

Minute of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council

Wednesday 1 August 2018

at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Present: CCLrs J Bryson (Vice Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), M Blyth, D Colliar, D Cuthbert, B Davies and I Jack. Also in attendance: P&K Cllrs R Watters and W Robertson. There were no members of the public.

In the absence of CCLr Freeman, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair, CCLr J Bryson.

1. **Apologies** were received from CCLrs B Freeman, L McKay, T Stewart and D West; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and C Purves; and Community Police Officers D Stapleton and A Spalding.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of Meeting of 4 July 2018:** Agreed as a true record. Proposed: CCLr D Colliar. Seconded: CCLr D Cuthbert.
4. **Police report:** Police had emailed to say that there were no recent incidents of note in Kinross. They published a warning about the dangers of swimming in disused quarries in the August Newsletter. Cllr Robertson has notified the police of vandalism of a bench on the Heritage Trail.
5. **Matters Arising from Meeting 4 July 2018.**
 - a. **McCarthy & Stone:** Details of their public consultation regarding the Windlestrae site were published in the August Newsletter.
 - b. **War Memorial rail:** A meeting is still to be arranged. Matter to be carried forward to next meeting.
 - c. **Dog mess:** The paint has arrived. Matter to be carried forward to the next meeting.
 - d. **M90 sign:** Check for update with CCLr West at next meeting.
 - e. **Minute Secretary:** CCLr Jack (Treasurer) was unhappy that this decision was made without him. (CC July meeting: decision to offer a minute secretary £30 per meeting). It was clarified that any payment would be for a minute secretary who was not a community councillor. Cllr Robertson said that more and more CCs are employing a minute secretary and it assists with smooth running. He also said that all community councillors are entitled to expenses such as travel yet few apply for them. PKC gets very good value out of Kinross, which is a large CC. Others noted the recent CC review meeting had mentioned the possibility of extra categories of expenditure – and this needs explored. The discussion noted that decisions affecting the CC finances need to be fully understood prior to final approval. It was agreed that, in future, where any such topics exist, final decisions should only be taken once the treasurer has assessed and communicated the full impact on CC finances. It was also agreed that: CCLr Jack would send CCLr Bryson a copy of his analysis of the figures; and Cllr Bryson will write to CC Liaison to enquire about categories of additional expenditure. **ACTION: CCLrs Jack and Bryson.**
 - f. **Provost's lamp:** This has been removed by PKC and placed in storage until a decision is made about where it should be placed. It was agreed that an item about this should be placed in the September Newsletter and on Facebook to gauge public opinion. **ACTION: CCLr Thomas.**
 - g. **Community Choices Fund:** CCLr Cuthbert submitted an application for £31,000 on behalf of Kinross-shire CCs. The probability of receiving an award is low. A decision is expected in August. If successful, there would be participatory budget events throughout Kinross-shire, probably one in each of the participating CC areas. The fund is to address rural inequalities. Representatives from the CC areas would have to go on a training day.
6. **Kinross Town Centre Regeneration and Roads Matters:** Cllr Barnacle had asked PKC officers for a review of the regeneration project. As far as the CC is aware, he has not received a response yet.

CCLr Thomas had circulated a link to an article about the Department of Transport recently recommending that local authorities pause the development of **shared space schemes**, 'while we review and update the Department's guidance'. Cllr Robertson confirmed that DoT guidance is applicable in Scotland.

Requests for works on **Talla Park and Avenue Road** are still outstanding. Expected repairs at **Coventry Place** have not taken place yet. Cllr Robertson is exasperated with the ineffectiveness of the relevant PKC department; the repairs at Coventry Place have been on request for over three years and are a matter of safety. He has written to the director of service.

The CC notes that the **missing 20mph signs** by the roundabout at Station Road/High Street have not been replaced. The unsightly temporary posts remain.

Following email correspondence with the CC, Cllrs Cuthbert and Thomas met with roads technician Blair Watt to agree a location for a **Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** on High Street. They had hoped it might be placed in a position to slow down traffic in the 20mph zone, but Mr Watt advised that this would cause delay, because the architects of the regeneration project would have to be consulted. Mr Watt advised writing to request VAS for the 20mph zone at the next allocation of VAS. The Cllrs agreed to Mr Watt's recommended positioning of the allocated High Street sign (near the junction with Smith Street). A VAS is also being installed near Turfhill. It was agreed that the secretary should follow up with an email requesting VAS for the 20mph zone plus repeating the requests for VAS decided at the March CC meeting. **ACTION: Secretary.**

7. Planning Matters.

a. New Planning Applications.

18/01179/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 200m NE of Monega House, Hatchbank. Cllr Cuthbert's view is that this application probably does not comply with the Housing in the Countryside policy. Similar applications had been rejected in the past. A request for an extension to the period of comment (deadline 31 July) was rejected.

18/01189/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 30m NE of 43 High Street, St Ronan's Drive, Kinross. There was brief discussion. It was agreed to submit a comment (not an objection) pointing out that this proposal would result in the loss of off-street parking for the house at No 43 High Street. **ACTION: Secretary.**

18/01117/FLL Erection of 47no. dwelling houses and associated works (change of house type to include sun rooms), land 300m NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross. No CC comment.

18/01118/FLL Erection of 12no. dwelling houses and associated works (change of house type to include sunrooms), land 300m NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross. No CC comment.

18/00840/FLL Erection of 2no. flats (in part retrospect), site of 192 High Street, Kinross. No CC comment.

18/01281/FLL Application under Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to amend pre-commencement conditions 14 and 15 (drainage infrastructure) of planning permission 09/00491/FLL (demolition of steading and erection of 10 dwelling houses and garages with associated roads), Chance Inn Farm, Kinross. No CC comment.

18/01292/ADV Display of signs, 4 MacDuff Place, Kinross. No CC comment on the application. However, there was some discussion about **street-naming**. This is a street in the industrial estate south of the G S Brown houses. The street-naming procedure is that PKC officers ask Ward Councillors to suggest names. In turn, the councillors consult with the CC. The CC had suggested a railway-themed name to continue the theme of other street names in this development. However, it appears that this was not communicated to the PKC officers.

- b. **Planning Applications Determined by PKC:** 18/00959/FLL Demolition of dwelling house, change of use of land to form vehicle hardstanding, erection of a fence and re-routing of core path (in part retrospect), **Lochside House**, Kinross. This has been approved by PKC. Cllr Cuthbert had put a lot of effort into writing the CC's letter of objection and was disappointed at the approval. He had hoped that potential vehicular access to the pier could be protected. PKC Environmental Health and Community Greenspace had recommended conditions, but it was not known if these had been incorporated into the consent, as there was no Decision Notice or Report of Handling on the Public Access planning website. Cllr Watters offered to find out about the conditions. **ACTION: Cllr Watters.** [Post meeting note: The emailed letter informing the CC of the approval was received on 30 July. On that date no Decision Notice or Report of Handling were visible on Public Access. They were subsequently made visible, though dated 27 July.]

- c. **Former Kinross High School site:** Cllr Thomas had asked Cllr Robertson to follow up with PKC Enforcement, as little or no work appeared to have been carried out on the retained High School building for a couple of weeks. An update from PKC's Jamie Scott received by email that day indicates that PKC are content with progress. A need for amended roof trusses for the two projections at the front of the building caused a slight delay. The CC asked Cllr Robertson to ask officers what the expected completion date is. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**
- d. **Other Planning Matters.**
 - i. **Lathro Meadows:** A query was raised about the pace of this development. Cllr Watters said more detailed plans will come forward before phase 2 begins. Cllr Bryson said that PKC will be tracking how many houses are built in a certain period; this information should be available in December.
 - ii. **Beaufield, Balado:** Cllr Cuthbert had been copied into an email by a Balado resident to the ward councillors about the installation of a septic tank at Beaufield. The Balado resident said that she and other neighbours had not been notified and were concerned about possible effects on their water supplies. She wondered why planning consent had not been required. Cllr Robertson said he would reply to the resident. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**
 - iii. **Placemaking Workshop** on 27 October in Perth. Cllr Thomas might attend.
 - iv. **Planning Workshop** on 'Why do we need more houses?' on 24 November. Cllr Thomas might attend.
 - v. **Kirkland's Garage:** The developer wondered if the CC could do anything to support the application, which will be going to the Development Management Committee. The CC did not object to the most recent application. It was agreed not to take any further action.
8. **Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors.** Cllr Robertson reminded the CC that a meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum will take place on 13 August. Cllrs Cuthbert and West will represent Kinross CC.
9. **Reports from CC Representatives:** A meeting of the website sub-committee is yet to take place due to holidays.
10. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:** Most emails had been circulated to Cllrs on email as they came in, and a summary of mail provided. Some items mentioned were:
 - a. **Review of CCs:** A summary of the meeting with CC reps had been received along with a schedule of the next stages of the review.
 - b. **Gallowhill Road:** A copy of the proposed letter to residents and a drawing showing proposed double yellow lines was received.
 - c. **Licensing application** for Loch Leven Brewery to extend terminal hour to 10pm, add recorded music and increase sales capacity. No CC comment.
11. **Other Competent Business.**
 - a. **KCCNL charity:** Cllr Davies said there had been no applications yet prior to the next deadline of 30 September. Although there is a permanent notice about the fund in the Newsletter, Cllr Thomas offered to publish an article in the September issue to attract more attention. **ACTION: Cllr Thomas.**
 - b. **MQS Boat Race:** Cllr Davies encouraged community councillors to enter the race or spread the word about the event, which is on 26 August.
 - c. **Primary School Fair:** This takes place on 18 August and is a chance to see the new building.
12. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 September 2018.**

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

All minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.