

**DRAFT MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council**  
**On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**Via Zoom Conference**

**Present:** CCLr L Mckay (Chair), CCLr D Colliar, Cllr W Freeman, CCLr M McFarlane and CCLr H Phillips.

**Public:** Three members

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr C Purves, Cllr W Robertson and Cllr R Watters

**Minutes:** Mrs C Aird

**1. Welcome and Apologies for absence**

CCLr L Mckay welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies for absence from CCLr T Stewart, CCLr M Wood and PC A Mitchenson.

**2. Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Police Report**

In the absence of a representative from Police Scotland, CCLr W Freeman read out the Police report. Members noted the following crimes in January 2021:

- i) Six people had been issued with tickets in respect of a Covid-19 breach in Milnathort
- ii) Theft by house break in – suspects have broken into property and stolen items
- iii) Vandalism at Nato Radio Station – suspects have damaged fence upon entry
- iv) Suspicious person in The Muirs – one male has been reported to be handing out charity leaflets and trying door handles.
- v) There had been approx. 27 different traffic reports over the last 4 weeks, varying in nature from breakdowns, speeding offences and driving without insurance. Community officers are aware of the ongoing complaints in respect of speeding throughout the villages. They have been out with the speed gun and a number of verbal warnings have been issued to those drivers who have been speeding, but not quite fast enough to warrant a ticket.

Officers are also asking members of the public to consider joining the online Neighbourhood Watch. This is a communications platform which allow up to date alerts for reports in the area. Both community officers have admin access and have the capacity to send out relevant alerts.

Officers also asked for residents to let them know of any issues or complaints.

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 22nd December 2020**

One amendment was required to be made to the minutes of the December 2020 meeting as CCLr T Stewart was not present at the meeting.

**ACTION: Minute Secretary**

The minutes were proposed by CCLr D Colliar and seconded by CCLr W Freeman.

## 5. Matters arising from meeting held on 22nd December 2020

All covered by the agenda.

## 6. Kinross Local Resilience Group

Mr W Wright advised Members that a lot of work had taken place since the last meeting including the setting up of a Facebook page (currently 50 members), contact made with Scottish Health Forum and lots of documents being received from Paul Laidlaw, including

one about the resilience group being a subgroup of the CC. Cllr McKay advised that it would be normal circumstances for the resilience group to be a subgroup of the CC, with community councilors sitting on the subgroup for the purposes of advice and support.

Cllr R Watters commented that at previous meetings, the CC had discussed the legal aspects of the resilience group and asked if the CC had since withdrawn their support. Mr Wright advised that this was not the case and by being linked to the CC, the resilience group would have a legal standing and therefore be covered by third party insurance.

Cllr McFarlane confirmed that the CC need to formally adopt the resilience group and suggested that Mr Wright be co-opted onto the CC for the specific purpose of reporting back on the work of the resilience group direct. Cllr Freeman confirmed that this could take place. Cllr McFarlane suggested that now that the support of the CC had been confirmed, he would write a proposal on the options on how to organise the subgroup for discussion at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr M McFarlane**

Cllr Purves also suggested that the Scheme of Delegation be looked at and a separate discussion be had in respect of co-opting Mr Wright onto the CC. Cllr Purves agreed with the decision to make the resilience group a subgroup of the CC.

Mr Wright went on to advise members that questions had been raised as to whether the group would cover Milnathort and it had been agreed that, for now, they would assist where they could, but this would then be passed over to Milnathort CC, although it was felt that it would be useful for the group to be tied in.

Cllr McFarlane suggested that it would be helpful for any plans to be shared and Mr Wright advised that he was currently writing these up but that the community need to be aware of the plan as he needs to know what area(s) are to be covered.

Cllr Watters felt that Cllr McFarlane's suggestion was the current one and confirmed that the update to the Flood Defence Scheme was slightly behind schedule, with the major stumbling block being the recent cyber-attack on SEPA. A lot of design work has been completed since the initial meeting last November and PKC officers were looking at the different options available as defences, such as peat bogs and the planting of trees, but that initial thought had been that a walled defence, with mitigation upstream, would be the best option.

He went on to add that Officers had been asked to look at the designs which had been drawn up, with the potential of having community gauges upstream to allow advance warning. Cllr Watters also confirmed that SEPA had committed to looking to putting in an advance warning system by 2021, although this is now likely to be delayed. According to SEPA, 3 hours is allocated for flood warning but Cllr Watters will contact SEPA to check this, once the cyber-attack issue had been resolved.

Cllr McKay felt that 3 hours didn't seem that long for residents to prepare for a flood but Mr Wright advised that the warning is currently 30 – 45 mins. Details of this will be included in the report. Mr Wright went on to say that the information received from the Kinross Flood Team was incorrect in terms of where they think the water would go.

Cllr McFarlane is to work with Mr Wright in respect of the various reports to be provided to the CC at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr M McFarlane/Mr W Wright**

## **7. Provost's Lamp**

Cllr D Colliar expressed his annoyance at the delay in the Provost's Lamp being fitted in the town centre. He advised those present that there had been discussions held with PKC through the Street Lighting Department and it had been agreed, following a site visit, that the lamp would be brought forward due to cable costs. Cllr Colliar confirmed that at no point had there been any discussion as to why the Lamp could not be positioned in the agreed location. He has emailed Scott Denier at PKC but he is currently off work ill.

Another issue was that during the initial work, the cobbles have been lifted and replaced with tarmac. It is Cllr Colliar's view that the CC should not be paying for any work until further discussions had been held.

Cllr W Robertson suggested that discussions are put on hold until Scott Denier returned to work – he will email Scott and cc Cllr Colliar into that email.

**ACTION: Cllr W Robertson**

Cllr McKay commented that there would appear to be an issue with the electrics in the area as when the Christmas lights were on, the clock face was not lit and vice versa. It was agreed that Cllr Colliar and Cllr Robertson would speak to Scott Denier as soon as possible.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar/Cllr W Robertson**

## **8. Sub Groups and Membership**

The following memberships were agreed:

- i) Common Good Fund – Cllr L McKay
- ii) Kinross-Shire & Glenfarg Stronger Communities – Cllr H Phillips
- iii) Remembrance Parade – Cllrs L McKay, W Freeman and M McFarlane, with Cllr Colliar available if required.
- iv) Website – Cllrs D Colliar, H Phillips and M McFarlane
- v) Partnership – Cllr W Freeman

vi) Planning Sub-Committee – Cllrs W Freeman, L Mckay and M Wood. Cllr Colliar agreed to speak to Cllr Wood about this.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar**

vii) Gigabyte Kinross-shire – Cllr M McFarlane

viii) Move Greener Kinross-shire – Cllr M McFarlane

ix) KLEO – Cllrs W Freeman and M McFarlane

## **9. Cleish and Blairadam CC Boundary**

Cllr C Purves reminded everyone that he had emailed the proposed changes to CC members to aid discussion at tonight's meeting.

Concerns were raised by a number of Community Councillors in respect of whether the affected residents had been advised of the proposal. Cllr Purves advised that the proposals had been approved by PKC around 2½ years ago, and that there was no formal ballot of residents in respect of this. Cllr Purves confirmed that Fossoway CC had already agreed to the changes and now Cleish and Blairadam CC requested agreement from KCC.

Members were happy to agree the proposal but wished to receive confirmation that residents had been consulted on the proposed changes, and that they accepted the changes.

After a long discussion, it was agreed that a formal notice would be placed on the website, Facebook page and in the Newsletter with a request for any concerns to be submitted to the CC by 31<sup>st</sup> March and if no objections were raised by that time, then the CC would agree to the change to the boundary line with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

It was also agreed that a proposal to a change in the KCC boundary involving Gairneybank would be published on the website, Facebook page and in the Newsletter at the same time, with the same deadline. Cllr Colliar agreed to send Cllr Purves a map of the proposed change to the KCC boundary.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar/Cllr C Purves**

## **10. Kinross Town Centre**

Cllr Colliar advised that the survey report had still not been received and Cllr Purves confirmed that he had spoken to Mike Morgan and asked for the consultation to commence as soon as possible. Cllr Robertson confirmed that PKC Roads Dept. have agreed that there is a problem in the area. Cllr Robertson advised that the Head of Roads Dept. has since retired but he hoped that the issues could be resolved soon.

No further matters were raised.

## **11. Planning Matters**

### **(a) Planning Applications received**

**20/01817/FLL** - Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 8 Springfield Road, Kinross, KY13 8BA

**20/01796/FLL** - Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 13 Gallowhill Wynd, Kinross, KY13 8RY

**20/01748/LAW** - Alterations and extension to garage to form ancillary accommodation (proposed) at The Dell, 96 The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AZ

**(b) Planning Applications determined**

**20/01634/LBC** – Alterations to 102 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AJ **(APPROVED)**

**20/01790/FLL** - Installation of a dispensing unit at 16 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN **(APPROVED)**

**20/01748/LAW** - Alterations and extension to garage to form ancillary accommodation (proposed) at The Dell, 96 The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AZ **(APPROVED)**

**20/01632/FLL** - Alterations to shop fronts at 102 and 104 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AJ **(APPROVED)**

**20/01865/LAW** - Alterations and extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 48 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, KY13 8RA **(APPROVED)**

Cllr Colliar also confirmed that Persimmon Homes had had their appeal overturned by the Scottish Government and there would therefore be another 168 houses built as part of Phase II. Cllr Watters commented that residents of Phase I were still having issues with Persimmon Homes in respect of faults, with one resident only receiving their completion certificate 3 years after they had moved in. Cllr Watters also commented that Persimmon Homes had requested their expenses be covered for the appeal, although this had been refused.

Scottish Government had also overturned a decision to refuse planning permission for Pitdownie in Milnathort.

Appeals can be made against the Scottish Government decisions but this would be costly and would need to be heard in the Court of Session.

**(c) Other planning matters**

No other planning matters were raised.

**12. Reports from PKC Councillors**

- Cllr C Purves
  - o Cllr Purves expressed disappointment in the news that the Scottish Government overturning decisions taken by PKC Councillors, especially when there remain issues with Phase I of the development. It was noted that only 2 or 3 PKC Councillors supported the application.

- Gritting issues have arisen due to the reduction in the number of gritters. PKC had brought in priority areas which resulted in residential areas and side streets not being covered. It was suggested that PKC use private contractors for these particular areas and Cllr Purves agreed to look at this again.

Cllr Freeman commented that in March, PKC would be requesting feedback on their services and asked if the CC would do anything to help in respect of policy decisions, e.g., removal of grit bins. He also suggested that the request was too early in the year and after discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Freeman would send a list of points for PKC to consider to Cllr Purves.

**ACTION: Cllr W Freeman/Cllr C Purves**

- Cllr W Robertson
  - Cllr Robertson commented that it had been part of the planning approval for Persimmon Homes to fund a crossing in the Gallowhill Road, although it had been decided that the original position was not safe. He also advised that he had requested that the 30 mph limit be removed from Gallowhill Road, with a vehicle activation sign being put up instead.
  - Cllr Robertson is hoping that funding will be made available for upgrading the Heritage Trail, along with a pavement link between Gairneybridge and Kinross/the Heritage Trail. He will mention this at the next TRACS meeting.

### 13. Reports from CC representatives

- Cllr Colliar asked whether it was possible for an application to be made to Historic Scotland in respect of the golf ball site since the owners were starting to market the site. Cllr R Watters agreed to look into this.

**ACTION: Cllr R Watters**

- Cllr Colliar advised that he was being unsuccessful in discussions with PKC in respect of the flooding at Springfield Road/The Muirs. Cllr Robertson advised that the flooding was due to the capacity of the drains and he would contact PKC tomorrow to investigate further.

**ACTION: Cllr W Robertson**

- In response to a question from Cllr Colliar in respect of who had access to the CC mailbox, Cllr Freeman advised that only certain individuals had access. Cllr Colliar went on to ask why this was and why the Secretary had not forwarded on emails to members since her appointment at last month's meeting. Cllr Freeman advised that the account had been set up this way by the previous Secretary and that the majority of emails received were junk. He confirmed that he had not had an opportunity to hand over the Secretary's role to Cllr Phillips due to work commitments but would arrange to do so.

After discussion, it was agreed that all members would be given access to the email account.

**ACTION: Cllr W Freeman/Cllr H Phillips**

- Cllr Freeman commented on the rise in the cost of the bins being emptied, from £35 to £40 and thought that it had been previously agreed that the fee would not rise above £35. Cllr Purves confirmed that PKC had decided that £35 was the

revenue maximizing price and was therefore unsure as to the reason for the increase.

- Cllr M McFarlane advised that he had attended the last Gigabyte Kinross-shire meeting and reported that Millbridge Hall area are being supplied with superfast broadband as part of the project. It is hoped that this will be the first in a number of requests. Cllr Purves confirmed that there would be an article in the next edition of the Newsletter about the project.
- Cllr Mckay advised that an email had been received from a concerned resident in respect of Covid-19 breaches at the Unorthodox Rooster, where benches had been placed outside the shop, and also at Kirkgate Park. The resident was concerned that people were not socially distancing outside the coffee shop, thereby not adhering to the advice to avoid household mixing, and there were a high number of cars and people using the park and they questioned whether all these people were locals.

Cllr Mckay advised she had contacted the coffee shop to raise these concerns and that the coffee shop had agreed to remove the benches. However, in regard to the cars in Kirkgate Park, this was not an issue for the CC and the resident would be advised that contact Police Scotland.

**ACTION: Cllr H Phillips**

#### **14. Licensing Applications**

No applications had been received.

#### **15. Correspondence**

All correspondence had been forwarded to Members.

#### **16. AOCB**

- Juniper Residential Development

Cllr Purves advised that he had been contacted by Street Naming and Numbering Team at PKC to request a name for the new development. After discussion it was agreed that Market Park would be suggested.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

#### **17. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom Conference.