

Kinross Community Council

Monday 11 May

Loch Leven Community Campus

Present: D West, C Collins from 20:00, H Collins, R Gilmour, L Hannah, Cllrs R Watters Robertson and D Cuthbert, and two MoPs

Apologies: M West, A Ross, Cllrs N Freshwater and W Robertson, Police Scotland

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the April meeting were proposed by D West and seconded by L Hannah.

Matters arising Two MoPs expressed an interest in a planning application for wooden chalets/lodges which are described in the planning application wording as 'caravans'. It was noted that KCC did not lodge any comment on this application, the changes to which were explained to them at the previous meeting by the applicants. The only change to this revised planning application was due to the type of wood used and there was no other change to what was previously applied for. MoPs noted that short-term lets had changed to permanent occupancy at Loch Leven Lodges in four cases and there were 14 objections on this application with concern about permanent occupancy mentioned.

Police Report: The Police had been in touch to apologise for their non-attendance at KCC meetings, which was due to shift patterns, and it is hoped they will attend in June/July. The police report listed issues including tendering counterfeit money (Farmers' Market), and damage to trees at Davies Park (Police are following a positive line of enquiry), wilful fire-raising (one person charged, arrested and reported to the P Fiscal).

Local Place Plan

The Local Place Plan has now been submitted to the council after some minor amendments were requested by them to tie it in to LDP2 and the National Planning Framework.

There are no changes in priorities which have all derived from the CAP. It will be placed on the website and circulated for comment before it is signed off.

PKC will be obliged to use the Place Plan in the creation of LDP3, and it gives communities a voice about their planning priorities.

Planning

There were no new applications of any particular note or concern. Burleigh lodges – KCC to see what MCC feel about this proposal and follow suit regarding any objections if required. The development will have an impact on Kinross too so possible to lodge objection from KCC, but it is still at PAN stage and no planning application has yet been made.

Councillors' Reports

D Cuthbert

Series of accidents on motorway before Kinross. Seems to be a hotspot, with a possible concern about flooding being the cause. DC will alert the Road Safety Team. A 50mph sign a few hundred yards before the turn off is possibly causing more issues with sudden braking when it is noticed.

Potholes – DC looked at Perth and found nothing much to compare with quantity in Kinross. He is asking the head of roads to come and see Kinross, where there are so many issues.

Davies Park – KOSAG (Kinross Open Spaces Action Group) lease for a piece of land is now with legal. Terms include no need to maintain it. There was a discussion regarding ownership of the field between the park and the motorway.

R Watters

Mid Market Rent scheme proposed similar to that of Stirling Council, where PKC create a company who can grow and manage the rent of affordable housing at mid-market rent level (not social rent price). Funds generated will go back into more houses, so it would be beneficial for Kinross where there is a shortage of family-sized homes to rent.

Loch Leven water quality: This has seen improvement in water quality judging by depths to which water is clear – from 0.7 to 3.7 metres in depth. Algal bloom has reduced. This may be to work with farmers from SEPA to prevent phosphates entering the loch. Recently a 10.5 pound trout was caught in the loch!

Community Councillors

LH has been trying to help householder near BCA site who has rubble, barbed wire and rats etc. He contacted the landowner but met a dead end. NF wrote to landowner and applied moral pressure but we are unaware of a response so far. Further discussion about on the possible invite to landowner to a KCC meeting, which will happened to tie into conclusion of flooding report, work at BCA site and LDP3. Flood Report is now passed to PKC. Likely that but no development will be approved until flood defences are in, by which point LDP3 may be active.

LH showed a pic of SUDS pond. A photo on Facebook shows fence down at Persimmon homes. Potential danger to children – RW will speak to Persimmon.

RG – being asked why grass is not getting cut. Issues with rats and grass 14 inches long. CC is arranging meeting with GrowWild representative for walkabout – hoped to be Thursday 21 May 2.30pm. Chloe will be able to help identify areas for orchards and we can show her where children need grass cut to play.

CC – will attend Sustainability Group meeting on Wednesday 13th May with representatives from Epower and Local Area Committee on Thursday 14th May 5pm in Campus.

Licensing Applications

None

Correspondence

None

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Next meeting 8 June, 7.30pm, Campus