officer for Kinross and the surrounding areas. There was no police report available, but PC Samson urged anyone with any issues to contact him.

6. Matters Arising from 26th July 2022 meeting

a) Provost's Lamp

CCllr D Colliar advised that he and Cllr W Robertson had met with Greenscape at the lamp to discuss the options for the surrounding area. Unfortunately, neither of the proposed options were acceptable to PKC and CCllr Colliar suggested that the area is left as it is and the remaining funds are returned to the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust.

CCllr W Freeman asked if a seat opposite the lamp would be acceptable, and CCllr McKay suggested a wall with a border of flowers as another option. CCllr Colliar advised that the CC had had the funds for around four years and while the funds had been used to repair and replace the lamp, the CC had wanted to use the remaining funds (around £1400) to tidy up the area, but PKC did not approve the options put forward.

In response to Cllr Cuthbert, CCllr McKay advised that it had been hoped to use the funds to hide the bins and tidy up the grassy area. She asked if PKC would be happy with planters and plaques, and whether she should speak to Kinross in Bloom about this. CCllr Colliar advised that if the CC were to do anything about this area, then it would need to be done

before the end of the financial year, i.e., the end of August 2022. He again suggested returning the funds to the Trust and applying again, once conversations had been held with PKC to ascertain what would be acceptable. The CC agreed with this suggestion and CClr Colliar would arrange for the funds to be returned.

ACTION: CClr D Colliar

All other matters arising were covered by the agenda.

7. Kinross Town Centre

CClr Freeman advised that the High Street would be closed for one week from 19th September as PKC would be repairing the hole outside the opticians. Members were also noted that BT would be working in that area on 1st October for one day only.

Clr D Cuthbert advised that he would be looking into the repair of the Fountain and would report back in due course.

ACTION: Clr D Cuthbert

8. Hayfield Community Wildlife Garden

This item had been held over from the previous meeting with CClr Mckay enquiring as to what involvement the primary school had in the garden. A member of the public (who worked at the school) advised that they use the garden for outdoor learning and PE, amongst other things. Prior to using, the school assess the area and have put a lot of effort into tidying it up. The garden is used by dog walkers and children after school. There is an eco-committee in the school (pupils and staff), and they are also happy to help with the upkeep of the garden.

CClr Mckay advised that NatureScot and the community were keen to get together to ensure that everyone could use the garden and it was agreed that CClr Mckay would contact the school, and other organisations, for feedback and support.

ACTION: CClr L Mckay

It was mentioned that there were a number of signs in the garden which were in a state of repair, and also that it would be helpful to have bins. Clr R Watters agreed to speak to PKC officers about these two items.

ACTION: Clr R Watters

9. Planning

a) New applications:

22/01181/FLL - installation of gas meter at 1 Kirkland Court, Kinross, KY13 8UG

22/01154/FLL - alterations to boundary wall at 5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

22/00013/PAN - extension to quarry, Balado Quarry, Balado (scoping period expired). Clr Cuthbert advised that this application had been discussed at a recent PKC planning committee meeting and he had requested a survey be undertaken with regard to water levels.

22/01336/FLL - alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, erection of log store and formation of raised decking at 12 Talla Park, Kinross, KY13 8AB

b) Decided Applications

22/01154/FLL - alterations to boundary wall at 5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW
(APPROVED)

22/01379/FLL - siting of modular building to form extension to amenity area at Kinross Service Area, Kinross, KY13 0N (**APPROVED**)

21/02230/FLL - erection of an agricultural building, formation of access track and associated works at land southwest of Levenorrach, Balado (**WITHDRAWN**)

c) Other Planning Matters

While it was noted that no changes had been made to the two planning applications discussed at the last meeting, a member of the public advised that there had been a number of issues and delays in respect of the PKC portal in respect of **22/01004/FLL** and asked whether KCC had submitted comments on the application. The application had been discussed at the Milnathort CC meeting on 12th August and they had managed to obtain an extension for comments for one week.

Cllr Colliar advised that KCC had not been a statutory consultee for the application and that therefore it was not an issue for the Committee. The public disagreed with this advising that KCC had been included on the list of consultees and asked again as to whether KCC had submitted an objection. A member of the public advised that they had emailed Cllr Mckay but had not yet had a response. Cllr Mckay apologised if she had not responded to the email and also advised that she had asked for an onsite meeting with Aldi. CC members were unaware of whether comments had been submitted to PKC and Cllr Mckay would check with Cllr Phillips.

ACTION: Cllr L Mckay

Cllr Mckay explained that the CC were a very small group and there had been a number of topics raised recently. She asked that all future correspondence be sent to the KCC email address (kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com) which would ensure that all communications were responded to.

The member of the public confirmed that the request had been for KCC to meet with the public and residents to explain the reasons for the feelings against the proposed location of the Aldi supermarket. It was noted that there had been a lot of misinformation and errors on Aldi's part, and therefore a lot of ill feeling amongst the community. It was also reported that a PKC officer had questioned why Aldi had not looked at other sites, i.e., the car auction site. Cllr Freshwater asked whether that information had been passed on and he was advised that Robert Willis, PKC Officer, had submitted that opinion. The public reminded KCC that the surveys undertaken by Aldi had all been completed during the first Covid-19 lockdown and when schools were on holiday, thereby giving a false impression of the traffic levels and movement around the town. It was also reported that there had been retrospective paperwork submitted by Aldi.

It was agreed that the CC would ascertain whether comments/objections had been submitted by Cllr Phillips on behalf of KCC and if available, an extension to the deadline would be requested.

ACTION: Cllrs L Mckay/H Phillips

Cllr Mckay again apologised for the confusion around the emails and meeting requested.

- i) **22/00005/PREAPM** - Davis Park, Springfield Road, Kinross, KY13 8BA
CCllr Freeman reported that whilst representatives had planned to attend this evening's meeting, they would now attend the September meeting, and CCllr Mckay confirmed that they would send a list of topics to be covered in due course.

CCllr Mckay asked for any questions to be submitted to KCC in advance and they would be passed on for answering on the evening but the public advised that this would not be acceptable, and they would therefore raise questions on the evening.

Cllr Freshwater advised that he had been in touch with the builders with regards to consultation events and he confirmed that they had agreed to hold a public consultation in due course. He also confirmed that the builders were proposing around 170 – 200 houses on the site.

A member of the public advised that they had taken a recording of the noise level and agreed to send this to Cllr Cuthbert. Cllr Cuthbert advised that the pre-application had been discussed by PKC planning committee who had subsequently asked local councillors for comments. In response to a question as to who owned the land, CCllr Colliar advised that the land had been acquired by the community by Bayne and Wood, with the field at H46 still being part of the Tufthill Farm (owned by the Henderson family). The public advised that bats had been seen in the area (protected species) and the old railway platform, and a well were in the field. Cllr Cuthbert noted these and agreed to submit them to PKC for consideration.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

There was a discussion around the upgrade of the play park at Davis Park and while this had been agreed/approved, there was a delay in signing of the work until a decision had been made as to who would maintain the area.

CCllr Mckay advised that there was funding available for replacement equipment in the various parks on a like for like basis, but it was felt that different equipment was required for the different age ranges using the parks. A member of the public confirmed that they would be happy to become an associate member of KCC and help set up a subgroup in respect of the plans for the parks and would contact CCllr Mckay outwith the meeting.

10. Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr R Watters

In respect of a number of issues in the Lathro Park area, Cllr Watters advised that the bridge in the country park was still owned and maintained by the farmer; PKC were looking at the obligations of Persimmon Homes in respect of the gate on the north side, particularly in respect of the standards required before Persimmon adopt ownership. He also reported that traffic lights/signalled crossing at the Muirs (junction for community campus and Lathangie Road) would be installed once the 97th house had been released.

He also advised that there would be path network installed allowing for all paths to be linked for leisure pursuits.

Cllr N Freshwater

Resurfacing of Montgomery Road would be taking place on 12th September 2022.

Cllr D Cuthbert

A meeting of **Friends of North Cemetery** was arranged for 1st September at 6.30 pm in the cemetery. Cllr McKay reported that at a recent funeral, it had been noted that the family had had to cut the grass at the plot in order to hold the funeral. Cllr Cuthbert agreed to follow this up and report back to a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

11. Reports from Community Councillors

Cllr W Freeman

- Remembrance meeting to be arranged for 6th September by Zoom. He will send a reminder to previous attendees, and Cllr Colliar will submit a road closure application.

ACTION: Cllrs W Freeman/ D Colliar

Cllr L McKay

- blocked drains, especially at Station Road, and the bottom end of the town. Cllr D Cuthbert will investigate and report the matter to PKC.

ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert

- Kirkgate Park – it had been noted that the park had been booked out for an event recently and that people had been camping. Cllr McKay queried whether the CC should have been advised of this but was advised that it was not required.

- Lifesaving equipment at the Loch – it was noted that there was insufficient lifesaving equipment around the loch and Cllr Watters agreed to look into this.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters

Cllr Colliar suggested that the CC also wrote to Historic Scotland about this and Cllr H Phillips was asked to action.

ACTION: Cllr H Phillips

- Motorbikes on path at Junction Road around Webster's storage area
PC Samson was asked to investigate these occurrences.

12. Licencing Applications

No applications had been received.

13. Correspondence

- Cycling UK's Shift funding programme
Cllr Freeman advised that an email had been received with regard to the above programme, which is open to organisations, including community councils, based in Scotland for 2022-23. The scheme offers organisations up to £1500 of funding plus additional support from a local Development Officer to cover the increased range of activities Shift is supporting which is designed to fund projects which encourage and support more people to use bicycles for short journeys within their community. It was agreed that the information would be uploaded onto Facebook page.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay

- **Letter re speeding in Balado** – the email of 25th July 2022 from a Balado resident with regard to speeding would be forwarded to Police Scotland

ACTION: CClr W Freeman

14. AOCB

- It was noted that CC elections would be held in September/October and members encouraged the public to volunteer.

No other items of business were raised.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on 27th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. All welcome.

Meeting closed at 2100 hours approximately
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting