

DRAFT MINUTES of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
In the Masonic Lodge, The Muirs, Kinross

**Present:** Community Councillors Bill Freeman (Chair), David Colliar, Lynne McKay and Thomas Stewart.

**Minutes** taken by: Caron Aird

**Ward Councillors:** C Purves

**Other:** None

**Public:** One member

Cllr B Freeman welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M MacFarlane. Apologies were also received from PKC Cllr W Robertson, Cllr R Watters and Cllr M Barnacle.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. They were proposed by Cllr D Colliar and seconded by Cllr T Stewart.

4. Police Report

In the absence of a Police Scotland representative, Cllr B Freeman advised that the following report had been received:

There had been a total of 46 crimes in the area recently:

- 19 x Theft/dishonesty/housebreaking
- 17 x Road traffic offences including speeding, no insurance, driving carelessly
- 5 x Vandalism
- 2 x Assault including police assault
- 1 x Suspicious incident
- 1 x Drugs – Search warrant executed
- 1 x Disorder

Current crime series included

- 1 x in building intent to steal
- 4 x basic theft. Stolen value £870

The five crimes related to the same person who is targeting elderly and vulnerable people, with this person befriending each person and taking money while within their household. The person is the area's most wanted.

Crime highlights included:

- Theft by housebreaking with intend to steal – No positive lines of enquiry
- Attempt Theft by Housebreaking – No positive lines of enquiry currently
- Theft from a motor car of ladders – No positive lines of enquiry
- Theft by housebreaking and Theft OLP – currently awaiting forensic. Stolen items include lawnmower and tools
- Theft – Positive line of enquiry
- Theft by housebreaking – no positive lines of enquiry
- Theft of motor car – One person arrested and put to court. Vehicle returned.
- Theft – No positive lines of enquiry
- Theft – One person reported

It was also noted that the next community surgery would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 between 1000 hrs and 1200 hrs at Glenfarg Village Hall.

#### 5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 17<sup>TH</sup> December 2019

- CCTV at the defib - Cllr Freeman is to remind Mr B Davies to forward on the information.  
**ACTION: Cllr B Freeman**
- Gannochy Trust Funding Roadshows – Cllr Colliar attended a very interesting meeting, the main purpose of which was to advise people of how to apply for funding.
- Springfield Road (ponding) – Cllr Purves advised that he had raised the issue again with Garry McConnell and had previously suggested putting in another drain. Mr McConnell is to look at other options as it was agreed that a permanent solution was required.
- Stagecoach No 56 Bus Service – Members were advised that the bus timetable had been amended so that the bus was now leaving 20 mins earlier which resulted in the children arriving at College at 8.26 am. Changes to the timetable appeared to have been undertaken without consultation, with the aim being to ensure that the children arrived at college for a 9 am start. Cllr Mackay advised that she had received a copy of the new timetable which had been agreed with PKC and it was agreed that Cllr Purves would speak to Margaret Roy to ascertain whether anyone had objected to the proposals.  
**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

#### 6. Kinross-shire Community Transport Group

Cllr Colliar had attended the last meeting which had a lot of discussion but not a lot relating to Kinross. A proposal had been drawn up in respect of a local transport group which would involve a bus doing a circular route around Kinross-shire linking the villages and which would be run by the CT group in Perth. Cllr M Barnacle to advise of next meeting date.

#### 7. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

No update provided.

#### 8. Kinross-shire Forum Meeting

There had been no meeting since the last meeting of the KCC.

## 9. Provost's Lamp

Cllr Colliar advised that there had been success in obtaining funding from the Arthur Margaret Thomson Trust and the lamp would now be placed next to the fountain. An onsite meeting is to be arranged with Scott Denier to show where the lamp should be placed. Cllr L Mackay will also attend the meeting.

## 10. Planning Matters

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

- **20/00145/IPL** – Residential development (in principle) on Land 40 metres west of Berryknowe, Hatchbank
- **20/00165/FLL** – Extension to dwelling house at 56 McBain Place, Kinross, KY13 8QZ

### b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC

- **19/02087/FLL** – Erection of 3 dwelling houses at land 30 metres south west of Leiland House and 50 metres south east of Tillyochie Farmhouse, Balado (**REFUSED**)

### c) Other Planning Matters

Members noted the letter which had been received from Kinross Civic Trust in respect of 19/02135/FLL – the erection of 10 dwelling houses, garages and carports, formation of access road and track, acoustic bund, open space, landscaping and associated drainage works (in part retrospect), land 60 metres South West of Crossroads Cottage, Balado.

## 11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Purves advised that the PKC budget was due to be set at the Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March, although it was not clear as to what the block grant would be. It was Cllr Purves opinion that the PKC could reconfigure services or identify different ways of working in order to improve the service provided to residents. He felt it was very likely that the conservative budget would be approved.

In respect of health services in Bridge of Earn, Cllr Purves advised that a new primary care centre had been set up which will, hopefully, reduce the pressures on the Kinross GPs.

There had been a lot of criticism in respect of the centralisation of mental health services in Tayside and it had been agreed that there was a need to focus on the community service which should reduce the need for patients to be admitted. A report on the service has been published and it has been agreed to work with the IJBs, NHS Tayside and service users to try to collaborate and improve services. A further update will be given at the NHS Tayside meeting later this week.

Cllr Purves advised that there had been changes made to the plans for Phase II (190+ houses) of the Persimmon Homes development at Lathro Meadows and following consultation with local people this number had eventually been reduced by 20. The design is better than Phase I, e.g., pavements included and 25% extra visitor parking spaces, although it was unclear as to whether this was a new application or a revised one and it was agreed that KCC should respond, either way. The sewage issue had not been addressed because this related to the current site. PKC councillors are meeting some of the residents to hear their concerns and will give an update at the next meeting.

## 12. Reports from CC representatives

Cllr Colliar advised that Cllr Freeman and himself needed to arrange a meeting with the Partnership in respect of the website as funding had been allocated to make the website 'app friendly' and at the last meeting a number of conditions had been placed on the use of funding, but no updated had been provided since then.

**ACTION: Cllr B Freeman/Cllr D Colliar**

Cllr Freeman advised that he had attended the Kinross-shire Partnership meeting last week but that nothing was being agreed until they knew that funding had been received. He also advised that Alistair and Karen were stepping down from the Committee – new members are in the process of being recruited.

In respect of the Kinross-shire Fund, Cllr Colliar advised that Kythe, the Website and Light up Kinross along with other groups had all been allocated funds, but these would not be confirmed until the meeting next week.

Cllr Mackay advised that the timings of the bus service to Kinross High School linking in the Milnathort area are being updated.

## 13. Licensing

No applications received since the last meeting.

## 14. Correspondence

All correspondence had been forwarded on as appropriate.

## 15. Any Other Competent Business

a) Entrance to Gellybank Farm – Cllr T Stewart advised that there is an issue with a manhole cover at the entrance to the Farm but PKC had advised that they have no responsibility for this as it is on private land. Cllr C Purves agreed to investigate this further.

**ACTION: Cllr C Purves**

b) Traffic issues

i) Cllr Mackay advised that there were a number of concerns relating to road safety of the road, e.g., current state, whether it was to be gritted in bad weather, speeding issues, pothole and the visible warning signs have been damaged.

ii) A member of the public raised the issue of negotiating traffic at Burns Begg Street with a number of 'near misses' highlighted and a suggestion that the traffic wardens were required at the bottom of the town also. Cllr Purves advised that he had been asking for a review of traffic in this area for over a year and that a site visit was planned for the following day with representatives from planning, design and the traffic networks. It was agreed that the following issues would be discussed at the site visit:

- a) Burns Begg Street
- b) Parking outside the Chip Shop and Town Hall
- c) Give/take priority at the Salutation Hotel
- d) Montgomery Street

- iii) Traffic lights at Springfield Road crossing – Cllr Mackay advised of a timing delay between pressing the button and the green man being highlighted.
- iv) Speeding - There had been a speeding issue in Springfield Road recently where a dog had been injured. Members were advised that vehicle activation signs were in the programme for the area. There had also been an issue with speeding in The Muirs late at night.

Cllr Mackay also raised an issue of speeding in Gairneybridge and agreed to forward the email to Cllr Purves so that he could look into this matter.

**ACTION: Cllr L Mackay/Cllr C Purves**

- v) It was noted that there was now a pothole outside the High School.
- c) Flooded homes – the issue of flooding in the area of the industrial estate was raised and Cllr Purves advised that the South Kinross Flood Prevention Scheme (one covering Milnathort and one covering Kinross) was expected in 2022/23 but no start date had been confirmed.
- d) Scottish Water Refill Points – Cllr Mackay highlighted the ‘Your Water Your Life’ campaign which encourages residents and visitors to top up from the tap while out and about thanks to state-of-the-art street refill points, which will see Top up Taps installed in around 30 towns and cities over the next two years.

Cllr Mackay advised that she had contacted Scottish Water for more information and was awaiting a call back but suggested that this was something which could be set up in Kinross. Cllr Mackay agreed to circulate the link to the webpage ([yourwateryourlife.co.uk](http://yourwateryourlife.co.uk))

- e) Resignation – Cllr Freeman advised that Cllr Margaret Blyth had tendered her resignation from KCC and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Cllr Blyth thanking her for her 31 years of service to KCC. This now meant that a by-election was required to be arranged for May, with new members appointed in June.

#### 16. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Masonic Lodge, The Muirs, Kinross.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.07 pm

All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting