

**DRAFT MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council**  
**On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**  
**Via Zoom Conference**

**Present:** CClr W Freeman (Chair), CClr D Colliar, CClr M McFarlane, CClr L McKay and CClr M Wood.

**In attendance:** Douglas Alexander

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr W Robertson and Cllr C Purves

**Minutes:** Recorded

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from CClr T Stewart.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

A declaration of interest was made in respect of a planning application where the CC were mentioned in respect of the Fountain.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record and were proposed by CClr D Colliar and seconded by CClr L McKay.

**4. Police Report**

The police report had been received the previous evening and had been circulated prior to the meeting.

CClr Freeman advised that Police Scotland had again confirmed that they were unable to attend Zoom meetings. They have been asked what platform they can use to attend and Cllr C Purves advised that he had reported at a previous meeting that Craig Steven, Inspector for South Perthshire and Kinross-shire, had confirmed that whilst they cannot dial in using laptops, they are able to use the telephone number option. The Chair was asked to respond to Police Scotland advising that the Inspector for the area is happy to use Zoom (via telephone) and it is unacceptable that they cannot attend.

**ACTION: CClr W Freeman**

Police report was as follows:

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Numerous House Breakings in Kinross. (sheds and outbuildings Business premises)	Suspects identified and positive lines of enquiry continuing.
Between 21 <sup>st</sup> August and 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Speeding	A977 Kinross – 2 x persons reported for 52 and 45 in a 30 zone Kinross – 1 x reported for 53 in a 30 zone
Between 21 <sup>st</sup> August and 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Driving whilst using a mobile phone	Reported to PF
Between 21 <sup>st</sup> August and 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Drink driving	Reported to the PF

Between 21 <sup>st</sup> August and 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Vandalism to motor car	Enquiries ongoing.
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Cllr W Robertson advised that he had written to Police Scotland in respect of speeding traffic and suggested that they select Kinross-shire for a speeding campaign. He felt it would be helpful if they could work with the CCs to target hotspots, publish findings and let residents see that the police are taking the issue seriously. Cllr Robertson is due to speak to Sgt Michelle Burns on Friday. Initial discussions have been positive but he would appreciate if the CC could write to Police Scotland to supporting such a campaign.

Cllr McKay also raised the issue of the difficulty experienced at crossings, especially by children, and especially in Springfield Road. It was noted that residents were ignoring the crossings and using different places to cross roads, which is also making it unsafe.

It was felt that there was a need to reverse the decision in respect of the crossing buttons and that these should be reprogrammed. Cllr Purves will raise again with Angus Forbes who is Convenor of the Committee. If necessary, a Motion can be brought.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

Cllr McKay raised the issue of abandoned cars in the Myre Park car park and was advised that since this was Council ground, the issues should also be raised with PKC. Cllr Robertson advised he had written to PKC asking them to investigate these vehicles to see which ones were unregistered and could be removed. Cllr Purves advised he had also received an anonymous letter in respect of this.

**5. Matters Arising from previous minutes**

All matters arising were covered by the agenda.

**6. Kinross Town Centre**

Cllr Colliar advised that a lot of pillars/bollards had been demolished at the hotel and the area was beginning to look scruffy. It was noted that the cobbles were also starting to drop at both sides. Cllr Purves advised that a couple of issues had been raised in respect of the bollards and at the junction of Burns Begg Street. He went on to say that at the site visit prior to lockdown, a survey was due to be arranged via the newsletter and online with local residents to gain comments about how they felt the shared space was working (or not). He went on to advise that he would contact the Roads team as he felt it was now reasonable to go back to ask them to complete consultation. Cllr Purves agreed to report back at a future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

Cllr M McFarlane raised an issue with a pizza sign on a bollard and asked if this was allowed. Cllr Colliar felt that this was not appropriate and suggested that a letter be written to the shop owner asking them to remove/replace the sign. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr McFarlane would speak to the owner personally rather than writing to them.

**ACTION: Cllr M McFarlane**

**7. Membership and Election**

Cllr Colliar advised he had spoken to Cllr M Wood in respect of re-applying for the post of a Community Councillor in the by-election and confirmed that this would take place.

**ACTION: Cllr M Wood**

**8. AGM**

Cllr Freeman advised that correspondence had been received advising that the CC's AGM could not be held until a physical meeting was held. Cllr Purves advised he had not seen the correspondence but he believed most CCs were going ahead with online AGMs as it was unlikely

that physical meetings would be held anytime soon. Cllr Colliar advised that he felt the AGM should be held in October as the balance sheets were to be submitted in November. After discussion, it was agreed that the AGM would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, via Zoom and would be followed by the normal monthly meeting.

## 9. Accounts

Cllr Colliar confirmed that the accounts were up to date and were currently with Ross McConnell. £320 remains in the account but £4000 has been allocated for the Provost Lamp. Cllr Colliar has written to PKC to discount this money from CC funds as this is for a specific project. Cllr Colliar is to email Scott Denyer about the lights and the lamp.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar**

Any remaining funds would normally be transferred to the newsletter but this has not happened due to a technical issue at the Kinross-shire partnership account and this amount will now be retained in the bank account.

## 10. Planning

### a) Applications Received since the Last Meeting

**20/00934/ADV** – display of sign at 106 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AJ

**20/01213/FLL** – Alternations to dwelling house at The Rowans, 3 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

**20/01079/FLL** – Alternations and extension to dwelling house, formation of steps, landscaping and associated works at 23 Sunnypark, Kinross, KY13 8BX

**20/01142/FLL** – Alterations to dwelling house at 6 Thomson Place, Kinross, KY13 8AD

**20/01095/FLL** – Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 21 Mcwilliam Place, Kinross, KY13 8QU

**20/01065/FLL** – Alterations, extension and formation of terrace at Calders Garden Centre, Turfhill, Kinross, KY13 0NQ. Members were advised that this application had been completely redesigned.

20/01042/FLL – Siting of a modular building for a visitor reception and air traffic control facility at Balado Park, Milnathort. There was some confusion around this application as it had been submitted to the CC, while Douglas Alexander felt it should have come under Milnathort CC. It was noted that the application was running 4 months behind schedule but things are now progressing

### b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC

**20/00771/IPL** - Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) on land 160 metres North West of Craighton House, Cleish (**REFUSED**)

### c) Other Planning Matters

No other matters were raised.

## 11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Purves advised that no-one was being allowed to use the pitches and facilities at the Campus until October 2020, and whilst he appreciated the school has to take priority, these sessions are

happening in the evening when school is not in. He has since written to the Chief Executive asking her to intervene in the matter. The Colts have now been put in touch with an officer who is trying to see if they can expedite this so they can use the facilities as soon as possible. While it was recognised that the decisions have been taken with the best of intentions, the benefits of having young people playing sport is worthwhile and outweighs some of the risks presented. An update will be given at future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

Cllr Purves advised that the Kinross branch of the Bank of Scotland would now close on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. Whilst a meeting had previously been held with Bank representatives, another meeting is arranged for the following week with Liz Smith and Fossoway CC. Whilst the meeting was unlikely to change the final decision, it was felt that it appropriate to make an argument about retaining the branch and also about the Bank's use of demographics since they do not appear to have taken into account the increase in population in the area and issues around social distancing. They are now asking customers to use the Post Office, which in itself is quite a small area so will present additional problems if people cannot use online systems. An update will be given at a future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

Cllr Purves has asked for a meeting with residents and Officers in respect of flooding in the area. The flood defence scheme in PKC's Capital Programme has been significantly funded by Scottish Government but is around 3 years away. This is the second time flooding has happened this year. Cllr Purves felt that if it was not possible to expedite progress due to statutory consultations, PKC needs to look at other ways to help properties in the interim.

PKC seemed reluctant to have meetings but have agreed to hold one in Kinross and it was felt that it would be beneficial for a CC representative to attend that meeting. Cllr Purves commented that it was PKC's view that it was up to property owners to protect their homes from flooding and he did not feel this was good enough.

Cllr Robertson advised that a meeting had been held last month with representatives from SEPA, SNH, Scottish Water, PKC and Centre of Hydrology and Ecology in respect of the quality of water in Loch Leven and those representatives had decided there could be an issue. They are now looking at various things which they could perhaps do, e.g., loading to the loch – regulations state 10 tonnes of phosphorous per annum but it is now felt that there should be a meeting with developers to get an indication of the amount of phosphorous from developments and what can be done to mitigate this. Cllr Robertson felt that the meeting had been encouraging and advised that a full report of the meeting would be included in a future edition of the newsletter.

Cllr Robertson advised that so many parents were now trying to cross at the Station Road Crossing at primary school in a socially distanced way and it was proving dangerous. He has written to PKC to see if anything can be to improve the situation. CCllr McKay thought there was meant to be 2 crossings on that road and was advised by Cllr Robertson that there is due to be another one installed out towards the motorway/Sainsburys.

Cllr Robertson asked for an article to be included in the Newsletter in respect of the overgrown bushes and hedges, especially the ones at The Muirs and at Station Road. CCllr Colliar also asked for this to be put on the CC's Facebook page.

**ACTION: CCllr L McKay**

Cllr Robertson also asked to be advised of any road drains which were blocked and he would arrange for these to be cleaned as soon as possible.

**ACTION: All**

Cllr Freeman enquired about the list of pot holes in the area and was advised by Cllr Robertson that these were normally repaired quickly, with Bowton Road due to be completed this week.

## **12. Reports from CC Representatives**

Cllr Freeman advised that there had been a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Remembrance parade, with another one planned for 8<sup>th</sup> October. It has been decided that there will be no church service or parade because of the current Covid-19 restrictions and therefore the service will be pre-recorded and put out on social media platforms. The march for youth organisations will also not be held.

A meeting with the Veterans is still to take place, with Cllr McKay to contact them to arrange a suitable date.

**ACTION: Cllr L McKay**

The current plan is that wreath layers will meet on the Sunday morning at the usual time and socially distanced. The wreath laying will again be pre-recorded and put on social media, although arrangements are still to be finalised. There will be one piper and a Bugler playing The Last Post.

