**MINUTES of a meeting of Kinross Community Council**

 **On Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 1930**

**In the Masonic Hall, the Muirs, Kinross**

**Present:** CCllr W Freeman (acting Chair), CCllr E Leslie, CCllr C Willsher, CCllr T Stewart and CCllr K Spain (assistance dog, Zola)

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

**Members if the Public:** 3

Minutes: CCllr E.Leslie

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

CCllr W Freeman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

CCllr L McKay, CCllr B West, CCllr S Wells, CCllr P Chan, CCllr M Wilson, Cllr R Watters as well as PC B Samson, Police Scotland.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest or transparcy statements made in respect of any item on the agenda.

1. **Police Scotland Report**

PC Samson and his colleagues were unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report covering the period from the last meeting in February 2024 with 92 calls to Police from the Kinross area resulting in 7 crimes being recorded on Police systems. Members of the public can find updates on social media; post are regularly made on X page @PSOSPerthKin under #KinrossCPT.

Crimes to note – between 02/03/24 and 03/03/24, vandalism in Sandport, Kinross with damage to windows by stones or similar and knock over of plant pots (subject to live investigation)

Between 05/03/24 and 06/03/24, theft from a building site on Gallowhill Road, Kinross with a battery stolen from roller (subject to live investigation)

Community officers are aware of regular areas of complaints regarding speeding and have been added to their speeding matrix. They will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area, recently focusing on GairneyBank area and issuing speeding tickets.

PC Samson has been on visits to Kinross Primary School where he dropped off PC Kirsty (the pop-up cop) which can be used to control the speed of traffic in the area, he also spoke with the P4 classes about the role of a police officer, the pupils were able to see the uniform and have a tour of the police van. He was involved in the NHS drama tour at the High School where he discussed issues such as vaping and mental health. PC Samson would like to pass on his thanks for the staff for having him and the pupils for the participation in the visit.

1. **Craighead Wind Farm updated**

Presentation provided by the Craighead team and updates given regarding the wind farm with the pre-application process ongoing. The scheme was initially12 turbines, however, will now be 8. This will reduce the landscape effects of the turbines. A photo montage was provided to show the visual impressions of the turbine farm from Dunning Glen and the M90 motorway as it passed the site. The Craighead team have so far attended 6 different Community Council meetings and delivered 5 newsletters with updates. The Craighead team are aware of the community benefit group that has been set up and mentioned that up to 10% community ownership has been offered. Currently the national grid is prepared to accept power generated from the site from 2032 onwards.

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the February 2024 meeting were accepted as an accurate record and were proposed by CCllr C Willsher and seconded by CCllr K Spain.

1. **Matters Arising from 27th February 2024 meeting**

Cllr D Cuthbert gave an updated regarding the parking restrictions on the high street south of the Raj restaurant, these will be changed to unrestricted parking, so residents have access to on street parking. Cllr D Cuthbert also stated that the Milbridge Hall parking is awaiting an assessment to see if further spaces can be created. CCllr W Freeman stated that the nomination period for the Holyrood Garden party has now passed, and no nomination was submitted.

1. **Kinross Town Centre**

No comments to add.

1. **KCC Website**

CCllr W.Freeman mentioned an action group is required to discuss this further.

1. **Planning Matters**

(a) Planning Applications Received

24/00276/FLL P8- Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and garage, formation of vehicular access and associated works at Land 65 Metres Northwest of Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AS

24/00040/FLL P8- Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, alteration to driveway and erection of a shed at Mossgrove, 18 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AS

24/00044/LBC P8- Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at Mossgrove, 18 Muirs,

Kinross, KY13 8AS

24/00154/FLL P8- Erection of storage building (in part retrospect) at Turfhills Depot, Turfhills, Kinross, KY13 0NQ

24/00261/FLL P8- Extension to dwellinghouse at Scaledin, 33 Alexander Drive, Kinross, KY13 8TY

(b) Planning Applications Determined

23/00916/FLL P8- Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage with ancillary accommodation unit Land 30 Metres Northwest of Hawthorn House, GairneyBank, Kinross, KY13 9JX (APPROVED)

24/00026/FLL P8- Extension to industrial building 19B Clashburn Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate Kinross KY13 8GB (APPROVED)

(c) Other Planning Matters

The planning application - 24/00276/FLL P8, was discussed in further detail with a member from the Kinross Civic trust being present to give their views. Eileen Thomas stated the area is in a conservation zone and would require removal of parts of the stone wall to gain access into the site and provide a driveway. Eileen stated that this would affect the character of the area and the conservation area should be preserved. Eileen also noted that the trees in the development have been removed and no notification was granted for this. Replacement planting has not yet been completed. CCllr D.Cuthbert noted that the Tree Officer for PKC has been notified and will assess the situation, however most likely this would wait till after the planning decision on the site.

The Kinross Civic trust was looking for Community Council support on this, Cllr W.Freeman was in favour of giving support, CCllr C.Willsher, CCllr E.Leslie, CCllr K.Spain and CCllr T Stewart were against. It was therefore agreed that the Community Council would not submit an objection to this application.

Cllr D.Cuthbert and Cllr W Robertson gave an update regarding the BCA site, the funding for the flood defence scheme has been granted and is now awaiting an application to commence the work.

CCllr C.Willsher mentioned that the fence that surrounds the pumping station on the market park is causing concern to the residents that live across from the green. Cllr D.Cuthbert will investigate different options; however, the pumping station is owned by Scottish Water and would need to be consulted on this.

1. **Reports from PKC Councillors**

Cllr N.Freshwater advised that the Police are continuing to monitor the speeding on the road at Gairneybank and are looking for volunteers to sign up for speedwatch. He has also requested an update on installing a VAS monitor on the Muirs.

Cllr W.Robertson gave an update on the heritage trail, which is currently getting the path surface upgraded, costing around £200,000. Due to poor weather, the works have been delayed but as the weather improves, it is hoped the work will be completed soon and the next phase of work will be between Channel Farm and Vane Farm.

Cllr D.Cuthbert advised there is funding of £28,000 available for the Active Travel Plan Kinross-shire, a TEAMS meeting has been arranged to discuss ways to use the money offered. It is hoped access routes around Kinross and the rural communities can be improved an update can be given at the next KCC meeting.

Cllr D.Cuthbert also gave an update on the Loch Leven Community Campus; he is looking into improving access to the campus and the rental space on offer. It has been noted that groups have rented a certain space and have had their bookings changed last minute and the space offered was not suitable for their needs.

Cllr D.Cuthbert noted that a report had been made regarding the gated access to the hockey pitch from the Muirs side. They had been closed, however are now fastened open. Further information was required regarding access. CCllr McKay has been in contact regarding the astro/KGV/hockey area and invites sent for representatives to attend the next meeting.

1. **Reports from CC representatives**

CCllr E.Leslie, CCllr C Willsher, CCllr T Stewart and CCllr K Spain have no further comments to add.

CCllr W Freeman mentioned that the better place to live fare held at the community campus was well attended.

He also passed on that CCllr McKay wanted to mention in absence that she is investigating if CCTV could be installed on the High Street to reduced anti-social behaviour in the area. CCllr McKay has also applied for print of the King’s portrait. CCllr McKay is aware there had been a lot of interest in speedwatch and core path at the Better Place to Live fare and there have been more volunteers for speedwatch following this. CCllr McKay is aware of complaints regarding speeding along Springfield Road, a cyclist was hit off his bike at the Springfield Road/Muirs junction, further investigation is urgently required, especially when events are on, and parking is an issue. CCllr McKay has been made aware of reports that a lamppost was hit by a Diona van in Montgomery Way, the driver drove off and did not report the damage, it is understood that this area is not getting fibre installed and therefore the van had no reason to be in this area, it was suggested further enquiries should be made to determine why this area is not receiving fibre as it is meant to be all of Kinross.

CCllr McKay had a question for the councillors, the BCA site have had no communication from PKC, and they are struggling to push forward with absolutely no direction or timescale with the flood prevention. Could the councillors investigate this further as the owners are still keen on coming to Kinross.

1. **Licensing Applications**

No comments to add.

1. **Correspondence**

No comments to add.

1. **AOCB**

CCllr D.Cuthbert mentioned that there are changes ongoing to the Stagecoach bus routes in the local area. Kinross will not be widely affected, however people using the service should check the website and social media to confirm their route is available.

A member of the public wanted to inform that the 2 phases of the Persimmon homes site in Kinross have now been connected, however the path has not been completed yet and following rain the path cannot be used due to the level of mud.

1. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on the 23rd of April 2024 at 1930 in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 2055 hours approximately

All meetings are draft until considered at the next meeting.