

**MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
On Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 7.30 pm
In Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

Present: Cllr L McKay, (Chair), Cllr M Wilson, Cllr W Freeman, Cllr H Phillips and Cllr C Collins, Co-opted member Sharon Wells

Apologies: Cllr E Leslie, Cllr T Stewart, Mrs C Aird, Police Scotland

Councillors: Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater, R Watters

Members of the Public: 2

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 25 July 2023

The draft minutes from the July 2023 meeting were accepted as a correct record of the discussions. The minutes were proposed by Cllr W Freeman and seconded by Cllr M Wilson.

3. Police Report

PC B Samson was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a report. There had been quite a few local break-ins. Speed checks had recently been carried out at the Muirs and at Gairneybridge.

4. Craighead Wind Farms – Alex Orr

Mr Alex Orr from Galileo attended the meeting and gave an update on the proposed wind farm. The number of turbines has been reduced from 12 to 10 but they will still be the same height – up to 200m. This is in line with the rest of Europe. Turbines likely to be 250mm-300mm in the next 6/7 years.

The combined output will still be over 50MW so a Section 36 Application will be made. Landscape topography, viewpoint photos, bird surveys, archaeological walk over and peat probing are done. Ecological studies are almost complete. Noise assessment is in progress, with sensors checking noise does not break limits. All surveys are expected to be finished by October 2023.

A Community Wealth Fund of £5k/MW i.e., £300k/year is proposed to be created. Galileo have put forward the following ideas for discussion: A £100k construction period disruption fund; sums to discount electricity costs for properties within 5km from the turbines – this would cover over 600 properties. Payments per year would be on a sliding scale based on distance: 1.5km - £1.4k; 2km - £1.2k; 2.5km - £1k; 3km - £800; 3.5km - £600; 4km - £400 and 5km - £200.

A further consultation event will take place at Carnbo Village Hall on 28 August between 3:30 and 7:30 pm.

An MOP asked: How far away can they be seen? Answer: 50km from out at sea.

Will they need hydrocarbons to work? Gears require oil!

NF asked if both applications were likely to go ahead? They may need to complement each other. Brunthill were asking for 220 turbines, this has now dropped to 200.

5. Matters Arising

To prevent items falling off the list for discussion (e.g., The Common Good Fund), it was proposed that a log of actions for CCLRs should be kept. Common Good Fund needs to be a KCC item as it belongs only to Kinross and no other CC area.

Foliage has been cut near Sainsburys as requested.
Gallowhill is still missing a VAS sign.

Dentist Situation: CCLr C Collins wrote to Jim Fairlie and has had a reply. A fund has been set up by the Scottish Government to attract new NHS dental practises. Contact the CC if you would like to see the letters.

Shop windows – owners have been contacted to ask about these being cleaned.

Replacement Boundary Fences. Had asked for these to be opened. The gates are locked at Old Cleish Road preventing access.

Locker key refunds KHS. School will only pay by BACS which requires bank details to be sent. PKC looking into this system.

6. Kinross Town Centre

Signage being worked on.

Clock Tower owner has offered to gift it back to community. Discussion ensued on the probable costs of upkeep. DC suggested Common Good Fund. Suggestion that we could write to officers and request it is returned to the community as it is a Grade A listed building and scheduled monument.

7. Planning

a) New applications:

23/01070/FLL Siting of an above ground fuel tank and associated works at the Control Tower, Balado Airfield, Kinross

23/01148/FLL Installation of replacement sludge thickening system comprising containerised packaged plant, thickened sludge pump, sludge break tank, wash water and concentrate poly kiosks, tank fed eyebath and associated works at Kinross North Water Treatment Works, Kinross

23/01176/FLL Installation of flue at Cobwebs, 6 Montgomery Street, Kinross

23/01223/FLL Change of use of open space to form outdoor seating area/event space, erection of marquees (for a temporary period) at land 140 metres east of Green Hotel, Kinross

23/01120/FLL Installation of EV charging point at Home Cottage, Wester Balgeddie, Kinross

23/01274/FLL Part change of use of flat to form short term let accommodation unit (in retrospect) at 3 Town Hall Apartments, High Street, Kinross

23/01370/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 8 Gordon Place, Kinross

b) Decided applications:

23/00831/FLL Alterations to dwellinghouse (in retrospect) at 5 Hatchbank Lane, Gairney Bank, Kinross, approved.

23/00917/FLL Alterations and partial re-roofing to dwellinghouse, Middle Balado, Kinross, approved.

23/00919/FLL Erection of three light industrial units and a members only retail club at Anchorpoint House, Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross, approved.

23/01024/FLL Erection of porch and formation of raised terrace, Carsegour Farm Cottage, Kinross, approved.

23/00794/FLL Erection of replacement boundary fence and gate, land northwest of Old Cleish Road, Kinross, refused.

Local Area Committee Suggestion: Training on planning and the opportunity to ask questions is to be offered to KCC from Planning Officers.

8. Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr D Cuthbert advised that Grey Bins would take soft plastics including pill packets and crisp packets. A sticker for blue bins had been requested to show what goes in those.

Cllr N Freshwater Asbestos at local farm had been removed. VAS sign at Gairneybank still missing.

Cllr R Watters Issue with trees at Broom Road had been resolved.

An MOP mentioned tree cutting at Gallowhill Gardens. A contractor has been employed by a resident and has decimated trees. Tree surgery on this scale is detrimental to local wildlife and is not recommended until end of August. To check if falls in conservation area.

9. Reports from Community Councillors

Cllr B Freeman End of financial year, £600 in bank account. All agreed to purchase a new camera to safeguard the defibrillator on the Muirs. **BF**

Cllr L McKay First responders doing a lot of great work.

Parking at KPS/Station Road is dangerous.

Tree cutting at Davies Park due to ash die back. Trees will be replaced with something more suitable. Comments on Park to be sent to KCC asap.

Potholes at Kirkgate: **LM**

Cllr C Collins Possibility of seagull proof bins for Kirkgate? Seen elsewhere with plastic strips, not expensive solution. Lots of mess caused by gulls emptying bins of chip boxes etc.

CC to write to PKC Greenspace Team.

The sad closure of Mill Shop and Mr Chan's Chinese Restaurant were noted by the CC.

10. AOB

A member of the public spoke about his need to build a residential house for his son at road end of his farm premises, to cut down on tractor journeys and provide storage for large machinery. He asked the CC to support his upcoming planning application. The CC agreed to look at the application when it is made.

11. Licencing Applications

No applications had been received.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on 26 September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting