

DRAFT MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council
Wednesday 3rd April 2019
At the Loch Leven Community Campus, The Muirs, Kinross

Present: Community Councillors Bill Freeman (Chair), Margaret Blyth, Jonathan Bryson, David Colliar, Dave Cuthbert, Ian Jack, Lynne McKay, Thomas Stewart and Dave West.

Minutes taken by: Caron Aird

Ward Councillors: W Robertson and R Watters.

Other: PS D Stapleton

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from PKC Cllrs M Barnacle and C Purves as well as Cllr J Bryson.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 6 March 2019

A number of minor amendments were required to the minutes at the following items:

- Present – Cllr D West to be removed from Ward Councillors list
- Item 4 – Cllr M Blyth confirmed that the car she had mentioned had been parked on the junction at Station Road
- Item 8 - LLCC Management Group Meeting – Cllr I Jack was to draft a letter to the Lodge
- Item 7 – AOCB – surplus funds were to be donated to the website and not the newsletter.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

4. Police Report

Members welcomed PS D Stapleton to the meeting and noted the Police Report which had been submitted prior to the meeting:

- Vandalism at Sandport, Kinross on 23rd March - coping stones pushed off wall - under enquiry
- Theft of Stihl saw from vehicle at Rannoch Place, Kinross on 23rd March - under enquiry
- Theft of mobile phone from High School, Kinross on 22nd March - under enquiry
- Vandalism to site manager's car at Persimmon Homes, Lathro on 20th March - under enquiry

PS Stapleton also advised that there had been a spate of daylight house break-ins (garage in Kinross, Auchterarder and Kinnesswood). All incidents are under enquiry by

the CIU in Perth, with positive lines of enquiry ongoing. PS Stapleton reminded the CC that if they see anything suspicious e.g., vehicles or people 'hanging around' then they should not hesitate to call 999, although he said that these people should not be challenged, especially at night.

PS Stapleton also asked for the CC to look out for elderly people being preyed on as they can be more overly trusting. He also advised that there had already been a couple of calls with regard to youth annoyance (the previous day) with youths trying to gain access to Kinross House grounds from Kirkgate. PS Stapleton asked that if any issues arose between CC meetings, then the CC should not hesitate to contact him by email.

CCLr L McKay enquired as to whether PS Stapleton was based in Kinross or elsewhere and he advised that he was still the Community Police Officer but that a new model had been launched at the start of the month and a new sergeant had been appointed (Michelle Burns).

The issue of parking outside the school at Emslie Road/Station Road was raised with PS Stapleton being advised of the issues which had been raised. Cllr W Robertson suggested that parking wardens be requested to patrol the area and it was agreed that he would follow this up.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

Cllr Robertson also advised that there had been a Road Safety Officer meeting held earlier in the day and a consultation process on variable speed signs would be distributed in due course.

In response to a question about speeding hotspots, PS Stapleton was advised that The Muirs was probably the main issue.

PS Stapleton questioned whether there was to be any redevelopment at the bottom of the High Street and was advised that it is on the Council's agenda with officers looking at a shared space idea.

CCLr W Freeman enquired whether Police still attended house/business alarm activation and was advised that if people are paying for this service, then Officers still attended. However, PS Stapleton advised that officers will only check the premises and if all is OK, they will not wait for the owners to return.

The CC thanked PS Stapleton for attending the meeting.

5. Resignation of Secretary/replacement

No further update but it was noted that CCLr W Freeman and CCLr D Cuthbert continued to deal with any correspondence.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes of 6 March 2019

- School Crossing Patrol Officers – Cllr W Robertson commented that it was his understanding that funds had been returned to the budgets in order to allow the Council some flexibility in where the Crossing Patrol Officers would be placed. A review in

respect of Springfield Road/Station Road is to be undertaken. Cllr D West commented that there had been no statement from the Council clarifying the position and asked whether this could be requested.

- KYTHE – Ex Cllr B Davies had not provided Cllr D West with the contact details and Cllr D West agreed to speak to B Davies about this.

ACTION: Cllr D West

- Kinross Town Centre Re-generation – it was noted that the letter had not been sent to the Head of Planning and this would be done as soon as possible.

ACTION: Cllr W Freeman

- Website – Cllr D West was still to draft a letter for the chair's signature.

ACTION: Cllr D West

- Community Investment Fund – there had been no meetings since the last CC meeting and it was agreed that Cllr D Cuthbert would determine who had received funding.

ACTION: Cllr D West

- Letter to Persimmon Homes – it was confirmed that a letter had been sent to the officer in charge of the planning application.

- Funds had been transferred to the Kinross newsletter but have discussion it was discovered that this should have been transferred to the website funds. Cllr I Jack agreed to remedy this.

ACTION: Cllr I Jack

Cllr W Freeman advised that an email had been received from Fossoway CC asking for clarification as to whether this could be done, and also seeking advice on what they should do with their remaining funds. It was agreed that Cllr W Freeman would respond advising that it was possible to transfer remaining budget, within restrictions, and that it was up to their CC as to what they wished to do with their remaining budget.

ACTION: Cllr W Freeman

It was noted that all actions allocated to Cllr C Purves and Cllr J Bryson would be held over until the next meeting.

7. Provost's Lamp

Cllr W Robertson advised that the lamp had been returned from the Museum although work was required to modify the lamp in order that it worked from the electricity supply. CC agreed to look at this again once this work had been completed.

It was commented that the clock also did not work and Cllr R Watters agreed to find out who owns the clock tower. Cllr D Cuthbert is to email the Factors in this respect.

ACTION: Cllr R Watters/Cllr D Cuthbert

8. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Cllr D Cuthbert advised that Michael Morgan was stalling to other officers and would come back to the CC as soon as possible. Cllr W Robertson advised that there had been a series of meetings to decide the way forward and it was agreed that Cllr D Cuthbert would write to Burnsbeck St advising that the police have concerns.

9. Kinross-shire form meeting

There had been no meetings since the last CC meeting, although it was noted that there was one scheduled for later in April. The CC were advised that Cllr C Purves was requesting that this was delayed but a final decision had not yet been made.

10. Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications Received since the Last Meeting

19/00354/FLL – Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Craigwell, Milnathort, Ky13 ONR

19/00322/FLL – application under Section 42 of the town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to remove condition 2 (hours of operation) of planning permission 16/01289/FLL (change of use, alterations extension to form microbrewery)

19/00476/FLL – installation of 2 solar arrays at 5 Newton of Classloch, Kinross, KY13 9JU

b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC

19/00065/LAW – extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 19 Mavisbank, Kinross, KY13 8QR (**APPROVED**)

18/01964/FLL – erection of 36 dwelling houses, 8 flats, community lounge/guest suite, formation of parking areas, landscaping and associated works at site of former Windlestrae Hotel, Muirs, Kinross (**WITHDRAWN**)

19/00138/FLL – change of use to retail unit (class 1) to form a non-residential institution unit (class 10) at shop, Loch Leven Health Centre, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FP (**APPROVED**)

17/01903/FLL – Demolition of building an erection of 8 flats on land 30 metres east of 177 High Street, Old Causeway, Kinross (**APPROVED**)

c) Former Kinross High School site

It was noted that the letter of objection in respect of the Edwardian building had been sent.

d) Other Planning Matters

- Community Council boundaries – Cllr W Freeman advised that there were approximately 6 houses situated in the Kinross boundary, although they were officially in Milnathort. After discussion, it was agreed that the CC would confirm with Milnathort CC that they were happy for these houses to come under Milnathort and that Milnathort CC would need to write to the Council to request this officially.

In respect of the proposed revision of boundaries involving the Loch, the CC confirmed that they were happy with the proposals contained in Malcolm Strang Steel's email of 24th March. Cllr W Freeman would reply confirming this.

ACTION: Cllr W Freeman

Members agreed that there would be no change to the boundaries with Cleish.

11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr R Watters advised that PKC had been given around £2 m from the Scottish Government Town Centre Fund. The Fund was initially meant for settlements >1000 people and has clear criteria in that it is to be used to create/enhance economies. A number of Councillors had got together to look at potential projects which may benefit from fund with most of them following the same theme – to get better routes into Kinross. Cllr Watters advised that funds had to be used within 2 years and projects had to be new. It was suggested that a cycling/walking route from the Pier or Muirs into Kinross would be a good suggestion.

Cllr D Colliar suggested that a Mary, Queen of Scots visitor centre would also be a good suggestion.

Cllr W Robertson advised that the work at Green Road was now complete and the play area at Kirkgate was now open; the toilets at the Pier were now operational, although landscaping work was still to be completed and he suggested that the CC should take some pride in this work. Cllr Robertson also advised that there had been a rise in the number of complaints in respect of dog fouling, although people were praising Cllr L McKay's efforts. Cllr Robertson also advised that the lights at Lathro would be repaired next week.

12. Reports from CC representatives

Following the resignation of B Davies at the last meeting, a number of meetings needed to be covered by members including the LLCC. Cllr D West agreed to attend this meeting, with Cllr D Cuthbert to remain as deputy. Cllr M Blyth agreed to sit on the sub-committees in the temporary absence of Cllr J Bryson.

A meeting re the newsletter needs to be arranged for as soon as possible.

A meeting of the Grants committee is arranged for 23rd April. Members were noted that 6 applications had been received.

13. Licensing

No licensing issues had been received.

14. Correspondence

- Davies Play Park – members were advised that an email had been received from Diane Cassidy advising that the play park was being considered for refurbishment and was looking for ideas of what the community would like.

It was agreed that Diane would be invited to attend the next CC meeting and that Cllr W Freeman would circulate Diane's email to members. He would also invite Diane to the meeting.

ACTION: Cllr W Freeman

Members suggested that this information should be shared on the Facebook page and website. Cllr D West also agreed to contact the Action Group in this respect.

ACTION: Cllr D West

15. Any Other Competent Business

- Dog fouling – Cllr L McKay advised that she required more chalk spray for this purpose and it was agreed that the purchase of 6 cans (£42) would be made.
- Blairingone School – Cllr D Colliar raised the issue of 2 unelected members voting to sell the School. Cllr W Robertson advised that the Education Committee, through Scottish Statute had representation from 3 religious groups (amongst others) who were allowed to vote and unfortunately there is nothing the Council can do about this.
- Closure of Learning Centre – Cllr D Colliar suggested that this was another asset being lost to the town and asked whether this would be an opportunity for a community buyout. It was agreed that this would be looked at in further detail.
- Signage to Milnathort – Members were advised that the signage was not particularly clear, with the ring road signs being covered by trees.

16. Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 1st May 2019

The meeting ended at approximately 9.17 pm

All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting