

MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
on Wednesday 5th June 2019
in the Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Present: Councillors B Freeman (Chair), M Blyth, I Jack, T Stewart, D Colliar, D Cuthbert, D West and L McKay

Minutes: Mrs C Aird

Ward Councillors: Cllrs C Purves and R Watters

Public: 10 members

Police: Community Sergeant Michelle Burns

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Bryson and PKC Councillors M Barnacle and W Robertson.

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of meeting of 1st May 2019

There was a minor amendment to be made to item 4 (Sale of Kinross Learning Centre), paragraph 3 to read ‘...to see if support could be gained from the CC to stop the sale of the building and to assist in the process of suggesting ways to fund the purchase of the Centre by the Community’.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor I Jack and seconded by Councillor M Blyth.

4. Davies Play Park Refurbishment

The CC welcomed Diane Cassidy, Senior Community Capacity Builder, Community Greenspace at PKC to the meeting and advised that Ms Cassidy had been invited along to discuss the proposed refurbishment of Davies Play Park.

Ms Cassidy advised that around 6 – 7 play parks are renovated each year and Davies Park was on the proposed list for this year. She was looking for suggestions to include in the park and also asked if there were any specific issues with the park.

Ms Cassidy was advised that the Park was used for sledging in winter by Councillor L McKay so it was pointed out that it would be best to avoid disrupting this. Councillor McKay pointed out that the large slide was popular and should either be retained or improved on. Councillor McKay also suggested that a cycling area for children to learn how to ride a bike would be a possible enhancement of the park. It was also suggested that it would be good to see what the residents would like.

There are spates of vandalism but this was no worse than in other parks in the area. The issue of the crossing from Wilson Court to Davies Park was highlighted as something which would need

to be reviewed, along with the hedges as they restrict visibility of the road and path. It was also suggested that the equipment could be moved further away from the road.

The meeting was advised that Ms Cassidy would be drawing up a questionnaire to ask residents what they would like to see in the park, and once the results of the questionnaire had been reviewed, an architect would draw up a plan of the proposed park and this would then go out for consultation. Work would be undertaken and completed within the 2019/20 financial year.

Suggestions were made for the production of an electronic questionnaire (CC to put up on Facebook page and website), and to be included in the next edition of the Newsletter with paper copies to nurseries, schools, other community groups too. A member of the public suggested that Ms Cassidy link in with the Community Hub who had a lot of information from previous questionnaires around sports facilities which the community would like to see.

Ms Cassidy advised that she had recently met someone from the Friends of Wallace Park group who had requested sight of the plan for the whole park as the group are currently raising money for additional requests and although it was not a problem to share the plan, PKC only had funds available to refurbish the play park.

Cllr D West suggested that a group which had been formed to oppose H46 in the Local Development Plan might be interested in becoming involved. He said that he would approach them on this.

ACTION: Cllr D West

The CC thanked Ms Cassidy for attending the meeting and it was suggested that if anyone wish to contact Ms Cassidy they could do so via email at Dcassidy@pkc.gov.uk

5. Police Report

Sergeant Burns advised that she was the new Community Sergeant at Kinross and although she had been in post for around 2 months, this had been the first opportunity to attend a CC meeting.

Sgt Burns advised that there had been 3 accidents in the area (one drunk driver, 2 no insurance), 2 thefts (cones and garden items/flowers), 5 youth annoyance calls in the Talla Park area and one incident of vandalism to a Stagecoach bus (stone thrown at window).

Incidents of concern highlighted to Sgt Burns included speeding with Sgt Burns advising the meeting that a new process was being brought in where a percentile check would give an average speed depending on the number of cars going through a specific area.

A member of the public raised an issue with speeding from the area around the Car Mart over the bridge – cars are regularly driven at around 60 mph from around 4 pm onwards every day. Sgt Burns agreed to get her colleagues to patrol the area on a regular basis.

Cllr C Purves advised that 5 vehicle activation signs would be placed in the town very soon, with 2 allocated to Springfield Road, one on Old Cleish Road, one on The Muirs and one on Station Road. Sgt Burns thanked everyone for their information and asked people to contact her direct with any issues.

Cllr C Purves had forwarded copies of the proposed locations for these signs and Cllr Cuthbert pointed out that these had been corrupted and asked that they be resent so that they could be copied to the Community for comment.

ACTION: Cllr W Freeman

6. Resignation of Secretary/Replacement

No further update available.

7. Matters Arising from Minutes of 1st May 2019

- a) **Sale of Kinross Learning Centre** – letter had been sent to Perth College requesting a meeting, and the meeting had taken place.
- b) **Kinross Town Centre Regeneration** – a decision had been taken outwith the meeting not to escalate the issue to the Chief Executive at PKC. Cllr Cuthbert indicated that a letter had been received from David Littlejohn immediately after the last meeting advising that a review would be complete by the end of May/beginning of June. The CC felt that if the review had been completed then this should be shared with the public for comment. Cllr Cuthbert agreed to forward the letter from Mr Littlejohn to Cllr Purves for him to ask Mr Littlejohn to incorporate comments from the community into the review.

