

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

**Minutes** taken by: Caron Aird

**Ward Councillors** PKC C Purves and W Robertson

**Other:** Kinross First Responder representative and Ken Miles (Kinross-shire Civic Trust)

**Public:** None

### **1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Watters and M Barnacle, Cllr D West as well as PC D Stapleton.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest from those present.

### **3. Minutes of Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by Cllr I Jack and seconded by Cllr J Bryson.

### **4. Police Report**

In the absence of PC Stapleton, Cllr B Freeman advised those present of five incidents which had occurred since the last meeting:

- a. Break-in at Dobbies Garden Centre
- b. Theft of a trailer from Balado
- c. Theft of fuel from lorries (at the car auction site)
- d. Vandalism at Moto Services
- e. Theft of car number plates

Please contact PC Stapleton or PC Spalding direct to raise any policing issues.

### **5. Kinross Community First Responders**

A representative from the Community First Responders attended the meeting firstly to thank the CC for the donation of £351 made earlier in the year and to advise that discussions are ongoing within the group in respect of additional items which may be required. It was confirmed that the original donation was ring-fenced specifically for the Muirs AED but given the CC own the AED, they were happy to pay for replacement pads etc.

It was confirmed that discussions were being held with the Scottish Ambulance Service in respect of an additional 2 bags and funding was now in place, meaning 4 bags were now available in the area.

Cllr B Davies confirmed that the AED had been used the previous week but unfortunately the outcome had not been successful. The device had been removed by the police but has since been returned with everything replaced. In respect of the laminate detailing contact telephone numbers, it was agreed that 2 laminates should be made, and contact details should also be added to the website.

The CC were thanked for their ongoing support.

## **6. Resignation of Secretary/Replacement**

Following the resignation of Eileen Thomas, members had previously been asked, at the last meeting, to consider whether they could take on the role of Secretary. There was a suggestion that members could take on the role on a quarterly basis. Cllr B Freeman would continue to deal with emails in the meantime.

There were no volunteers for the role of Secretary and it was agreed that the item would remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ACTION: Minute Secretary**

## **7. Matters Arising from Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

- a. Clock – Cllr C Purves confirmed that Steven Crawford had not replied to Cllr D Cuthbert however he had spoken to Donald Wilson who confirmed that £14,000 had been spent putting in a digital clock. Cllr W Robertson advised he had managed to speak to Steven Crawford who confirmed that the clock did not belong to PKC and had been sold along with other Council belongings.

Cllr I Jack enquired as to who owned the clock tower and was advised that whole building, including the clock tower had been sold. Cllr D Cuthbert confirmed that he would contact the factor to find out who now owned the building.

**ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert**

- b. CC Boundaries – Cllr C Purves confirmed that he would reply to Portmoak CC confirming that the CC were happy to have overlapping boundaries.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

- c. Community Investment Fund – Cllr D Cuthbert advised that he had attended the most recent meeting of the CIF Panel but ultimately felt that the Panel were not making decisions appropriately. There followed a long debate in respect of the Panel and it was agreed that Cllr D Cuthbert would sit on the Panel. This was proposed by Cllr I Jack and seconded by Cllr B Freeman.

- d. Myre Park – Cllr C Purves advised that D Stubbs had returned his call but, as yet, they had been unable to speak. A further update will be given at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

- e. 20 MPH Signs – this work had now been completed although concern was noted in respect of the mess which had been left.

- f. Speed activation signs – these had now been connected to the electricity supply. Cllr W Robertson agreed to chase this up.

**ACTION: Cllr W Robertson**

- g. Windlestrae Hotel Planning Application – Cllr C Purves confirmed that the hotel was not on a conservation area and therefore no trees would be felled outwith the conservation area.

Mr Miles advised that the planning application was to clear everything from the site in order that there was a 'blank canvas' including a new entrance and suds in a conservation area (Market Park). Ultimately it was felt that the proposals did not enhance the area.

Cllr B Freeman asked whether a TPO should be requested for the trees and Cllr C Purves suggested that this be requested for some mature trees outwith the conservation area. Cllr Purves commented that a TPO was requested for all trees, then this would be refused. After a long discussion, it was agreed that a letter of objection be sent to PKC on grounds of density, suds, access and trees.

**ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert**

- h. Grit Bins – no response had been received and Cllr C Purves confirmed that the request was on the budget list.
- i. Hedges/Drain at Springfield Corner – members were advised that the issue with the hedges had been reported, and that Cllr L Mackay had sent photos in respect of the drain. Cllr R Watters had chased this up.

**ACTION: Cllr R Watters**

## **8. Provost's Lamp**

Cllr W Robertson confirmed that the lamp had been inspected but not repaired. There was a discussion in respect of where the Lamp should be placed once it had been repaired and it was agreed that a site visit should be arranged with CC members and PKC Lighting Dept. Any CC members who were available on the day of the visit, should attend if they wish. Cllr B Freeman confirmed he would email Tracey in respect of this.

**ACTION: Cllr B Freeman**

## **9. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration**

Cllr D Cuthbert requested a review of the town centre regeneration and Cllr C Purves agreed to arrange this.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

- a. Bollards - Cllr T Stewart highlighted a health and safety issue with the silver strips on the bollards where drivers are being 'blinded' when the sun shone. Cllr D Colliar reported a number of bent/missing bollards and requested that these be replaced ASAP.

## **10. Kinross-shire Form Meeting**

Cllr C Purves advised that a number of items had been discussed including Sistra – a traffic modelling system for Kinross and Milnathort. A number of requests had been made in respect of redesigning junctions etc. but the meeting came to the conclusion that none of the changes would make a significant impact.

Cllr J Bryson advised that there had been a request for a traffic crossing at the Muirs/Springfield Road junction to increase the safety of children walking to school. Cllr W Robertson confirmed that a number of safe routes had been identified previously and Cllr J Bryson agreed to feed this back to the concerned pare.

**ACTION: Cllr J Bryson**

Cllr C Purves suggested that the information be circulated to members and suggested that this be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. It was agreed that the Plan would be circulated to members and information uploaded onto the Facebook page.

## 11. Planning Matters

Members were reminded that the Persimmon Homes meeting was arranged for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Loch Leven Community Campus.

### a. Planning Applications Received since the Last Meeting

**18/00013/PAN:** Residential development on land 300 metres North West of Lathro Farm, Kinross

**18/0964/FLL:** Site of former Windlestrae Hotel, Muirs, Kinross – erection of 36 dwelling houses, 8 flats, community lounge/guest suite, formation of parking areas, landscaping and associated works

**18/02053/FLL:** extension to dwelling house at 34 Morlich Place, Kinross, KY13 8BW

**18/02044/CON:** demolition of pump house at former Kinross High School, High Street, Kinross. An objection had been submitted in respect of this application from the Civic Trust. Mr Miles advised that Persimmon Homes had previously agreed to keep the pump house but were now going back on their previous decision. Cllr I Jack queried what the purpose of retaining the pump house was and was advised that this was a historic site. Cllr I Jack went on to ask who would be responsible for this. Cllr D Cuthbert confirmed that it would be the responsibility of the person who buys the plot of land that the pump house sits on and if it was not on a plot, then it would remain the responsibility of Persimmon Homes. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr D Cuthbert would write to PKC objecting to the planning application and requesting that the original planning application be reinstated.

**ACTION: Cllr D Cuthbert**

**18/02032/FLL:** demolition of pump house and erection of a wall at former Kinross High School, High Street, Kinross

**18/02121/IPL:** residential development (in principle) at land 20 m east of 27 Curate Wynd, Kinross

**18/02107/LAW:** extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 19 Mavisbank, Kinross, KY13 8QR

**18/02039/FLL:** extension to dwelling house at 2 Morlich Place, Kinross, KY13 8BW

**18/02172/FLL:** change of use of agricultural land to form additional garden ground and erection of a fence at Craigwell, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 0NR

### b. Planning Applications Determined by PKC

**18/01935/FLL:** change of use of agricultural land to garden ground, erection of a garage/workshop/store and formation of a vehicular access (**APPROVED**)

**18/01827/FLL:** extension to dwelling house at 79 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU (**APPROVED**)

**18/01055/CON:** part demolition of buildings at Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW (**APPROVED**)

**18/01054/FLL:** Part demolition of buildings, erection of 2 no dwelling houses and 4 no flats and associated works at Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross, Ky13 8AW (**APPROVED**)

**18/01914/PNA:** extension to agricultural building at Gellybank Farm, Kinross (**APPROVED**)

**18/01725/FLL:** alterations and extension to dwelling house at 9 Sunnypark, Kinross, KY13 8BX (**APPROVED**)

**18/01690/FLL:** erection of a garden building, replacement fencing, formation of decking, landscaping and associated works (in part retrospect) at 58 Simpson Wynd, Kinross, KY13 8GP (**APPROVED**)

There were no comments made on any of the above.

**c. Former Kinross High School Site**

There was no discussion around the former site.

**d. Other Planning Matters**

Cllr D Cuthbert commented that PKC appeared to be deleting all comments over one year old on the planning application section of their website and Cllr I Jack advised that all companies were required to retain information/records for 7 years. Cllr C Purves agreed to check this with PKC.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

No other planning matters were raised.

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

Cllr W Robertson advised that any street lights which were not working should be reported to either the Community Councillors or PKC Councillors. He also mentioned that due to the Station Road closure, buses would not be serving the High Street and that a shuttle service had been requested while the roadworks were ongoing. In response to Cllr J Bryson who felt that the works should have been better planned and could have taken place during the October school holidays, Cllr Robertson advised that these were part of a rolling programme of work. Cllr Robertson also advised that a letter had been sent to PKC earlier today expressing concerns around the difficulty of getting parked and no access to the Co-operative car park.

Cllr Robertson also highlighted that a resident had contacted him with concerns with Persimmon Homes working on a Sunday and this matter had been reported to an Enforcement Officer.

Cllr C Purves advised that the SPR Committee had been launched and that 2 funds had been set up to help small enterprises in rural areas. In 2019, a micro credit fund will be launched.

In respect of care at home, there is a shortage of carers/care packages available and this is another area which is being looked into.

Cllr D Colliar advised that he had written to Cllrs Purves and Robertson raising a number of objections in relation to commercial advertising in schools.

**13. Reports from CC Representatives**

- a. School Opening – those present were advised that CC members who had attended the opening of the school had been very impressed. They had been given a comprehensive explanation of all the classes and felt that the community were very lucky to have such a facility.

#### 14. Licencing

There were no licencing issues raised.

#### 15. Correspondence

Cllr B Freeman circulated a summary of the main communications received since the last meeting - there were no communications highlighted.

#### 16. Any Other Competent Business

- a. Loch Leven Community Campus - Cllr D Cuthbert advised that the Community Campus Management Group had met recently and nominations were required to sit on the Committee for a 2 year period. Cllr B Freeman asked whether a deputy/substitute could be nominated and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr B Davies and Cllr D Cuthbert would be the CC nominees. This was proposed by Cllr D Colliar and seconded by Cllr J Bryson.
- b. Community transport - Members were advised that a meeting of the 4 Ward Councillors had been held in respect of rural transport difficulties and to identify whether any funding would be available via Action Partnership. It had been agreed at the meeting that a survey to identify the demand of community transport for rural areas would be undertaken. Margaret Roy would be asked to circulate the information.
- c. Lamps under trees at the Green – CC were asked whether it would be possible to request that the lightbulbs be changed back to orange, as concerns had been raised in respect of the ‘dark areas’ between lamp posts where members of the community could not be seen. It was felt that this was a health and safety issue.
- d. School Kitchens – members were advised by Cllr T Stewart that PKC were proposing to close school kitchens in order to create one large facility. Cllr C Purves confirmed that Dundee and Angus already operate this system providing a net saving of around £400,000 for PKC.
- e. Use of Masonic Lodge – Cllr I Jack advised that he had received a letter from the Treasurer of the Lodge asking the Community Council to consider changing their meeting date to allow other community groups to use the Lodge on a regular basis. After discussion it was agreed that a response be sent advising that the CC would not be changing their meeting dates. Cllr Jack also agreed to let Cllr Davies have a copy of the letter, which he would raise at Thursday’s meeting.  
**ACTION: Cllr I Jack and Cllr B Davies**
- f. Remembrance Day Wreaths – Cllr I Jack advised that a number of local organisations (Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and Army Cadets) had not paid for wreaths provided by the Community Council. Members agreed that a letter be sent to the organisations requesting payment and also advising that if payment was not made, wreaths would not be provided in future.  
**ACTION: Cllr I Jack**
- g. Pavement outside Bank of Scotland – Cllr W Robertson advised that a resident had slipped and fallen outside the Bank due to continual ponding. The Manager of the Bank has phoned the Roads Dept. to report the issue and Cllr Robertson will take photographs tomorrow.

- h. Inconsiderate parking - Cllr L Mackay advised that a resident had raised an issue with parking on corners/turning circle. Cllr Robertson agreed to speak to the Police about this and Cllr Mackay would pass on the contact details of the resident.

**ACTION: Cllr L Mackay and Cllr W Robertson**

- i. Action Partnership Vacancy – Cllr B Davies enquired as to whether the vacancy had been advertised as the last one had not been.

- j. Farmers Market – although this was fully supported, 2 health and safety concerns had been raised in respect of cabling. It was agreed that the risk assessment would be shared.

**ACTION: Cllr W Robertson**

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

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30 pm

The meeting ended at approximately 10.00 pm  
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting

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