

Kinross Community Council
Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2017

at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Present: CCllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Jonathan Bryson, David Colliar, Barry Davies, Ian Jack, David MacKenzie, Thomas Stewart and David West; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson; Alisdair Stewart, Chair of Kinross-shire Partnership, and Pauline Watson, administrator of kinross.cc website; and four other members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from CCllrs M Blyth and M Scott; Cllr J Giacomazzi and community police.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of meeting of 1 March 2017:** Agreed as a true record. Proposed: CCllr Jack. Seconded: CCllr Colliar.
4. **Police Report:** No police present, but PC Spalding had sent a report by email. There were two instances of vandalism to domestic properties and one of vandalism to a fence at Loch Leven Motors. On 1 April a motor vehicle had been stolen, later colliding in Station Road with another vehicle. All crimes are currently under enquiry. Police have carried out speed checks on Springfield Road; the highest speed recorded was 31mph. The area will continue to be monitored.
5. **kinross.cc Website:** A suggestion had been made that Kinross CC could take over full responsibility for the community website. The website is jointly owned by the Kinross-shire Partnership (KP) and Kinross CC. However, KP has lost its funding source (an annual grant from PKC). Nevertheless, KP intends to keep going, so it was agreed that responsibility for the website should remain jointly between Kinross CC and KP. Running costs of the website are approximately £1,500 per year. More income could be gained from the businesses that have links from the website, but Pauline Watson, the administrator, requires assistance with the invoicing. CCllr Jack offered to help. CCllr Jack confirmed that £370 was paid from the CC administrative grant at the end of March towards the running costs of the website.
ACTION: CCllr Jack
6. **Lathro Farm housing site:** Two residents from Lathro Park, Bob Mitchell and Ken Whitcombe, addressed the meeting. They have concerns regarding Persimmon Homes' proposed development on the Lathro Farm site. The planning application was granted consent by PKC's Development Management Committee in September 2016, but this was subject to numerous conditions which had to be fulfilled before planning consent would be issued. Persimmon started work on site in mid March before the Decision Notice had been issued, i.e. before planning consent had been formally granted. One of the Lathro residents contacted PKC, whose enforcement officer issued a Temporary Stop Notice on 20 March. The Decision Notice granting permission was issued on 31 March. Mr Mitchell and Mr Whitcombe, who have professional expertise in relevant disciplines, are particularly worried about traffic implications and the environmental impact of the development. There are various anomalies in the documents submitted as part of Persimmon's application. The quality of the transport assessment gives cause for concern. Mr Mitchell and Mr Whitcombe would like the CC's assistance in ensuring that Persimmon carries out the development in the correct manner. Ward councillors present said that a section 75 agreement was supposed to be drawn up and that their understanding was that Persimmon would be paying for traffic mitigation measures. Persimmon's planning application for Lathro Farm is on the agenda for the forthcoming Development Management Committee (12 April) again anyway, as a mistake had been made in one of the agreed "informatives" regarding the period of time in which the development must

start. The ward councillors will contact PKC planning to see if an updated informative about transport can be included. The CC will also write to PKC head of planning.

ACTION: Secretary

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 1 March 2017.

- a. **Queen's Tree:** CClr Colliar reported that the trees have been planted. Plaque wording etc to be discussed next month.
- b. **Telephone Kiosk:** CClr Davies reported that BT is very slow in dealing with applications for adoption.
- c. **Defibrillators:** CClr Davies proposes approaching the community campus to see if a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) could be located there instead of in the telephone kiosk. This was agreed. CClr Davies will follow this up. Fundraising by Hunters is going well for a PAD in the centre of town outside their shop.

ACTION: CClr Davies

- d. **Bus stop real time unit:** CClr Colliar has spoken with Andrew Warrington of PKC public transport unit. Mr Warrington is assessing what would be required. He will set up a meeting, which CClr Colliar will attend.

ACTION: CClr Colliar

- e. **Campus events post:** CClr Bryson reported that he had written to PKC's Greg Boland. The campus management group will be provided with monitoring statistics. Mr Boland invited CClr Bryson, or another CClr, to be a representative on the campus management group. The CC agreed that CClr Bryson should be the representative.

8. Planning Matters.

- a. **New Planning Applications:** no comments were made by the CC on these.
 - 17/00369/FLL Siting of 10 storage units at 14 High Street, Kinross.
 - 17/00353/FLL Alterations to dwelling house at Myrewell House, 5 Montgomery Street, Kinross.
 - 17/00295/FLL Formation of access road, turning head, soakaway, installation of LPG tanks and associated works, land 110m SE of Beaufield, Balado.
 - 17/00475/FLL Alterations to dwelling house at 15 High Street, Kinross.
 - 17/00379/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at land 60m NW of West Courtyard, Balado.
 - 17/00380/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at land to the west of Balado House, Balado.
 - 17/00497/IPL Renewal of planning permission 14/00186/IPL (erection of a dwelling house) (in principle), land to the rear of Station Road, Kinross.
 - 17/00481/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 7 Cameron Avenue, Kinross.
- b. **Planning Applications Determined by PKC.**
 - 16/02146/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and stables, formation of a private riding arena and vehicular access (change of house design), land 120m W of Chance Inn Farm, Kinross. Withdrawn.
 - 15/01512/FLM Erection of 300 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated works, land 300m NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross, for Persimmon Homes. Approved.
 - 17/00202/FLL Alterations to dwelling house, 4 Kirklands Court, Kinross. Approved.
 - 17/00096/FLL Change of use shop (class 1) to café (class 3) and installation of flue, 129 High Street, Kinross, for Unorthodox Roasters. Approved.
- c. **Planning Correspondence and Other Planning Matters.**
 - As the CC had commented, letter received from PKC informing that application 17/00096/FLL (change of use, shop to café) has been approved.
 - **Holiday Park at Burleigh Sands:** Public exhibitions of plans took place on 29 March and 1 April at the campus. These were very well attended. There had been some email exchanges with the consultants, Rapleys, regarding their visit

to the CC. In view of the large number of comments received at the exhibitions, Rapleys need more time to adjust the proposals before presenting to the CC. Rapleys now intend to give a presentation at the June meeting of Kinross CC. Cllr Barnacle suggested that the Burleigh Holiday Park would be a suitable topic for the Forum of Kinross-shire CCs to discuss. This was agreed.

The Proposal of Application Notice (ref 17/00002/PAN) is on the agenda for PKC's Development Management Committee meeting on 12 April. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that members of the CC look at the report online and let the ward councillors know if there are any further matters that they feel should be considered.

- **Public Show of Concern** (Holiday Park at Burleigh): The Chair had received an email indicating that there will be a "Public Show of Concern" in reaction to the proposed Holiday Park on **Saturday 13 May**, 10am – noon, at the Cross in Milnathort.

9. **Kinross Town Centre Regeneration:** Willie Young of PKC had responded (22 March) to the CC's letter of 23 February. He again said that a puffin crossing at the south end of the regenerated area poses a logistic challenge but he will be in touch following the road safety team's investigations. Email correspondence via ward councillors indicated: (i) that work on installing the proposed puffin crossing near the Co-op had been due to begin on 10 April but has been postponed to 17 April; and (ii) that the 20mph signs discussed at the last CC meeting cannot be moved as far as suggested without a new traffic order, however PKC Roads are aware of this request via ward councillors.

10. **Signs at Roundabouts:** The Secy had written to PKC's Keith McNamara (27 Feb) and received a response by email (6 March), which was circulated. CCllr Davies felt the response was inadequate. He said that Fife Council have roundabout sponsorship but signage is classy looking and doesn't impede vision. He is drafting a letter which he will circulate to the CC.

ACTION: CCllr Davies

11. **New Primary School:** All is going well.

12. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:** Approximately 55 emails or other items of correspondence had been received since the March meeting. Most had been forwarded to CCllrs and a summary of all mail had been circulated prior to the meeting. Items mentioned at the meeting were:

a. **Health & Social Care Partnership:** PKAVS requesting assistance from a Community Councillor to set up a visit from the community representatives on the Integration Joint Board of the PK Health & Social Care Partnership to Kinross-shire in May. To be arranged before the May Newsletter deadline (13 April). CCllr West volunteered to assist. Pauline Watson would also be a useful contact in identifying appropriate groups to invite.

ACTION: CCllr West

b. **Networking for Community Organisations:** Invitation to send a representative to this event at the campus on 26 April. CCllr Colliar volunteered to represent the CC.

ACTION: CCllr Colliar

c. **Fossoway Pre-school:** Thank-you letter received for KCCNL funds granted to buy hand-washing units.

d. **Hockey pitch opening:** Invitation to attend formal opening of new hockey pitch at 6pm on Tuesday 18 April.

13. **Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors.**

a. **Sainsbury's:** Cllr Robertson wrote to Sainsbury's about the excess bottles and the traffic flow. He has not received a reply yet but the bottle bank area is tidier.

b. **Toilets at the Pier:** Cllr Robertson reported that another meeting is due. CCllr Davies represents the CC. The other stakeholders would be obliged if the CC would submit the planning application, as there is a discount for CCs. This was agreed. SNH will be

responsible for the facility. PKC will provide financial assistance through the comfort scheme.

- c. **Balado:** Cllr Barnacle reported that the results of a consultation in Fossoway regarding spending a capital sum on the A977 have been submitted to PKC. There was strong support for a reduced speed limit between Balado crossroads and Turfhill.
- d. **Scottish Government consultation on planning:** Cllr Barnacle submitted a response. He will copy this to the CC.
- e. **Developer numbers:** Cllr Cuthbert reported that it is expected that the developer of the Pace Hill site in Milnathort will submit a fresh application, probably for 80 dwellings. This is in spite of the local plan indicating that the site should have 50 dwellings on it.

14. Any Other Competent Business.

- a. **Street names:** An email had been sent to the CC that day requesting suggestions for street names for developments at the former High School and Lathro Farm. CC members should send suggestions to the ward councillors.
- b. **Hedge notice:** It was agreed to ask the Newsletter to publish a notice reminding householders of responsibilities regarding cutting back hedges etc.

ACTION: Secretary

- c. **Yellow lines:** The double yellow lines planned for the areas around the Masonic Hall are due to be painted soon, but some road repairs are required first. There were terrible parking problems at the weekend (1 April).
- d. **KCCNL grants:** Cllr Davies reported that valid applications received by the spring deadline of 31 March total a record amount of £23,000.
- e. **Environment around Giacomazzi's, Kinross:** Cllr Davies said that since the opening of the new Giacomazzi store at Lathro, the litter levels around the skateboard park have increased greatly. There are no bins at the skateboard park. Two bins located there previously were set on fire. It was agreed that Cllr Davies will write a letter to the head teacher of the High School with respect to educating young people regarding responsibility for litter. It was also commented that the grassy area (council land) between the pavement and the store is getting very muddy as people take a short cut to the shop.

ACTION: Cllr Davies

- f. **Persimmon development (former High School site):** Cllr Davies has heard complaints from residents adjacent to the former High School site. Houses nearby are being damaged during the preparatory works. The ward councillors have received similar complaints. A PKC enforcement officer has been to the site and PKC is monitoring the situation. Cllr MacKenzie asked what the developer's hours of operation should be. These should be listed in documents on the planning portal.
- g. **KCCNL bank account:** Cllr West confirmed that the application forms have been sent to the bank.
- h. **Entertainment Licensing:** A query was raised as to what residents should do if they are disturbed by noise from a hotel after licensing hours. Ward councillors advised that residents should contact PKC Licensing Department each and every time this occurs.

15. **Proposal to postpone the AGM:** Community councillors who are office-bearers must resign from office-bearer positions if they wish to stand for election to Local Government. Cllr MacKenzie had recently resigned from the position of Vice Chair for this reason. As the Kinross CC AGM is scheduled for the night before the Local Government elections, this effectively disbars those Community Councillors who are standing in the Local Government elections from being voted to office-bearer positions on the CC. Cllr MacKenzie said he did not wish to hold the position of Chair or Vice Chair in any case. It was agreed not to change the date of the CC's AGM.

16. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Kinross CC, and the AGM, will take place on **Wednesday 3 May** at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The meeting ended at 21:44 hours.