Planning applications for road closures and a parade licence have been submitted but it was noted that these are unlikely to happen. Discussions have also been held about a drumhead service but again Covid-19 restrictions mean there will be a limit to the amount of people who can meet outside.

Cllr Purves commented that he had been disappointed that the residents meeting with PKC had been poorly attended, especially since it been a good opportunity for residents to put across grievances and see if there was a way to resolve these – he has asked for another meeting, possibly in the evening, to be arranged. He felt that there was strong support for communities to be doing more and becoming more involved in what the Council does. He will share feedback so that CC can make comments.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

Cllr McKay commented that she had posted on Facebook asking if anyone had any issues to be raised but there had been no response.

Cllr Colliar advised that there had been an online meeting of the Kinross-shire Fund where £2000 had been allocated to Penny's Community Woodland at Crook of Devon for a unit to store equipment (tractor, lawnmower, gardening equipment).

Cllr Colliar stated that there was a need to arrange a meeting of KCC NLL and the CC in order to disperse the funds for the 4 applications received. Cllr Colliar advised that that the newsletter had done excellently through the Covid-19 crisis so did not see the need for an AGM. Cllr McKay advised that she did not receive updates so did not know who the 4 applicants were. It was agreed that Cllr Colliar would update her outwith the meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar/Cllr L McKay**

Cllr Freeman felt that the KCC NLL needed more members, even though Cllr McFarlane and Cllr M Wood had joined as representatives of the CC.

After discussion, it was agreed to hold the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October and have the discussion around membership at that meeting. Funds were to be dispersed and then a conversation was needed with Ross McConnell in respect of the KCC NLL meeting.

Cllr Colliar agreed to speak to Hannah Phillips in respect of her application for the group.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar**

Cllr Colliar advised that there had been a fruitful and constructive meeting with the Partnership and Flint River about the Kinross.CC website. Flint River had gone away with lots of ideas about how to set up the website and make it more user friendly. It was felt that Flint River seemed to know what they were doing, with a key difference being that it had been possible to get views and the local history across. It was felt that it would be a good website when it was eventually up and running. An update will be given at future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar/Cllr M McFarlane**

### **13. Licensing Applications**

No applications had been received.

### **14. Correspondence**

All correspondence had been forwarded as appropriate.

### **15. Any Other Competent Business**

- a) Glenfarg Community Group

Cllr Freeman confirmed he had received Cllr Colliar's response in respect of this group. Cllr Colliar felt that it was not something he would want to be involved in but he was happy for the CC to attend. After discussion, Cllr McKay agreed to look into the group but could not promise that she join it. It was agreed that a CC representative would attend one meeting and then a decision would be made about future meetings.

**ACTION: Cllr L McKay**

### **16. AOB**

- a) The Colts – Cllr McKay advised that the group had been having issues with neighbours and having contacted Ewan Baillie, a compromise had been reached.
- b) School meals – Cllr McKay thanked Cllr Robertson for clarifying the 'eat out to help out' school meals situation, where PKC had thought that by time they applied for the scheme, they would have missed the deadline. Cllr McKay also expressed frustration that PKC had not applied for laptops for children to use at home (a recent FOI showed they had not requested any laptops) and she asked if there had been an extra cost to PKC. Members were advised that this decision had not been taken by the Education Committee.
- c) Members were asked if anything would be happening with the verge at Mill Street now that the bushes had been removed. Cllr Purves advised he had raised this issue before as local residents were keen to maintain the area themselves – he would ask PKC again and give an update at a future meeting. Cllr Robertson suggested that nothing would happen until after lockdown had been eased. It was agreed to review this item in spring 2021.
- d) Green Initiative – Cllr McFarlane advised he had circulated an idea to members around a car ownership club in order to promote wellbeing which would encourage residents to get rid of cars and provide them with a viable alternative in terms of a car club with a hybrid vehicle, an electric vehicle and ebikes with charging stations dotted around the area.

Cllr McFarlane was looking for comments in terms of whether CC members felt that this would be a good idea and also whether KCC could be used to process funds/apply for grants.

Members felt that the suggestion would be good for the area, especially the use of bikes around the loch by tourists.

In terms of funding, Cllr Colliar suggested that Cllr McFarlane contact the Kinross-shire Partnership Tourism Group since they have a mechanism for accessing funding which KCC don't have.

Cllr Purves suggested that it was a worthwhile initiative and knew that Cllr M Barnacle was keen to have a meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum soon. He will speak to Cllr Barnacle about this.

Questions were raised around compliance with safety concerns and Cllr McFarlane advised that Enterprise Car Club charge £9 per car per hire and cleaning is undertaken by a locally employed person (cleaning materials are kept in the car). In respect of the ebikes, the hirer cleans the bike using the kit which is kept on the bike

Cllr Robertson advised he had written to PKC to find out whether funding would be available for this initiative but he had had no response as yet.

After discussion, it was agreed that this was a viable project and agreement was reached that the CC would initially lead on setting this up. Cllr McFarlane thanked the CC for their views and comments and agreed to provide an update to a future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr M McFarlane**

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm, followed by the normal monthly KCC meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 8.40 pm  
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting