

DRAFT MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
Wednesday 3 October 2018
At the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Present: Community Councillors (CCLRs): Bill Freeman (Chair), David Colliar, Dave Cuthbert (Acting Secretary), Barry Davies, Lynne McKay, Thomas Stewart and David West.

Perth & Kinross Councillors (Cllrs): C Purves, R Watters and three members of the Public

1. **Apologies:** were received from: CCLRs Margaret Blyth, Jonathan Bryson, Ian Jack, P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson and PC Stapleton.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** there were no Declarations of Interest from those present.
3. **Minutes of Meeting of 5 September 2018:** Agreed as a true record. Proposed: CCLr Davies, Seconded: CCLr West.
4. **Police Report:** A report had been sent by email to the Community Council in advance of the meeting. Reported items included: There was a break-in at Baynes the Bakers and a glass pane smashed at the bus stop outside Kinross High School.
It was also noted that, anyone wishing to raise any policing issues, should email PC Stapleton or PC Spalding.
5. **Resignation of Secretary:** Eileen Thomas wrote to the Community Council on 26 September, resigning as a Member of the Community Council and as Secretary.
The matter was discussed and members expressed regret at Eileen's resignation.
It was agreed that a letter would be written to her thanking her for her service and wishing her well in her retirement. **ACTION: CCLr West.**
The Chair indicated that a member of the public had approached him with a view to becoming the Community Council's Minute Secretary. This came from the Community Council's advert in the Newsletter. He indicated that he had agreed that they take Minutes at the November and subsequent meetings.
Councillor Cuthbert Agreed to take the minutes for this meeting. **ACTION: CCLr Cuthbert.**
Given the vacancy on the Community Council it was agreed that an advert would be placed in the November Edition of the Newsletter for a new member. **ACTION: CCLr Cuthbert.**
It was noted that anyone interested in joining the Community Council should complete a co-option application form, which is available on the P&K website and submit it to the Council.
It was agreed that the role of Secretary and the now vacant position on the Kinross Common Good Fund Committee, would be put on the Agenda for the November Meeting. **ACTION Minute Secretary.**
6. **Matters Arising from Meeting of 5 September 2018.**
 - a. **War Memorial:** CCLr Colliar gave an update on having a rail fitted to the War Memorial outside the Court House, to hold the wreaths in place. He indicated that two quotations had been obtained with a wide variance in price. He informed the meeting that he was in the process of firming up the two quotations and would then approach the Council with detailed plans.
 - b. **Dog Mess:** CCLrs McKay and Davies informed the meeting that they had been using the coloured spray to highlight dog mess throughout Kinross. CCLr McKay said that she had asked one member of the public whose dog had made a mess if they would like to pick it up, to save her having to spray it. Apparently the dog mess was cleaned up.

- c. **Provost Lamp:** Discussion on this matter was postponed to the next meeting as Cllr Robertson was not present. **ACTION Minute Secretary.**
- d. **CC Boundaries:** Cllr Watters indicated that a new Scheme of Administration for Community Councils had been debated at a P&K Council meeting held earlier in the day. This incorporated the possibility of Community Council Boundary Changes, though it was unclear when this would be implemented.
- e. **Community Investment Fund:** Cllr Cuthbert asked for clarification on the deadline for applications for funding from this £50,000 fund. Cllr Watters informed the meeting that the deadline had been moved from the middle of November to the middle of February, by the Action Partnership. Cllr Colliar expressed disappointment on hearing this, as he had submitted an application on behalf of Light up Kinross, which he had hoped would be made available prior to Christmas. Cllr Watters advised that the guidance which had been issued was unclear and the Action Partnership felt they needed clarification prior to accepting applications. Cllr Purves indicated that the guidance needed tightening up and cited several examples where it could be better worded. Cllr Purves went on to say that the Guidance which had been issued did not reflect the spirit of the fund which was set up by the Council, he had been informed that the guidance was an operational matter which Councillors should not be involved in. It was felt by several people present that the fund had been hijacked by officers. Further concerns were raised over the Action Partnership being involved in screening applications for this fund, given the problems with the last Participatory Budgeting event. Cllr Purves agreed to find out how the screening would be taking place. **ACTION Cllr Purves.**
Cllr Cuthbert asked for a copy of the guidance on the fund. Cllr Watters agreed to send this to the Community Council. **ACTION Cllr Watters.**

7. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration.

- a. **Review of Project:** Cllr Barnacle was not present at the meeting, so this matter will be carried forward to the next meeting. **ACTION Minute Secretary.**
- b. **20mph Signs:** Cllr Purves noted that half the work had been done on the signs at the junction of Station Road and High Street (the poles and lights being up, but the signs being absent). He agreed to raise this with the Council and revert back with an update. **ACTION Cllr Purves.**
- c. **Old Causeway Car Park:** This work is ongoing.
- d. **Electrics:** Cllr Freeman advised that the catches to the cabinet doors were still not fixed. Cllr Purves agreed to follow this up. **ACTION Cllr Purves.**
- e. **Avenue Road and Talla Park:** A Member of the Public indicated that the Roads Department had agreed to changes to the yellow lines in the Avenue Road/Talla Park area and consultation on the proposals was due to commence imminently.

8. Planning Matters.

- a. **New Planning Applications.** Cllr Colliar reported on these.
 - 18/01546/FLL:** Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Broom Cottage, 17A Broom Road, Kinross, KY13 8BU.
 - 18/01608/FLL:** Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Westhall 194 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DE
 - 18/01666/FLL:** Extension to dwellinghouse, 3 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ
 - 18/01690/FLL:** Erection of a garden building, replacement fencing, formation of decking, landscaping and associated works (in part retrospect), 58 Simpson Wynd, Kinross, KY13 8GP
 No comments were raised on these applications.
- b. **Planning applications Determined by P&K.**
 - 18/01443/FLL** Alterations and Extension to dwelling house Torriebank, Carsegour Kinross KY13 0LG, APPROVED

18/00766/IPL Residential Development Land 120mtres east of Twin Peaks Tillyochie,
WITHDRAWN

- c. **Former Kinross High School:** A brief discussion took place on the speed of development of the Former High School Building. Cllr Watters agreed to find out if the Bond was still held by the Council. **ACTION Cllr Watters.**

9. Reports from P&K Councillors

- a. **Priorities at the junction of Springfield Road and Muirs:** Cllr Watters reported that this was being considered by the roads department and they would be reverting back to the Community Council soon.
- b. **Funding for CC's:** Cllr Watters advised that funding for Community Councils had been raised at the full P&K Council earlier in the day by Cllr Robertson and Cllr Anderson (of Almond and Earn) and that a review had been acceded to by officers.
- c. **EU Nationals:** Cllr Watters reported that the matter of EU Nationals being able to stand on Community Councils had been discussed at the earlier Council meeting. It was noted that the Scottish Government were carrying out an electoral review in the matter.
- d. **Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils:** Cllr Purves reported on the debate concerning Community Councils at the Council meeting earlier in the day. He advised that P&K pay one of the lowest per capita amounts to Community Councils in the country.
- e. **Davies Park:** Cllr Purves reported that improvements to the park are scheduled for 2019/20. There will be a consultation exercise prior to any work and the Council would welcome the formation of a Friends of Davies Park Group. CCllr Colliar pointed out that Dr Davies from Kinross Community Council had raised the funds to equip the park originally, which is why it was called the Davies Park. He also informed the meeting that the land for the park had been gifted to Kinross. A question was raised as to whether the park is included in the Common Good Register for Kinross. As this was not known CCllr Cuthbert Agreed to write to P&K to ask if this is the case. **ACTION CCllr Cuthbert.**
- f. **Benches at the Myre:** Cllr Purves reported that he had spoken to officers and they hoped to be able to progress with the benches at the Myre.

10. Reports from CC Representatives.

- a. **Kinross Community Council Newsletter Fund:** CCllr Davies reported that 10 applications had been received for funding from the profits made by the Kinross Community Council Newsletter.
- b. **Loch Leven Community Campus:** CCllr Davies asked what was being done about the very poor utilisation of the Campus. Cllr Purves indicated that the charging policy had become more flexible. He advised that there would be a meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum of Community Councils to discuss who should take a seat on the Campus Management Group representing all six Kinross-shire Community Councils. This seat to be held for one year (four meetings) and to then revert to another Community Council (this mechanism having been arrived at by the four Campus Leaders). Finally, he advised that another review of campuses was being undertaken.
- c. **Hayfield Garden:** CCllr McKay reported on the destruction of the wildlife garden by P&K staff. She had reported it to the police as a wildlife crime, but unfortunately, they were not going to take it forward due to a lack of resources.
- d. **Wilson Court:** CCllr McKay raised the issue of cars parking in the turning circle at Wilson Court.
- e. **Remembrance Parade:** CCllr McKay asked if there was a fund available for the centenary celebration of Armistice Day. Apparently, there isn't.
- f. **P&K School Holidays:** CCllr Colliar asked that Councillors make representation to officers following a request that P&K school holiday dates should be brought into alignment with Angus school holiday dates. He asked that they ensure that the dates

chosen should not cause the dates to vary with Fife any more than they currently do.

ACTION Cllrs Purves and Watters.

- g. **Town Clock:** It was noted that the town clock had been an issue on Facebook and that the clock had restarted, but no longer lit up. CClr Purves had asked an officer to report on the ownership of the Clock Tower. Once this has been established, the owner of the Clock will be asked to make it work satisfactorily.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 7 November 2018, at 7:30pm, in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:58pm.
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting.