

DRAFT MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
Tuesday 17th December 2019
In the Masonic Lodge, The Muirs, Kinross

Present: Community Councillors Bill Freeman (Chair), Margaret Blyth, David Colliar, Lynne McKay and Thomas Stewart.

Minutes taken by: Caron Aird

Ward Councillors: C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters.

Other: Police Representative

Public: Two members

Cllr B Freeman welcomed everyone to the December meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs D Cuthbert, S Bathgate, A Thomson and D West, who had now all resigned from the Council. Apologies were also received from Cllr M MacFarlane along with PKC Cllr M Barnacle.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 13th November 2019

Cllr D Colliar requested an amendment to the draft minutes of the November 2019 meeting – page 7, item 18 relating to the Kinross Newsletter Awards. Cllr Colliar requested that the phrase ‘with note that there is a crisis and that this will need to be addressed’ be removed.

Other than this amendment, the minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr T Stewart and seconded by Cllr D Colliar.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

4. Police Report

Police Scotland advised the following:

- Theft of motor vehicle on 15th December 2019. Keys for the vehicle had been obtained via access through a cat flap in the door and residents were reminded to keep keys away from doors.
- School holidays – residents were advised that regular patrols would be carried out and that any issues should be reported by phone. In response to a question from Cllr B Freeman, a member of the public advised that the anti-social behaviour in Lathro Park had improved slightly. The member of the public commented that crime seemed to be increasing in the area and asked if the Police had any idea as to why this was. Police Scotland could not comment on the reasons for the increase but did not think that the increase had been consistent over the last few years. He also advised that although cover was provided 24/7, there was a large area for the 2 officers to cover.

Cllr L McKay thanked Police Scotland for setting up the community engagement events and commented that these appeared to have been well attended. Members were advised that Police Scotland intended to do these events on a more regular basis. Cllr C Purves advised Police Scotland to speak to the elected members with regard to who to contact in the Community Councils for help in setting up these events.

Cllr W Robertson asked if there was anything which could be done in respect of the sales of Buckfast in the area in order to stop the anti-social behaviour by children but was advised that this was not possible.

The recent drink driving campaign had resulted in one person being stopped.

The CC thanked Police Scotland for attending the meeting.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 13th November 2019

- Lathro Meadows Road Surface – Mr Davies advised that a response had been received from PKC in respect of the state of the road into the estate and he was very unhappy with the response, which said PKC were not responsible for the repair of the road - Mr Davies asked when the road would be adopted by PKC and he was advised that this would not happen until all building works were complete. Mr Davies agreed to forward the response from PKC to the CC.
- Springfield Road (ponding) – Cllr C Purves to update at the next meeting.
ACTION: Cllr C Purves
- Stagecoach No 56 Bus Service – Cllr C Purves advised that he was still to follow this up. A report would be given at the next meeting.
ACTION: Cllr C Purves
- Community Investment Fund – Members were advised that Cllr S Bathgate would not be submitting a bid.
- In respect of the Provost's Lamp, it was agreed that a bid would be submitted to CIF for approx. £3000. Cllr D Colliar and Cllr W Robertson to discuss offline.
ACTION: Cllr D Colliar/Cllr W Robertson

6. Kinross-shire Community Transport Group

Cllr D Colliar advised that he had emailed Cllr M Barnacle re a meeting but had not had a response. In Cllr Barnacle's absence, Cllr W Robertson advised that it was noted to arrange another meeting in January.

7. Gannochy Trust Funding Roadshows

Cllr B Freeman advised that discussions were progressing with The National Lottery Community Fund and The Robertson Trust to co-deliver workshops in the area in January 2020.

The workshops will offer new and existing grant applicants

- a summary of the funding themes currently available;
- an opportunity for them to put their questions directly to funders;
- an insight into the common issues funders face in assessing applications, and;

- guidance in writing funding applications.

After discussion it was agreed that Councillor D Colliar would attend the Kinross meeting (16th January at 9.30 am at Kinross Church). He will provide an update at the next meeting.

ACTION: Councillor D Colliar

8. Local Electricity Bill

An email request had been received from 'Power to the People' asking the CC join 27 Parish, Town and Community Councils that have already resolved to support the Local Electricity Bill.

The Bill, if made law, would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. This is currently impossible because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

After discussion, it was agreed not to sign up to the Bill but that information should be shared when received.

9. Removal of BT Phone Boxes

There were no BT phone boxes in the area.

10. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Councillor M Blyth advised that residents had raised an issue re parking at the Old Town Hall with her and she had advised them that it was shared spacing, there were no signs to say that people could not park in the area. Councillor W Robertson agreed to speak to the parking attendants and ask what could be done to improve the situation. In response to a question from Councillor M Blyth, Councillor Robertson advised that the parking attendants worked any hours but mostly late afternoons and evening.

ACTION: Councillor W Robertson

11. Kinross-shire Forum Meeting

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

12. Provost's Lamp

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

13. Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications Received since the Last Meeting

19/01876/FLL – Change of use from hostel (class 7) to jewellery workshop (class 4) (in retrospect) at Garage Flat, Garage House, Green Road, Kinross, KY13 8TU

19/01833/LAW– Alternations and extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 2 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, KY13 8RA (certificate of lawfulness use)

19/01922/LAW – Extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 32 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, KY13 8RA (certificate of lawfulness)

19/01948/FLL – Alterations to dwelling house at 5 Curate Wynd, Kinross, KY13 8DX

b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC

None determined.

c) Former Kinross High School site

No issues raised.

d) Other Planning Matters

It was noted that an email had been received from Jamie Montgomery in respect of funding for a new car park at the pier, which may alleviate some of the parking issues in the town centre.

It was also noted that the Boat House had gone into liquidation and plans were being drawn up to change the use of the building to a brewery and café. Concern was raised with regard to the access route and Cllr Robertson advised that PKC would look to improve and upgraded passing places. Cllr D Colliar advised that he was happy to liaise re the plans.

14. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr R Watters advised a full Council meeting was due to be held the following day. The next stage of the Climate Change Bill was due to commence and it would be essential to engage with communities and get people involved.

Cllr W Robertson advised that there was an issue in respect of residents having access to a garden waste collection service, even when PKC charge for the service. A meeting is arranged for Thursday 19th December at the Community Campus.

Cllr Robertson agreed to report Cllr M Blyth's broken household bin issue.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

Cllr C Purvis advised that he had nothing to report.

15. Reports from CC representatives

Cllr L McKay commented that the Remembrance Day parade had gone well.

16. Licensing

An application had been received from Avant Garde in respect of the old bank. No concerns were raised in respect of this application.

17. Correspondence

All correspondence had been forwarded on as appropriate.

18. Any Other Competent Business

- Resignations from CC

Cllr B Freeman wished to place on record his thanks to Cllr David Cuthbert and Cllr Dave West for their service on the Council over the years. He also wished to thank Cllr Susan Bathgate.

- Sub Committees
It was agreed that a discussion would take place at the next meeting in respect of Sub Committee membership.

ACTION: All

- Entrance to Gellybank Farm
CCllr T Stewart raised an issue with the state of the road at the entrance to Gellybank Farm (opposite side at the sharp bend) and Cllr W Robertson agreed to report this.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

- Potholes at Wilson Court
CCllr L McKay advised members of a potential at Wilson Court and Cllr W Robertson advised that there were also potholes at Springfield Road and the park and ride.

- Wreaths
CCllr L McKay advised that only one wreath had been paid for. The Scouts and Pipe Band were still to pay. CCllr D Colliar agreed to speak to their representatives on Thursday, and it was noted that KCC NL needed to be repaid £35.

CCllr D Colliar advised that he had spoken to the Captain of the Boys Bridge who had apologised for the delay in payment, with the reason given as a change to bank account details.

CCllr McKay questioned whether KCC should be providing wreaths for the Remembrance Parade and whether this should be left up to individual organisations. It was noted that there had been no issues up until the last few years and KCC were the only local CC who provided wreaths, and it was agreed that a decision would be made mid-Summer 2020.

- KCC Bank Account
It was noted that following the resignation of CCllr I Jack and also CCllr A Thomson, Members were unsure as to the state of play with the CC bank account. After discussions, CCllr D Colliar agreed to be treasurer for a one-year period until the new members settle in.

- Royal Garden Party
CCllr B Freeman advised that the CC had been requested to nominate two local people to attend the Royal Garden Party on 1st July 2020. Nominations were to be submitted by 31st January 2020.

ACTION: All

- CCTV
CCllr L McKay raised the issue of CCTV in the High Street and advised that for a one-off payment of £20,000, this could be linked into the Council network, giving Police Scotland access as and when required. It was agreed that this could be problematic and would need to be balance up with the need to resolve crime.

In respect of the CCTV at the defib, Mr Davies reminded the CC that the coverage runs out on 13th December 2020 and agreed to forward the details to CCllr B Freeman.

ACTION: CCllr B Freeman

- Complaint – Flooding at North Street, Milnathort
A member of the public raised the issue of flooding at North Street, Milnathort and that it was so bad that residents had to wash cars on a daily basis. Cllr W Robertson agreed to ask the Council to resolve this issue.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

- 2020 Meeting dates

In response to a question from Mr Davies, Cllr B Freeman confirmed that future CC meetings would be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Lodge, The Muirs, Kinross.

19. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 28th January 2020 in the Masonic Lodge, The Muirs, Kinross.

The meeting ended at approximately 8.38 pm

All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting