

**MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council  
On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 pm  
In Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

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

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr D Cuthbert , Cllr N Freshwater, Cllr W Robertson and Cllr R Watters

**Members of the Public:** 1

**Minutes:** Mrs C Aird

**1. Welcome**

CCLr L Mckay welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2023 and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from CCLr T Stewart and PC B Samson.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

CCLr L Mckay advised that the member of the public mentioned in item 12, last paragraph, had advised that the minutes were incorrect and had provided wording outlining the change they requested to be made. CCLr Mckay advised that she had agreed to the change being made.

**ACTION: Minute Secretary**

Subject to the amendment noted above, the draft minutes from the November 2022 meeting were accepted as a correct record of the discussions. The minutes were proposed by CCLr W Freeman and seconded by CCLr E Leslie.

**5. Police Report**

PC B Samson was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a report which provided an update on incidents in the area since the November meeting.

| DATE                    | OFFENCE   | RESULT                                |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 24/11/2022              | No MOT / Insurance (High Street, Kinross)       | 1 x reported to the Procurator Fiscal |
| 29/11/2022 – 30/11/2022 | Theft by housebreaking (Gallowhill Rd, Kinross) | Subject to live investigation         |
| 20/01/2023              | Theft from a handbag (Sainburys, Kinross)       | Subject to live investigation         |

CCLr Freeman advised that the community officers were aware of the areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Kinross. While these have all been added to the speeding matrix, the community officers will continue to make efforts to conduct speed checks across the area during our patrols.

Traffic units from Perth have also been conducting regular speed checks in the area and have issued tickets over the last month for speeding and various other road traffic offences, while Officers from the Roads Policing Department recently engaged in a day of action in January 2023 around Loch Leven. Enforcement was conducted in areas including Kinross, Milnathort, Portmoak, Scotlandwell, Crook of Devon and Gairneybank. In total, twenty-one vehicles were stopped and issued with warnings for the following offences:

- Four for speeding
- Two for light defects
- One number plate offence

In addition, one driver was reported for having no insurance and the vehicle owner was charged with causing and permitting the offence.

Since the last meeting, there have been 184 calls to Police from the Kinross area with thirty-six crimes recorded on Police systems.

In terms of Community Team Activity, Police Scotland often post on their Twitter page (@PerthKinPolice) with updates on what they are doing out and about in the local area under #KinrossCPT.

The Kinross Community Policing Team have been conducting regular patrols in Burnbank Meadows, Gallowhill Road, Springfield Road, Argyll Road and the area of The Green Hotel in Kinross as a result of complaints being made about youths involved in anti-social behaviour and causing a public nuisance. On several occasions, youths have been identified and dealt with accordingly by officers. Regular patrols of these areas will continue.

The CC thanked Police Scotland for their informative update.

## 6. Matters Arising from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 meeting

- **Hayfield Community Wildlife Garden** – Cllr Phillips advised that there was funding available from a restoration fund from PKC, but this required to be matched. It was therefore up to those in the group/school to decide what they wished to do. Cllr Phillips will continue to research funding opportunities meantime.

**ACTION: Cllr H Phillips**

Cllr Leslie suggested asking the school PTA, Boy's Brigade, Brownies and Guides if they would like to get involved with Cllr Collins suggesting approaching the Rotary Club for funding.

- **Road Safety Issues**  
While the list had been forwarded to members, Cllr Mckay agreed to resend this with a request for comments as a matter of urgency.

**ACTION: Cllr L Mckay**

- **Springfield Road**  
Cllr Robertson had advised that he had not yet received a response and will chase this up again if nothing had been received by the end of the week.

**ACTION: Cllr W Robertson**

All other matters arising were covered by the agenda.

## 7. Kinross Town Centre

Cllr Cuthbert advised that a walkaround the town centre had taken place and that suggestions for improvements, along with the results of the 2022 survey would be circulated as soon as possible. He requested that if there was anything that the CC wished to add to the list, then this would be the opportunity to do so. CC members were concerned with the amount of traffic manoeuvring through the town centre and asked for this to be direct away. Traffic monitoring and speed restrictions were also suggested.

Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that PKC had agreed to a give way junction at Burns Begg Street.

Cllr Robertson commented that there was a lack of parking in the town centre, with Millbridge car park always being full, and cars parked all day. He suggested the creation of a short-term car park.

Another concern was the bollards and while they were not the best, it was noted that residents at the new flats are now spraying areas for bollards to be placed.

Members were advised that the people involved with the purchase of the BCA site would be attending the next meeting.

## 8. Hayfield Community Wildlife Garden

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

## 9. Designated Bathing Site – Loch Leven

Cllr Freeman advised that an email had been received from the office of Mark Ruskell – the Scottish Green MSP for Kinross-shire who has recently called on the Scottish Government to consider designating Loch Leven as a designated bathing water sites in order to trigger action on water quality. Cllr Leslie commented that she felt that there would be definite interest in this, but that people should not be encouraged to swim in the Loch at the present time.

It was agreed that the CC would invite Mr Ruskell to a future meeting to discuss the matter further, with Cllr Phillips writing to Mr Ruskell, enclosing a copy of the letter recently sent to SEPA.

**ACTION: Cllr H Phillips**

## 10. Group Membership

The following appointments were agreed:

- Community Campus Management Group – Cllr Leslie to attend meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February (10 am)
- Kinross-shire Local Committee – Cllr Phillips to attend meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February (5 pm)
- Partnership – Cllr Freeman to confirm date of March meeting
- Remembrance Parade – Cllrs Mckay, Freeman and Wilson
- Light up Kinross – Cllr C Collins to join group

It was also confirmed that Cllrs Freeman and Leslie would arrange to meet with David Colliar regarding treasury arrangements.

**ACTION: Cllrs B Freeman/E Leslie**

## 11. Planning

### a) New applications:

**22/02118/FLL** - installation of replacement windows at 20 Swansacre, Kinross, KY13 8TE

**22/02143/FLL** - change of use of dwellinghouse to form short term let accommodation unit (in retrospect) at 22 Curate Wynd, Kinross, KY13 8DX

**22/02228/FLL** - alterations to building and associated works at 54 - 56 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN

**22/02181/FLL** - erection of an office/workshop building, formation of car park and associated works at Plot 5, Junction Road, Kinross West, Kinross

### b) Decided Applications

There had been no planning applications decided upon since the last meeting.

### c) Other Planning Matters

No other planning matters were raised.

## 12. Reports from PKC Councillors

### Cllr W Robertson –

#### ○ Vehicle Activated Signs

A member of the public raised the issue of VAS in Kinross, specifically Gallowhill Road, stating that having spoken to a member of PKC they had been advised that there would be no VAS in Gallowhill Road for several years but that two would be implemented in The Muirs and on the road from Milnathort. Cllr McKay advised that pre-pandemic it had been agreed that there would be 8 VAS in the town, of which one would be sited in Gallowhill Road. There was a long discussion on this topic and Cllr Robertson suggested that one of the proposed VAS be moved from Broom Road to Gallowhill Road. Cllr Cuthbert is to email Blair Wat at PKC with his suggestion.

**ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert**

Cllr Watters advised that it had been a condition of the planning process that Persimmon Homes would fit traffic lights at the School, and this should have triggered when residents moved into homes in Phase II.

#### ○ Heritage Trail

Cllr Robertson advised that work to upgrade and repair the Loch Leven Heritage Trail will take place from 1st February to 30th April 2023. During this time sections of the path will be closed between Kirkgate Park and Pow Burn (below Loch Leven's Larder) with diversions being put in place when necessary.

#### ○ It was noted that the TPO in respect of Sunny Park woods has now been progressed, and any objections should be submitted.

#### ○ Volunteers are required to join the Paths Group with Cllr Phillips advising that an advert has been placed in the next edition of the Newsletter. Anyone interested should contact Cllr Robertson direct.

**Cllr R Watters** that a new campaign had been launched in order to reduce the impact caused by cars idling. It was noted that PKC follow the four Es approach - engage, explain, encourage and enforce - when reminding drivers they need to switch off their engines. While idling will be permitted in certain circumstance, e.g., defrosting a windscreen, the new campaign will see parking wardens asking drivers to switch of their engines if not moving and explain why it is harmful to leave it running.

**Cllr D Cuthbert** advised that he was now Convenor of the KLC and he would be looking to make the group more community friendly during his tenure.

### **13. Reports from Community Councillors**

There were no reports from the Community Councillors

### **14. Licencing Applications**

No applications had been received.

### **15. Correspondence**

Cllr Freeman advised that an email had been received from the **Dog's Trust** advising that their fostering scheme (where unwanted dogs are placed into temporary homes with foster carers, until a new forever home is found) is now active in Perth and Kinross. Anyone interested in fostering a dog can contact Megan Wilkinson, Home from Home Co-ordinator Dundee direct ([Megan.Wilkinson@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:Megan.Wilkinson@dogstrust.org.uk))

The **Cost of Living Fund** is open to disperse remaining funds to groups. If a group/organisation would benefit from additional funding for the provision of warm spaces/food/warm home packs, applications can be made via this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/TM96KvfVaL>

The [Scottish Civic Trust](#) wish to raise awareness of their [My Place Awards](#), which celebrate community-led built environment projects. The Awards are a fantastic opportunity to highlight a project's success to the community, stakeholders and funders by receiving much-deserved exposure and media attention. Shortlisted entries will be celebrated at an award ceremony and receive PR support from the Scottish Civic Trust. More information can be obtained by contacting Erin Burke, Scottish Civic Trust Communications and Events Officer ([Erin.Burke@scottishcivictrust.org.uk](mailto:Erin.Burke@scottishcivictrust.org.uk)). Anyone wishing to submit an entry should do so by complete the [entry form](#) and submitting it by the deadline of 12 February 2023.

### **16. AOCB**

Cllr Mckay requested that a meeting of KCCNL be arranged as soon as possible.

**ACTION: Cllr H Phillips**

There were no other items of business raised.

### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 2135 hours approximately  
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting