

Minutes of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council

Wednesday 4 April 2018

at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Present: Cllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Margaret Blyth, Jonathan Bryson, David Colliar, Dave Cuthbert, Barry Davies, Ian Jack, Lynne McKay, Thomas Stewart and David West; P&K Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and R Watters; and PCs A Spalding and D Stapleton.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of 7 March 2018:** Agreed as a true record. Proposed: Cllr Colliar. Seconded: Cllr Cuthbert.
4. **Police Report:** No police present but a report had been submitted by email. Incidents of note for March: vandalism to a car parked in Green Road; hit and run to a car parked in Green Road at side of Green Hotel adjacent to new building site; garden shed broken into, cutting padlock, in Lathro Park; theft of building materials from the site at Junction Road; shopliftings at Sainsbury and Sands the Ironmongers. Further to a discussion at the February meeting, PC Stapleton clarified that the Access Only sign at the entrance to Swansacre means that the road is only to be used by residents or persons attending a commercial property in the street. The road is not to be used as a shortcut to surrounding streets. As Swansacre is partially one-way, it occurred to the CC that there ought to be a sign to indicate no right turn to drivers exiting the Learning Centre premises. The Secretary will email a councillor about this. **ACTION: Secretary.**
5. **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 7 March 2018.**
 - a. **Wreath payments/CC Finance:** Treasurer Cllr Jack reported that both wreath debtors have now paid. Cllr Freeman will tell the cadets that payment of their wreath will be required in advance for 2018. **ACTION: Cllr Freeman.**
 - b. **War memorial railings:** Cllr Colliar reported that PKC are carrying out surveys of several memorials, including Kinross. Kinross still to be assessed. Cllr Colliar said Kinross in Bloom have problems with planters being damaged by cars at the site. He will set up a meeting of interested parties and report back. **ACTION: Cllr Colliar.**
 - c. **Website (kinross.cc):** A meeting is due to take place on 6 April with representatives of the Kinross-shire Partnership. Cllrs Colliar, Cuthbert and Thomas will represent the CC. The Secretary was asked to obtain management accounts in advance. **ACTION: Secretary.**
 - d. **Ninewells Hospital car park:** Cllr Purves informed the CC that the current car park operator is Indigo and the current contract has eleven years left to run.
 - e. **Recycling:** In answer to a question at a previous meeting, Cllr Purves reported that 5.6% of PKC recycling waste is exported. He was asked to forward the information to the Secretary. **ACTION: Cllr Purves.**
 - f. **Kinross Common Good Fund:** Cllr Purves described the labyrinthine arrangements that the ward councillors must initiate in order to invite Cllr Thomas on to the KCGF as a non-voting representative. When common good fund meetings are next due, they will ask to hold one even if there are no funding applications in order that the invitation to join can be made. **ACTION: Ward Councillors.**
 - g. **Homecare:** Further to last month's discussion, Cllr Purves said the main problem is lack of supply of workers, which has several causes. Enterprise Breadalbane appears to be running a more effective model. Cllrs Purves and Stewart hope to visit.

- h. **Primary School:** Cllr Bryson said it is possible that the primary school's summer fayre will also serve as an open day.
6. **Matters Arising Without Any Update.**
- M90 electronic sign:** The Secy has not contacted Traffic Scotland yet. **ACTION: Secretary.**
 - Vehicle Activated Signs:** The Secy has not written to Cllr Barnacle yet. **ACTION: Secretary.**
 - Action Partnership:** The Secy has not written to Keith McNamara yet. **ACTION: Secretary.**
 - Gritting of Paths:** Cllr Watters was not present to report on the planned route of pavement gritters for Kinross. **ACTION: Cllr Watters.**
 - Developer contribution:** Councillors had been asked to check if Persimmon had made the financial contribution they were supposed to towards an upgrade of the Green Park play area, in lieu of providing play facilities at the former Kinross High School site. **ACTION: Cllr Purves.**
7. **Kinross Town Centre Regeneration:** The Secretary has still not received a reply from PKC's Mr Haggart to her email of 19 February suggesting single-lane traffic controlled by lights at Town Hall. It is not known whether Cllr Barnacle has received a reply to his email to Mr Haggart of 12 February suggesting that a review of the shared space scheme is required. See also item 11b below.
8. **Planning Matters.**
- New Planning Applications.** No CC comment unless otherwise stated.
 - 18/00464/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse and formation of steps, 10 Douglas Crescent.
 - 18/00446/FLL Erection of an ancillary garage/workshop/store and formation of a vehicular access, Ardgarney Cottage.
 - 18/00402/CON and 18/00401/FLL Part demolition of buildings, erection of 2no. dwellinghouses and 6no. flats and associated works, Former Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross. Cllr West proposed objecting to the proposed extensive demolition of the stone building (everything except the façade). This was seconded by Cllr Thomas. Six voted in favour, four against, one abstention. The Secretary will submit a letter. **ACTION: Secretary.**
 - 18/00373/FLL Installation of replacement windows and doors, Woodholme, 22 Muirs.
 - 18/99475/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, 6 Sandwood Place.
 - 18/00498/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, 20 Cameron Ave.
 - Planning Applications Determined by PKC.**
 - 18/00064/FLL Formation of an outdoor riding arena (in retrospect), land 70m SW of Gellybank Cottage. Approved.
 - 18/00248/FLL Erection of replacement garage, 29 Muirs, Kinross. Approved.
 - 17/02285/ADV Display of signs, land 120m SE of Lathro Farm, Kinross. Approved.
 - 17/02286/FLL Siting of a sales unit etc, land 120m SE of Lathro Farm, Kinross. Approved.
 - 17/01351/FLL Demolition of dwellinghouse and change of use of land to form vehicle hardstanding and erection of fence (in part retrospect), Lochside House, Kinross. Withdrawn. The CC received a letter regarding this, as the CC had commented.
 - Former Kinross High School site:** The Secretary had written to PKC's Head of Legal as instructed at the last CC meeting. The request is being dealt with under FOI legislation and a reply expected by 12 April.
9. **Licensing:** None.
10. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:** Over 30 emails had been received. Most had been circulated to Cllrs and a summary provided.

11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors.

- a. **Litter:** Cllr Robertson invites the CC and individuals to suggest to him areas that require to be cleared of litter.
- b. **Avenue Road:** A member of the public present has been in email correspondence with Cllr Robertson and Council officers. The member of the public described the actions of the council following a walkabout in the Avenue Road and Talla Park areas. He described these as uncoordinated, with little or no communication between departments. He feels the town centre regeneration has not met many of its objectives. He described the former Kinross High School site as shambolic. Cllr Robertson agreed that trying to have improvements implemented was very frustrating. He has been trying to have repairs and upgrades carried out at Coventry Place for 15 months but nothing has been done yet. PKC officers assure him the work will be done in the next few weeks.

12. Other Competent Business.

- a. **Former KHS site/Persimmon:** Cllr Davies raised the issue that a householder in Alexander Drive has with the Persimmon development at the former Kinross High School site. It is claimed that a new house on the site is 1.6 metres higher than it should be, causing overlooking. Cllr Robertson explained that the developer might simply apply for permission to modify the height and PKC would most likely grant this. The householder will have to pay for an independent survey of levels if he wants to take this further. Some members of the CC were at a loss as to the purpose of Enforcement Officers. Another point of view is that the planning system is at fault and so the Scottish Government is ultimately to blame.
- b. **Dog mess:** Cllr McKay complained about the extent of this on Kinross pavements. She informed the CC about luminous paint that can be used to highlight the mess, without causing environmental problems.
- c. **Cracked pavement:** There is a dangerous cracked slab on the pavement on Station Road, just beyond delimiter signs, departing Kinross. Cllr Robertson will report this. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**
- d. **Bus stop signs:** The Springfield Road bus stops have lost their signs. Cllr Purves will report this to the Public Transport Unit. **ACTION: Cllr Purves.**
- e. **Potholes:** The pothole repairs near Lathro are terrible. Cllr Robertson will report this. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**
- f. **20mph signs:** It was again pointed out that the 20mph signs at Kinross High Street are pointing the wrong way.
- g. **Speedwatch:** Cllr Robertson does not know if there is a future for this initiative as the Chief Constable has changed.
- h. **Apologies/Financial report:** Cllr Jack gave apologies in advance for the May meeting, which is also the AGM. He will provide copies of the financial report in advance and Cllr Colliar will present the report at the AGM. **ACTION: Cllrs Jack & Colliar.**
- i. **First Responders:** A representative from Kinross Community First Responders was present to thank the CC for the recent contribution towards their funds. This was the surplus from the CC's kiosk defibrillator project.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 2 May 2018 (also the Annual General Meeting).

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

All minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.