ACTIONS: Cllr D Cuthbert/ Cllr C Purves

- c) **Former Kinross High School Site** – Cllr D Cuthbert confirmed that a letter had been sent to Ms McCall at PKC.
- d) **Venue for meetings** - Cllr I Jack confirmed that he had written to the Masonic Hall confirming that the CC would meet in the Hall from the June 2019 meeting.
- e) **Common Good Fund** – An update from the June meeting would be given at the next meeting of the CC.

8. Provost's Lamp

Cllrs D Cuthbert and D Colliar and Cllr C Purves had met with the Council's Lighting Officer in regard to the siting of the Lamp and Cllr Colliar reported that two possible locations had been identified, and that it had been agreed that costings would be supplied for these by the Council. This information would be brought back to the Community Council for a decision to be made once it was available. The CC were advised that provisional costs of £2000 + VAT had been suggested.

A member of the public suggesting using solar power to power the lamp and it was agreed that this suggestion would be made.

The item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

9. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

10. Kinross-shire Form Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 24th June in ICT 2, Loch Leven Community Campus and 7 pm. Two members of the CC were invited to attend. The agenda, at the moment, consists of

- Community Transport Survey Results
- Kinross-shire Area Committee Proposal
- Community Speed Watch Initiative
- People's Parish Project (KLEO)

Additional items which Cllr Purves agreed to add to the agenda were:

- Discussion on community buildings
- Community hub
- Litter campaign

It was noted that the meeting clashed with the newsletter meeting and members agreed to attempt to reschedule this meeting.

ACTION: Cllr W Freeman

11. Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications Received since last meeting

Ref: 19/00646/FLL – Extension to dwelling house at The Lodge, Gellybank Farm, KY13 0LE

Ref: 19/00653/FLL – use of building as Class 5 general industrial, 198 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DE

Ref: 19/00853/FLL - Alterations and extension to garage at Twin Pines, Tillyochie, Balado, Kinross, KY13 0NL

Ref: 19/00818/CON - Demolition of buildings (in part retrospect) at Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Ref: 19/00778/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 12 Talla Park, Kinross, KY13 8AB

Ref: 19/00777/LAW - Alterations and extensions to dwelling house (proposed) at Craigwell, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 0NR

Ref: 19/00742/FLL - Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Strathardle, Cockairney, Cleish, Kinross, KY13 0LQ

Ref: 19/00736/FLL - Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 13 St Mary's Place, Kinross, KY13 8BZ

Ref: 19/00720/LBC - Internal alterations at Town Hall, 110 High Street, Kinross

Ref: 19/00653/FLL - Erection of 8 floodlights at British Car Auctions, Kinross, KY13 8EN

b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC

Ref: 19/00355/FLL – Extension to dwelling house at Hawthorn Cottage, Gairney Bank, Kinross, KY13 9JX (**WITHDRAWN**)

Ref: 19/00322/FLL – Remove condition 2 (hours of operation) from Ref: 16/01289/FLL (**APPROVED**)

Ref: 19/00074/IPL – Land 80 metres South East of Twin Pines, Tillyochie, Balado (**REMOVED**)

Cllr D Colliar advised that the demolition of Kirklands Garage had taken place due to a health and safety issue as it had been necessary to remove the fuel tanks from the front of the property. It was also part of the planning application that the property would be returned to its previous state. Cllr West indicated that he had previous experience with buildings and the former Kirklands Garage was probably beyond economical repair. A member of the public

asked whether the original sandstone would be used as the machinery being used to dig up the fuel tanks was not being particularly sensitive about this work. The CC could not answer this question but Cllr D Cuthbert felt that the application should be objected to by the Community Council on the basis that a condition should be placed on the developer to rebuild the building to its original form, shape and finish. This was not discussed.

There were no comments made on the above applications.

c) Former Kinross High School Site

Cllr D Colliar asked PKC councillors what was being done to bring the former school back to its past state, i.e., sundial windows and doors in the old design.

Cllr C Purves advised that the doors and windows which had previously been fitted had met with approval by PKC.

d) Other Planning Matters

A member of the public raised the issue of a walkway in McDonald Avenue being blocked off and residents with children having to walk them to school via a circuitous route. Cllr D Cuthbert advised that the CC had written to PKC in February about this issue and Cllr C Purves confirmed that he had also written to Steve Cowan at PKC.

No other planning matters were raised.

12. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr R Watters

- a) The SP & R Committee are meeting on 12th June with a proposal being put forward for funding for the car park at the pier to be redone, with 2 way links to the town, clear signage which will benefit the economy. Cllr C Purves sits on this Committee so will provide an update at a future meeting.
- b) There is a motion for PKC to improve their strategy on climate emergency and a paper on more affordable rental payments has been submitted to the Council for consideration at a future meeting. Cllr Watters will provide more details at the next CC meeting.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters

Cllr C Purves

- a) Thanked Cllr Watters for submitting the paper to the Town Centre Fund
- b) Vehicle activated signs – as mentioned earlier in the meeting, 5 new signs will be erected in the town – one on Old Cleish Road, 2 on Springfield Road, 1 at the Muirs (along past the Campus) and one on Station Road (after the roundabout). Cllr Watters raised concerns about the siting of the signs in Springfield Road, especially in relation to McBayne Park and accessibility issues for wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs, and requested that a site visit be arranged. Cllr Watters is to write to PKC requesting this.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters

It was also suggested that the sign at the Muirs be relocated.

- c) Primary care improvement plan – changes are imminent in respect of appointments at GP surgeries, with changes to venues and the different types of services provided in non-normal settings. More information to be provided when it is available.

ACTION: Cllr C Purves

13. Reports from CC representatives

- a) Kinross-shire Fund – Cllr D Colliar reported on the June meeting when £1050 was awarded to Friends of Wallace Park, Glenfarg, for architectural services to upgrade Wallace Park.
- b) Website – Cllr D Colliar had attending a meeting in May where the upgrade of the website had been raised. A quote of £10,000 had been received to update the website to a suitable standard, and after discussion it was agreed that a specification should be completed and this would then be circulated for bids. A further update will be given after the sub-committee meeting in August.
- c) LLCC – Cllr D West advised that the Campus management were looking for feedback on how they were doing in the community and advised that he would circulate the papers once they were available.

ACTION: Cllr D West

14. Licensing

No licensing issues had been received.

15. Correspondence

- a) **Letter to CC** – delivered to LLCC but unfortunately it was anonymous and therefore the CC could not act on it.
- b) **Heart 200** – a concern had been received in respect of this event and Cllr W Freeman asked if anyone had any comments to make. Cllr D West reported that he had only heard positive comments but was aware of issues with the North Coast 500 in respect of the amount of traffic on single road. No other comments were received.

16. Any Other Competent Business

- a) Rear of Parish Church – Cllr I Jack asked if the land which backs onto the Persimmon Homes site had been adopted by the Council. Cllr C Purves agreed to look into this.
ACTION: Cllr C Purves
- b) McDonald Avenue – Cllr M Blyth advised that there was a crevice in the road outside No 11 and children were being soaked when cars went through puddles. Cllr C Purves agreed to report this issue.
ACTION: Cllr C Purves
- c) Road surfaces – Cllr L McKay commented on the ‘patchwork’ of road repairs in the town. Cllr C Purves advised that he had met with the Roads Dept. a few weeks ago and advised anyone with concerns on any topic to report these via the ‘My PKC’ section on the PKC website (<https://my.pkc.gov.uk/>). It was agreed that the link would be uploaded onto the website and Facebook page.

A member of the public raised the issue of the road from The Boat House to the main road (opposite Hunters Butcher) and felt that this needed a stop sign before someone was seriously injured. Cllr W Freeman advised that the CC had written to PKC about this issue and confirmed that the local Police were supportive of this.

d) Minutes of Meetings

A member of the public raised the issue that the minutes from the last CC meeting, along with an agenda for this meeting, were not on the website. CClr W Freeman advised that the agenda and minutes were sent to the website for uploading but would investigate why this had not happened.

ACTION: CClr W Freeman

CClr W Freeman opened up the meeting to questions from the audience, who were mostly present to discuss the Kinross Learning Centre. The CC were asked for an update on their position re the Learning Centre and also from any meetings between the CC and the Men's Shed.

CClr D West advised that there had been a long conversation with the Men's Shed and the College and the CC, at the meeting with the College, a request had been made that the closing date for any sale be extended to 16th August – this was requested in order to give the Men's Shed the opportunity to put together a community bid for the Learning Centre, and not for the CC to submit a rival bid. The audience were advised that the CC did not have funding to allow them to submit a bid for the purchase of the Centre.

Maureen Lyall commented that she, Joyce Parrie and Margaret Monkton had attended the last CC meeting unaware of the actions being taken by the Men's Shed in respect of a bid for the Centre – a lot of conversations were taking place although there appeared to be a lack of conversation between the different groups. She thanked CClr D Cuthbert and Cllrs C Purves and R Watters for the help and advice they had given previously and again sought confirmation that the CC would not be submitting a competing bid for the Centre.

The CC again confirmed that they would not be submitting a bid to purchase the Centre but did support the sole bid being prepared by the Men's Shed.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Apologies were received in advance from CClr M Blyth, CClr D Colliar and Mrs C Aird.

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.45 pm
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting**