

**Present:** CCllrs B Freeman (Chair), I Jack, T Stewart, D Colliar and L McKay

**Minutes:** Mrs C Aird

**Ward Councillors:** Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters

**Public:** 24 members

**Police:** None

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from CCllrs D Cuthbert, D West, M Blyth, J Bryson, as well as Cllr M Barnacle.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

### 3. Minutes of Meeting of 5th June 2019

There was a request to amend the wording of the last paragraph on page 8 of the minutes regarding the bid by the Men's Shed for the Kinross Learning Centre. It was noted the bid would be a sole bid by the Men's Shed, not a joint bid with KCC.

**ACTION:** Minute Secretary

The minutes were accepted as a correct record, proposed by Cllr I Jack and seconded by Cllr D Colliar.

### 4. Kinross Hockey Club

Members welcomed Gurdial Duhre from Kinross Hockey Club to the meeting. Mr Duhre advised those present that the Hockey Club wished to enhance the current facility by developing the western aspect of ground between the existing pitch fence and the wall (approx. 7 m x 96 m long). It is envisaged that the proposed development would:

- Protect the significant investment made towards the facility
- Increase the lifespan of the playing surface
- Improve the spectator and player experience
- Ensure the surface remains predominantly permeable so our changes would not affect surface water in the area

Consultations have taken place with interested parties, namely neighbours and council Greenspace representatives with commentary documents the issues raised.

The development has support of other local sports clubs via the Kinross Community Sports Hub, and the owners, Fields In Trust, have stated *“we view the spectator area as ancillary to the intended use of the site and as such it does not require formal approval”*, as well as parents who often complain about having to watch through the fence.

Although the proposed development would mean the removal of 3 trees, Mr Duhre advised that these trees would be replaced and that the public are happy to work with the Council to suggest alternative planting, e.g., bamboo.

In response to a question from the audience, Mr Duhre confirmed that the strip of land concerned was not leased by the Hockey Club at the moment but that the current lease would be amended to incorporate this. Mr Duhre also advised that funding was now in place to allow the work to take place and that a planning application would be submitted in the next four weeks.

It was agreed that the CC would add details of the proposal to their website and Facebook page for the community to view.

**ACTION: CClr W Freeman**

## **5. New Pharmacy Proposal**

The CC welcomed Raymond Kelly to the meeting to present his proposal for a new pharmacy in the town. Mr Kelly gave those present some background information on himself and confirmed that he was looking to open another pharmacy in order to reduce the pressures on the current pharmacy. He felt this second pharmacy was required due to the expanding services which pharmacies are now providing, e.g., vaccinations, minor ailment advice etc.

In order to open another pharmacy, Mr Kelly advised that he was required to apply for a contract with NHS Tayside and was therefore keen to understand the patient experience of the residents in order to understand whether residents would be supportive of another pharmacy. Mr Kelly also asked for advice on where he should advertise his proposal, if there were any other community groups he should be speaking to and whether people would participate in an online survey.

The CC advised that it would be best to place an advert in the Newsletter and to speak to the staff at the Day Centre.

In response to questions from the public, Mr Kelly advised that the proposed pharmacy would be at 157 High Street and would be open 6 days per week.

## **6. Police Report**

The latest Police report had not been received by the time of the meeting.

## **7. Matters Arising from Minutes of 5th June 2019**

- H46 – it was confirmed that CClr D West had approached the group who might be interested in becoming involved. An update will be given at a future meeting.

- Vehicle activation signs – information regarding the siting of the signs had been passed on.
- Town Centre Regeneration – members were advised that an email had been received from Mike Morgan (PKC) regarding shared spaces responsibility. Cllr C Purves advised that the main issue related to the junction at High Street and Burns-Begg Street where there were no lines at the junction. A member of the audience advised that she had experienced seven near misses in the last five days involving tourists as well as locals.

Cllr W Robertson advised that PKC were looking to improve the facilities at the main access to the pier at Loch Leven in order to increase the number of visitors and wondered if the CC should write to PKC with comments.

Cllr Purves advised that the land behind the church at the Persimmon Homes development had not yet been adopted by the Council and as such, it was the responsibility of the residents to maintain the area. He agreed to chase a response to the greenspace issues.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

- Scheme of Establishment changes – Cllr C Purves advised that the financial year would run from September to August, with an AGM in October (first one in 2020) and an EGM later this year. Accounts would run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and Cllr I Jack requested that members advise him as soon as possible if they required to reclaim expenses, as well as asking for clarification of where any surplus should be sent. It was agreed that any surplus funds should be forwarded to the website.

**ACTION: ALL/Cllr I Jack**

- Primary Care Improvement Plan – Cllr C Purves advised that no further information was available.
- McDonald Avenue – Cllr W Freeman confirmed that this issue had been reported but no one had checked as to whether the repair had been carried out.
- Climate Emergency – Cllr W Robertson advised that PKC aimed to be carbon neutral by 2045 and suggested that residents should be proactive rather than reactive in helping the Council achieve this. No further information will be available until March 2020.
- Agenda and Minutes of previous meetings – Cllr W Freeman confirmed that the website team had apologised for their error.

## 8. Provost's Lamp

Members were advised that two positions had been proposed previously and that a specialist contractor would be required to lift and replace the blocks. Cllr W Freeman requested that the Ward Councillors revert to PKC to discuss why this would be necessary. Cllr W Robertson agreed to do this.

**ACTION: Cllr W Robertson**

## 9. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

## 10. Kinross-shire Form Meeting

Cllr W Robertson advised that representatives from the local CCs and the four Ward Councillors had recently raised the issue of community speed watch with Police Scotland. For

those unaware of what community speed watch was, Cllr Robertson advised it was where residents in the local community were trained to record the speed of drivers in their respective areas. Residents would then advise Police Scotland of those driving over the speed limit with Police Scotland writing to these people to advise them that they had been caught travelling at over the speed limit (no punishment). Those who were caught more than once would receive a visit from Police Scotland to discuss the matter further.

Police Scotland had previously declined to train volunteers in this work but were now looking for volunteers.

Cllr C Purves advised that following the recent community transport survey, three potential routes had been identified. He had met with representatives from public transport providers and the preferred next step would be to set up a community transport group to meet with local bus companies. Each CC can have a representative on the group, with the proposed first meeting being held at the end of August. Cllr D Colliar volunteered to attend the first meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr D Colliar**

Cllr C Purves advised that a draft scheme of administration had been set up in respect of an Area Committee for Kinross-shire and meetings are to be held with the Head of Governance and Head of Legal Services at PKC. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Cllr C Purves reported that Cllr D West had attended the recent Campus meeting and that a strategic plan had been circulated to CC members for comment.

Cllr C Purves advised that the issue of rural broadband supply had been raised again and that if this was less than 30 bps, residents could apply for a payment from BT Openreach. Cllr I Jack reported that BT had openly said that fibre-optic broadband would not come to Burnbrae and the surrounding area. Cllr C Purves advised that if anyone wished any further information on the payment system, they should contact himself or Andrew Mitchell. Cllr C Purves would forward information re the payment system to Cllr W Freeman for uploading to the Facebook page.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

## 11. Planning Matters

- a) Planning Applications Received since the Last Meeting
  - Ref: 19/00845/FLL** – siting of a modular building for visitor reception and air traffic control facility at Balado Park, Milnathort
  - Ref: 19/00946/FLL** – alterations and installation of gates and gatepiers at 42 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU
  - Ref: 19/01129/IPL** – erection of a dwelling house (in principle) at land 80 metres north east of The Stables, Hatchbank
  - Ref: 19/01122/FLL** – extension to dwelling house at 12 Muirhead Crescent, Kinross, KY13 8GN
  - Ref: 19/01096/FLL** – complete demolition of buildings, erection of 2 dwelling houses, 4 flats and associated works (in part retrospect) at Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross, H13 8AW

A member of the public asked if the CC would write to PKC objecting to this application as it was felt that the builders had gone against the previously approved planning application. It was noted that Kinross-shire Civic Trust had written objecting to the plan.

The current application is a request in retrospect to demolish the building as the owners were required to remove the petrol tanks at the front of the building. Members were advised that the Health and Safety Executive had only requested that the tanks were decommissioned, and it was felt that they had not followed due process.

The CC felt that since the building had already been demolished, there was nothing that could be done now. The CC would not be objecting to the application.

**Ref: 19/01048/FLL** – alternations and extension to dwelling house at 17 Renton Drive, Kinross, KY13 8FN

**Ref: 19/01033/FLL** – extension to dwelling house at 12 Alexander Drive, Kinross, KY13 8TY

**Ref: 19/01136/IPL** – erection of a dwelling house and garage with ancillary accommodation (in principle) at land 20 metres south west of Braeside House, Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank

**Ref: 19/01007/FLL** – alterations and extension to dwelling house at Hawthorn Cottage, Gairneybank, Kinross, KY13 9JX

**Ref: 19/01224/FLL** – change of use from bank (class 2) to shop, tearoom and bakery takeaway at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 55 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AA

**Ref: 19/00917/FLM** – erection of 195 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure (phase 2) at land 300 metres North West of Lathro Farm, Kinross

A resident of Gallowhill Road advised that she had submitted an objection to PKC in respect of this application detailing a number of reasons why it should be refused including the width of pavements in the area (inadequate for use by disabled people, children etc.), the inadequate road width in phase I (bin lorries, fire engines, delivery vehicles cannot get through if cars are parked on the roads), the density of the proposed development.

CCLr W Freeman advised that a number of CC members had written objection letters to PKC on a personal level as they were unhappy with the application details.

It was noted that the GP surgery in Bridge of Earn would be closing so these patients will be transferring to Kinross and it was felt that the GPs in this practice would not cope with the increase in the number patients. Members of the public also raised concerns about the number of places available at both the primary and secondary schools, and felt that neither of these would cope with the influx of children into the area.

A number of members of the public advised those present of a number of issues she had with her home in Phase I including no habitation certificate and therefore no house insurance, toilets not being plumbed in, doors missing from bathrooms, lintels being fitted correctly, walls not being plumb, brickwork not being right, sewage and drainage issues (concrete in drains) as well as antisocial behaviour.

After a full discussion, it was agreed that CC would write a strongly worded letter of objection to PKC, as well as a letter to the Chief Executive of PKC requesting that the work on Phase II is stopped immediately until the issues in Phase I are resolved

**ACTION: CCLrs D Colliar/W Freeman**

There were no comments made other applications.

#### **b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC**

**Ref: 19/00853/FLL** – alterations and extension to garage at Twin Pines, Tillyochie, Balado, Kinross, KY13 0NL **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00946/FLL** – alterations and installation of gates and gatepiers at 42 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00646/FLL** – extension to dwelling house at The Lodge, Gellybank Farm, Kinross, KY13 0LE **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00778/FLL** – alterations and extension to dwelling house at 12 Talla Park, Kinross, KY13 8AB **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00720/LBC** – internal alterations to Town Hall, 110 High Street, Kinross **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00777/LAW** – alternations and extension to dwelling house (proposed) at Craigwell, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 0NR **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00742/FLL** – alterations and extension to dwelling house at Strathardle, Cockairney, Cleish, Kinross, KY13 0LQ **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00611/FLL** – alterations and extension to pavilion, parking area and associated works at Kinross Rugby and Football Club, King George V Playing Field, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00736/FLL** – alterations and extension to dwelling house at 13 St Mary's Place, Kinross, KY13 8BZ **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00658/FLL** – alterations and extension to dwelling house at 9 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, KY13 8RA **(APPROVED)**

**Ref: 19/00498/LAW** - change of use of building to class 5 general industrial (existing) at 198 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DE **(APPROVED)**

There were no comments made on the above applications.

#### **c) Former Kinross High School site**

No issues were raised.

#### **d) Other Planning Matters**

No issues were raised.

### **12. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors**

Cllr W Robertson reported that due to the lack of ground maintenance in the Avenue Road/Mill Street areas, he has arranged to meet PKC representatives on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August to discuss this. CCLlr L Mackay will also attend the meeting.

Cllr Robertson also raised the issue of grass cutting on the Heritage Trail and has arranged to discuss this issue with Scottish National Heritage and Councillors to see if funds can be made available to repair the paths on the Trail.

Cllr Robertson advised that he had written to PKC regarding the increase in the number of people camping at the Loch and the lack of facilities in the area for anyone camping.

Cllr R Watters reported that funding has now been received from Scottish Government in respect of improving the walking and cycling connections to the town centre from the Pier. CCllr L Mackay asked if consideration had been given to space for motorhomes in this area and Cllr Watters advised that this had not been discussed.

Cllr C Purves advised that residents in the Hatchbank Road/Gairneybank area had asked that a footpath be provided for safety purposes. A quote of £385,000 had been received and Cllr Purves is meeting with George Lawrie next week to ascertain as to whether half funding can be obtained from Sustrans. An update will be given at a future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

### **13. Reports from CC representatives**

CCllr D Colliar advised that a meeting of the website sub-committee was arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### **14. Licensing**

An application had been received from the Green Hotel in respect of a gin distillery. There were no objections to the application.

### **15. Correspondence**

CCllr W Freeman confirmed that all correspondence had been forwarded to CC members and highlighted one issue relating to the closure of the road at Crook of Devon which would be uploaded onto the CC website page and Facebook page.

**ACTION: CCllr W Freeman**

### **16. Any Other Competent Business**

- September Agenda Items
  - War Memorial
  - Hall Let
  - Antisocial behaviour

**ACTION: Minute Secretary**

- Surplus Funds

It was confirmed that any surplus funds, after 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, would be transferred to the website.

- Betting Shop

CCllr L Mackay raised a concern regarding the state of the front of the betting shop. Cllr W Robertson confirmed that the shop was owned by a company in Falkirk who appeared

not to be interested in repainting the shop but he would confirm this and let CClr Mackay know.

**ACTION: CClr W Robertson**

- Crossing at the bottom of the town – it was confirmed that a decision had been taken not to go ahead with this as it would result in the loss of 2 – 3 parking spaces
- Dog walkers – CClr L Mackay advised that a resident had raised the issue of the number of dogs being walked by professional dog walkers (one had had 13 dogs). CClr Mackay confirmed that there was no law on the number of dogs which a dog walker can have at any time. A member of the public also raised the issue of the dog bin between Burleigh Sands and the Castle which had been full, with dog walkers putting excess bags at the base of the bin. CClr W Robertson confirmed that this had been an issue as walker had used the bin to put plastic bottles in but that the bin had now been emptied.
- Antisocial behaviour in Lathro Park – following discussion under item 11, it was agreed that the CC would write to Police Scotland expressing concerns about the amount of antisocial behaviour in the area. The item would also be added to the agenda for the September meeting.

**ACTION: CClr W Freeman/Minute Secretary**

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**The meeting ended at approximately 9.40 pm  
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting**