

Kinross Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026, at 7.30pm in Loch Leven Community Campus

Present: Cllrs D West, C Collins, R Gilmour, H Collins and M West, Cllrs D Cuthbert, W Robertson and R Watters, J Shaw (KHS Headteacher) and L Stephen (KHS School Captain).

Apologies: PC B Samson, Police Scotland.

KHS

J Shaw thanked everyone for their invitation to attend the meeting. She is keen to strengthen the connections between school and community. School Captain Lily spoke about the remits of school captains and their achievements, as well as aspirations for the rest of their term. There are various committee groups in S6 according to interests (e.g. Yearbook, Charities, Mental Health Ambassadors). They have already been involved with KLEO in decorating at the Festive Market, and had a visit to CHAS to present a cheque, as well as holding a successful Halloween Bake Sale.

Lily spoke about creating a Legacy Plan, to help future pupils with their roles. The role of prefect has recently changed and now includes community roles, e.g. volunteering in the library. They are talking to NHS blood donation to encourage sign-ups from pupils when old enough. A Valentine's Day event is planned for the wider community with an afternoon tea, in conjunction with Parent Council.

There were various opportunities suggested in return to KHS: a visit to Circo (RW) to see their recycling plant in action and understand circular economy, tree planting possibilities (DW) and development of writing skills with a column in the Newsletter (HC).

Kinross Branding was discussed, with Richard Smith having some great designs and ideas to make Kinross-shire graphics. DC will put him in touch with Kirsty (PKC) re P&K branding designs.

There was further discussion about KHS including the success of the new ISP and an opening evening coming soon to see what the learning experience looks like, with an anticipated rise in pupils of up to 8 next year.

Jillian discussed her aim to raise attainment with all pupils to achieve 5 qualifications before leaving school. A good relationship with the Parent Council means that priorities can be identified and delivered. There is a great sense of pride in Kinross-shire and the school has welcomed an increase in placing requests in recent weeks.

Minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were proposed by MW, and seconded by CC.

CAP Update

A meeting was to take place the following evening. Thanks from the group to Eileen Thomas for her extensive work on the plan. Print quotes were underway and the group would discuss the printing and distribution of the plan. There was no date for the launch fixed. Some expenditure was still to come in.

There was a discussion on the Place Plan and how it could inform LDP3. The place plans were considered a 'material consideration' for LDP3 but were not as weighty as actual policy. The Reporter is required to take note of what has gone into a Place Plan. The future of the steering group was to be discussed.

Planning

There were only a few applications, noted below

Reports from PKC Councillors

Willie Robertson

In discussions over Muirs/Lethangie traffic lights from the Persimmon application. Due to be installed on 26 January. There was no consultation with neighbours. WR has asked PKC to write to Persimmon and ask them to lodge the money with the council and stop the works, with the money to go towards a roundabout instead. Neighbourhood notifications did not happen as the traffic lights are outwith the red line boundary of the planning application. They were not mentioned at the point of the planning consultation. PKC to be asked to stop this happening for large infrastructures like traffic lights.

Gallowhill Road – problem with more traffic and the road being narrow. The roads dept will be asked to survey it to see if it could be widened.

Richard Watters

Attended Flooding defence hearing in November.

Persimmon sewerage issues. In Phase 1 a full new sewage system had to be put in, but now in Phase 2 there is again a smell of sewage and it has been 'entering the surface water system.' Enforcement officers from environmental health visited on 9 January and are still trying to work out extent of the problem. Residents

have complained. Persimmon have been asked to pass on their camera survey work as a 'matter of urgency.' It has not been adopted by Scottish Water.

Active Travel: active travel path route through Lathro Meadows is making good progress. Sustrans funding still available. In Tier 2 of PKC Active Travel Funding a feasibility study will be carried out to link the P&R to the High St, which would complete the Active Travel route.

Park and Ride: No longer fit for purpose. Would need to expand upwards. An upgrade to the bus stop is due soon.

Dave Cuthbert

Budgets next week. Social Care budget is tricky – under 65s are needing a lot more care. There will likely be council tax rises.

Lane from High St to Millbridge Hall - a resident has asked if a bollard could be installed to stop traffic on this road. From a safety perspective, it is difficult to navigate with no pavement. There were mixed opinions.

Reports from CCLs

RG: A MoP has complained about an elderly man near Katrine Place chopping branches off trees with a hand saw.

Treasurer's Report

There was no expenditure to report. The CAP budget will be spent by end of March.

Licensing Applications

For a Wine Bar at 60 High St. There were no objections.

AOCB

Christine Grant (Community Council Elections Officer) confirmed that the CC could continue with 5 existing members. The by-election was delayed until after the local elections in May. The quorum is 3 members, and new members can be co-opted from 5 February (up to four).

KCCNL: RG agreed to be on KCCNL Board. Two new MoP (due to vacant positions) are also now on the Board – Shona Fowler and David McKenzie Mills. A KCCNL and KNL meeting will be held asap.

The next meeting will be on Monday 9 February in Loch Leven Community Campus.