

Present: CCLr W Freeman (Chair), CCLr D Colliar, CCLr L Mckay, CCLr M McFarlane

Ward Councillors: Cllrs C Purves and Cllr W Robertson

Minutes: Mrs C Aird

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from CCLr T Stewart, PKC Cllrs M Barnacle and R Watters.

2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 26th May 2020

CCLr D Colliar requested an amendment to item 7 (e) to read that 4 members were required for the Council to be quorate.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

The minutes were proposed by CCLr D Colliar and seconded by CCLr M McFarlane.

4. Police Report

There had been no Police Report received by the time of the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the Minute Secretary would email Police Scotland to advise that the CC had resumed their monthly meetings and to ask Police Scotland to attend on a regular basis. A written report is to be requested if representatives are unable to attend.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

5. Matters Arising from previous minutes

a. Kinross in Bloom/Crosswell Fountain

CCLr D Colliar advised that he had spoken to KiB regarding the planning application to be submitted – all particulars have been submitted.

b. Website

CCLr M McFarlane confirmed that there had been a productive meeting in respect of the website – what had been seen previously had been a rough outline but it had been agreed that the website would now be shared. One action which came about following the meeting was the request for biographies of CC members to be included. CCLr W Freeman thought the bios was a good idea but that it was up to individual members as to whether they wished information to be uploaded and suggested using the by-election submissions, rather than creating new ones. CCLrs D Colliar and L Mckay confirmed that they did not wish their biographies to be uploaded.

CCLr McFarlane advised that the next iteration of the website was due in early July and the CC would be invited to review and comment on the content.

6. Kinross Town Centre

CCLr D Colliar requested an update in respect of PKC returning to work following Covid-19 and asked whether the Roads Dept. were working as he had noticed a hole in the monoblocks and

bent poles at the opticians. Cllr W Robertson advised that the Roads Dept. were undertaking emergency repairs only but that contractors had been brought in to help. It was agreed that Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson would follow this up.

ACTION: Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson

Cllr L McKay advised that there had been a post on the CC Facebook page where a member of the public had advised that they had received an email advising that works on Bowton Road had been completed (potholes and manhole cover) but they had not. Cllr L McKay agreed to forward the details to Cllr W Robertson after the meeting.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay and Cllr W Robertson

Cllr C Purves advised that Ward Councillors have a meeting with the Roads Dept. in the next couple of weeks in respect of repairs and proposed timelines and feedback would be given a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr C Purves

It was noted that demolition work at the Windlestrae Hotel had started.

7. Speeding in Rural Areas

The issue of speeding was raised, especially in Gairneybank where one resident had sadly lost her pet. It was noted that while speeding issues could be raised with the CC, this was a Police Scotland matter but it had been noted that there had been an increase in the amount of speeding, especially since lockdown. Cllr Purves advised that he had requested vehicle activated speed signs but that there were no VAS available – Police Scotland have said that they would increase their patrols in the area.

Cllr L McKay commented that when drivers were slowing down for the VAS, they were being overtaken by other drivers and suggested that rumble strips be put on the roads as a deterrent. Cllr W Robertson agreed to ask PKC to put in speed monitors which would advise exactly how much of a problem it was. He will also speak to Police Scotland about increasing their checks in the area. Cllr McKay agreed to pass on details of the resident's address.

ACTION: Cllr W Robertson/Cllr L McKay

8. Planning

a) Applications Received since the Last Meeting

20/00580/FLL – Alterations to dwelling house and erection of a dwelling house at land 10 metres east of 51 Argyll Road, Kinross, KY13 8BL

20/00668/LAW – Alterations and extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 9 Broom Road, Kinross, KY13 8BU

20/00642/FLL – Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 9 Parliament Square, Kinross, KY13 8AL

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 associated works at land 780 metres south west of Balado House Lodge, Balado

b) Planning Applications Determined by PKC

20/00606/FLL – Extension to dwelling house at 16 Mavisbank, Kinross, KY13 8QR
(APPROVED)

20/00571/FLL – Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 21 McWilliam Place, Kinross, KY13 8QU (**WITHDRAWN**)

20/00507/IPL – Renewal of planning permission 17/00497/IPL (erection of a dwelling house (in principle)) at land to rear of Station Road, Kinross (**APPROVED**)

20/00460/FLL – Alterations to dwelling house at Kinrara, St Ronan’s Drive, Kinross, KY13 8AF (**APPROVED**)

20/00415/FLL – Installation of replacement door at 5 Swansacre, Kinross, KY13 8TE (**APPROVED**)

20/00288/FLL – Alterations to boundary fence, formation of hardstanding area, erection of a storage shed and associated works at King George V Playing Fields, Muirs, Kinross (**REFUSED**)

c) Other Planning Matters

No other planning matters were raised.

9. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr C Purves advised that PKC were currently working under emergency powers with regular committees not meeting at present, although virtual meetings have commenced recently and the planning and licensing committees have recommenced their meetings.

There is a full Council meeting tomorrow where discussions will be centred on the budget and dealing with a possible reduction in funding.

Community engagement is moving forward with conversations taking place in respect of what PKC do well (as seen with Kinross Kindness) and what could be improved upon. Business grants/support was issued quickly with obstacles being removed in order to help the community in the recent pandemic.

Cllr W Robertson advised that he had written to PKC in respect of the overgrown plants in Burns Begg Street – work had commenced prior to lockdown to resolve this issue but the area has become even more overgrown in recent times.

In respect of the planning application by Persimmon Homes for Phase II at Lathro, Cllr Robertson advised that there was a meeting next week where he would ask to speak. He is of the opinion that the application should be deferred due to a PKC planning rule which states that the application should be refused if phosphorous is entering the Loch. Scottish National Heritage are seeking funding to research phosphorous coming from land, waste water or treatment works and Cllr Robertson is of the view that until these studies are complete, no planning applications for houses should be approved meantime.

10. Reports from CC Representatives

CCllr M McFarlane advised that he had attended a meeting on 8th June hosted by Cllr Purves in respect of broadband availability. There is around £14 m to draw down to put Gb broadband into Kinross-shire with residents being able to claim £1500 each and businesses £3500. There was a lot of detail provided at the meeting, with the suggestion that a community partnership be

set up. A steering committee has been set up and Cllr McFarlane has volunteered to sit on this committee.

ACTION: Cllr M McFarlane

Cllr Purves confirmed that there had been a lot of interest, with Milnathort and Cleish CCs having representatives on the steering committee. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

Cllr L McKay advised that she had received an email in respect of a rail link between Kinross/Perth/Cowdenbeath and enquired as to the current position.

Cllr Robertson advised that he had met with Transport Scotland nearly 5 years ago and at that time, the rail link was not seen as a priority and the only way to progress this issue would be for MSPs to support the suggestion of the rail link.

Cllr Purves advised that the most recent development had been that Liz Smith had raised motions in the Scottish Parliament. PKC had taken a view to re-establish the Perth/Edinburgh link and Cllr Purves agreed to speak to Liz Smith about this further. An update will be given at a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr C Purves

11. Licensing Applications

No applications had been received.

12. Correspondence

- Royal Mail - Cllr L McKay advised that there appeared to be a backlog in deliveries by Royal Mail and having spoken to a member of staff at the local depot, it became apparent that some staff had been furloughed while others were off sick. There was a particular issue with mail deliveries in the Muirs/Springfield Road area and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr McKay would contact Royal Mail to discuss what could be done to improve the situation.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay

All other correspondence has been circulated to Members.

13. Any Other Competent Business

- a) Stagecoach Buses (Route 56) – Cllr C Purves advised that there had been a change to the timetable of this particular route with a lot of consultation in the Glenfarg area. Apparently if the bus route is part removed, PKC will step in to arrange a service to be provided but if the route was fully removed then Glenfarg would have very little service.

A review of services is to take place once lockdown has been removed and things are getting back to normal. An update will be given at a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr C Purves

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom unless other arrangements were made.

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