

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

In attendance: Mr Malcolm Wood

Ward Councillors: Cllr W Robertson

Minutes: Recorded

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from CCLr T Stewart, Cllr C Purves and Mrs C Aird, Minute Secretary.

2. Ratification of Members Co-opted onto the Committee

Prior to commencing the meeting, those present were advised that it was necessary to ratify Malcolm Wood being co-opted onto the CC as a member. This was proposed by CCLr D Colliar and seconded by CCLr M McFarlane.

It was noted that new members were still required for the Council.

3. Declaration of Interest

No declarations were made.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 28th July 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record and were proposed by CCLr D Colliar and seconded by CCLr M McFarlane.

5. Police Report

At the time of the meeting, no report had been received from Police Scotland.

6. Matters Arising from previous minutes

All matters arising were covered by the agenda.

7. Kinross Town Centre

CCLr D Colliar commented that it was good to see work re-commencing at the Kirklands site, with progress eventually being made. It was also noted that the Windlestrae Hotel had been demolished completely.

Cllr W Robertson updated members re the Clock Tower. He advised that he had written to the owners who were now aware of the situation with the clock being out of sync in respect of timing and they will do their best to sort this in the new future. Cllr Robertson had also asked the owners if the clock could be stopped from chiming during the night and they had agreed to look into this.

Cllr Robertson advised that he had emailed Kinross Estates in respect of the pier car park and advised that work had been held up because of Covid-19. However, it was hoped that work would restart in October 2020. Cllr Robertson also advised that he had spoken with PKC who hoped to improve cycling and pedestrian access at Pier Road in the future.

Cllr M McFarlane advised that he had emailed out with respect to the social distancing signs on pavements and unfortunately he had had no response. It was therefore his impression that the initial furor had died down and residents were now following the 'instructions'. Cllr L McKay noted that a few had been removed from the road at The Muirs. Cllr D Colliar felt that residents were going about their daily business and were being socially distant.

8. Planning

a) Applications Received since the Last Meeting

20/01005/FLL – Alterations to dwelling house at 15 Talla Park, Kinross, KY13 8AB

b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC

20/00767/FLL – Siting of a container unit for a ground source heat pump and associated works at land 800 metres south west of Balado House Lodge, Balado (**APPROVED**)

20/00700/FLL –Erection of a dwelling house to form poultry manager's accommodation, formation of access roads, parking areas and landscaping, installation of air source heat pump, erection of a fence, gates and associate works at land 780 metres south west of Balado House Lodge, Balado (**APPROVED**)

20/00793/FLL – Erection of a dwelling house (revised design – plot 1) at land 30 metres north of Levencorrach, Balado (**APPROVED**)

20/00668/LAW – Extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 9 Broom Road, Kinross, KY13 8BU (**APPROVED**)

20/00771/IPL – Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) at land 160 metres north west of Craighton House, Cleish (**REFUSED**)

Cllr W Robertson advised that Sandy Baird had applied to erect a sign at the industrial estate which had been refused by PKC and an appeal has been submitted.

c) Other Planning Matters

No other matters were raised.

9. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr W Robertson advised that the Council have now returned to 'virtual' Committees and it is very unlikely that a return to the Council buildings would take place before the start of the New Year. PKC were also suggesting that Community Councils continue to meet virtually because of the health and safety implications of meeting in halls etc.

Cllr Robertson advised that PKC are over budget in several areas due to the current situation and advised that it was likely that an emergency budget would be held to discuss areas where savings could be made. Cllr D Colliar commented that he thought the Scottish Government were providing additional funds for the current situation but Cllr Robertson advised that whilst the Government were providing some additional funding to cover the costs of protection for social service staff, additional costs for nursing homes etc., the Council had additional costs

which had to be covered within their existing budget, e.g., additional vehicles for refuse collections.

Cllr Robertson had been unable to attend the flood meeting earlier but the meeting had been well attended.

Malcolm Wood advised that he was waiting for a suitable time to take algae out of the Loch for field testing. He went on to say that there had been successful testing a while ago with the Ecology Centre in Penicuik and Scottish National Heritage. It was felt this would be very worthwhile work, with 50% of the silo bactor being removed from the Loch which is good for the fish as the Loch is being re-oxidised.

Cllr Robertson asked if the 'stuff' extracted from the algae had a high nutrient content and Mr Wood advised that the good plankton was being left in the water and what had been found, through testing in Dubai, is that when the algae is removed from the water, this is then taken to a sewage works where there is a high ammonia rate and the algae is then used to eat the ammonia resulting.

10. Reports from CC Representatives

Cllr L McKay advised that she had popped into the Day Centre to see if some family stuff could be arranged at the Green but due to the weather this had not happened.

Cllr D Colliar questioned if there was anything which could be done to return the Service 23. Cllr Robertson advised that he had met with the Public Transport Unit earlier that day and they were looking for someone to take on the service. While it was not going to be possible to run a service from Stirling to St Andrews, a positive response had been received in respect of a service from Stirling to Kinross on a 2 hourly basis, 6 days per week. More information should be available for the next meeting.

11. Licensing Applications

No applications had been received.

12. Correspondence

a) Meeting re Covid-19

Cllr Freeman advised that CC representation had been requested for a meeting with PKC in respect of the Recovery and Renewal work being undertaken by the Council. Virtual meetings are being held for each of the 12 council wards which will include the Chief Executive and/or Executive Directors, local elected members and community representatives. The meetings will be led by council officers and it is intended to be a participatory session. The purpose of meeting was three-fold:

- i) To thank community representatives for their commitment and hard work, particularly over the last few months in the response to the COVID 19 pandemic
- ii) To provide an outline to the Council's approach to changing the way that they work with communities and residents – known as *the Perth and Kinross Offer*; and
- iii) To discuss the impact of the pandemic, what has worked well (and not so well) in communities, and how we can support communities in the future. This is part of our impact assessment work and we are asking the same questions across as wide a range of individuals, groups and communities.

Meetings are to be held via Microsoft Teams and following discussion, Cllr McKay confirmed that she would be able to attend the meeting on 9th September at 10 am. She also confirmed that she would upload a post on Facebook asking for comments/information which she would take to the meeting.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay

Traffic light settings and Kinross-shire and Glenfarg Community Meeting were a couple of topics to be raised but if anyone has any other issues which they would like raised, they should email the generic email box by Sunday 6th September 2020.

ACTION: ALL

13. Any Other Competent Business

a) Royal Mail

A few people had contacted Cllr McKay again with further concerns around mail delivery and she advised that she will contact Royal Mail direct.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay

b) Burn Begg Road

Cllr McKay raised concerns raised regarding parking in the area and Cllr Robertson would look into these again.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

c) Bolton Road/White Court Area

Cllr McKay advised that there were still a lot of holes and drain covers in the area, with Cllr Freeman confirming he had photographic evidence to show this. Cllr Robertson confirmed that he had raised the issue with PKC and he will follow this up.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

d) Springfield Road Gas Leak

Cllr L McKay gave an update into the gas leak in Springfield Road – residents had had no pressure and to resolve this, the road dug up with new piping being supplied to the houses. Cllr McKay confirmed that work had been previously signed off as being completed and claimed for, but this was not the case. Cllr McKay confirmed that it would probably be another 2 – 3 days until the situation was resolved.

e) Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

Cllr McKay expressed disappointment in PKC not taking up the opportunity for half price meals in the Schools as Dundee had done. Cllr Robertson confirmed that he would raise this with the Council.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

f) Recycling Centre

Mr M Wood asked if anyone had had any complaints re the Centre; he expressed his disappointment following a visit earlier today where PKC staff had questioned the size of trailer he was using as well as what he was trying to recycle and he suggested that the attitude of staff was terrible.

Cllr McKay confirmed that she had seen similar posts on Facebook.

g) Remembrance Parade

Cllr Freeman advised that he had been contacted by Police Scotland asking if the Parade was taking place this year and if not, whether there was a 'Plan B'. It was felt that the Parade should go ahead but probably not in its current format. Cllr Freeman suggested a meeting of all the people involved in the Parade, be arranged for August/September, with the first meeting being held via Zoom in order to gather initial thoughts with a further meeting being held to discuss possibilities and risk assessments etc.

An invite is to be sent out by CClr D Colliar for a meeting on 14th or 21st September.

ACTION: CClr D Colliar

h) Bike Rails/Storage

CClr McKay asked Cllr W Robertson if it would be possible to get bike rails/storage around the play park area at Kirkgate, while Cllr Robertson also suggested rails/storage near the toilets and at the beach/cemetery end. Cllr Robertson suggested that there might still be money available from the Covid-19 signs budget and he would investigate this further.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

It was noted that there were a number of cycle racks in the area, including at the Town Hall. CClr Colliar confirmed that this was private land so cyclists could be asked to remove bikes. Possible other areas were near the tennis courts, or the High School.

i) Kirkgate Park

CClr McKay raised the issue of the flooring at the park which was breaking/splitting up. CClr McKay is to send photographs of the area to Cllr Robertson for him to raise the issue with PKC.

ACTION: CClr McKay/Cllr Robertson

j) Kinross-shire and Glenfarg Community Meeting

CClr Freeman asked if the CC had representation on the group, and if not, whether they were allowed to be represented. Cllr Robertson advised that he was unsure but he believed that the CC could be represented.

Cllr Robertson advised that the Committee had met but he had been unable to attend the meeting. The group had been set up by the PKC using emergency. CClr Robertson is to send out the link to the group.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

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