

## Minute of a Meeting of Kinross Community Council

Wednesday 5 September 2018

at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

**Present:** Cllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Margaret Blyth, Jonathan Bryson, Dave Cuthbert, Barry Davies, Ian Jack, Lynne McKay, Thomas Stewart and David West; P&K Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson; and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr David Colliar; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and R Watters; and the community police officers.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Stewart declared an interest in planning application 18/01315/IPL.
3. **Minutes of Meeting of 1 August 2018:** Agreed as a true record. Proposed: Cllr Bryson. Seconded: Cllr D Cuthbert.
4. **Police Report:** The police had hoped to attend if calls permitted but were not present. They had submitted a note of recent incidents in the High Street, which were: attempted housebreaking to a retail property; theft from a portacabin; housebreaking to a retail property. The Commander's Bulletin received that day detailed a theft by housebreaking at Unorthodox Roasters on High Street and a smashed window at Kinross Primary School.
5. **Matters Arising from Meeting of 1 August 2018.**
  - a. **War memorial:** Cllrs Colliar and McKay had met with Cllr Purves and PKC personnel. Drawings need to be submitted for approval by PKC's Conservation team. Cllr Colliar is arranging for drawings to be made at no cost to the CC. The rail could be temporary or permanent.
  - b. **Dog mess:** Cllr McKay had obtained four cans of highlighter chalk. These were shared out amongst some CC members. (See also item 11c.)
  - c. **M90 sign:** Nothing further to report.
  - d. **Provost's lamp:** So far, one suggestion received by email and several via Facebook. It was agreed to wait until the October meeting to assess the comments and reach a recommendation. Cllr Robertson will ask PKC to assess whether the lamp needs to be refurbished. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**
  - e. **Community Choices Fund:** The application submitted was not successful. Cllr Cuthbert was thanked for his work on this.
  - f. **Minute Secretary:** Cllr Bryson has assessed the figures and estimates that it might be possible to employ a minute secretary if the CC did not put any of its grant towards items such as website support; however, it would be very tight. He has contacted PKC about the appropriateness of the level of grant and other expenditure matters. So far he has only received an acknowledgement. Cllr Bryson notes that school parent councils receive a similar level of grant to CCs but do not meet as often. Parent councils also have free use of school rooms yet CCs do not. It was also noted that all CCs receive a top up to £700 regardless of their size and how often they meet.
6. **Kinross Town Centre Regeneration.**

**Review:** Cllr Purves will ask Cllr Barnacle if Cllr Barnacle has had a proper response yet to his request for a review of the project (originally made in February). **ACTION: Cllr Purves.**

**20mph signs:** Cllr Purves has chased up the missing 20mph signs from the High Street roundabout. They should be installed in September.

**Old Causeway car park** is being altered to create more parking spaces.

**Electrics:** Cllr Freeman had reported a problem with the catches on the doors of the electrical boxes that give access to electricity in the town centre for the farmers' market etc. Cllr Purves said that PKC

staff reported no problems. It would be helpful if Cllr Freeman could meet with the PKC staff. Cllr Purves will contact them again. **ACTION: Cllr Purves.**

**Coventry Place:** Repairs have taken place but Cllr Robertson is disappointed at the quality of work. The step treads are still broken. He took photographs and has complained to the head of service. The CC queries whether work is checked on completion.

**Avenue Road and Talla Park:** Local resident Mr Tough was present. It is now a year since he had a walkabout with PKC staff and he has only heard back from Craig Daly, area engineer. Road safety staff have not been back in touch. Mr Tough explained that a couple of parking places are poorly located; one at a dropped kerb and another on a bend. PKC seems reluctant to lose them. PKC have drawn up proposals for the head of the path. Mr Tough gave the CC a copy of the proposals. The secretary will scan these and circulate amongst the CC. **ACTION: Secretary.** Cllr Robertson has written to PKC to ask if the south side of Avenue Road can be upgraded under the Estate Based Initiative. It may be possible to add parking spaces there.

## 7. Planning Matters.

### a. New Planning Applications. Cllr Cuthbert reported on these.

**18/01505/LBC** Alterations, Kirklands Hotel, 20 High Street, Kinross. The alterations are to enable provision of a disabled access toilet. No CC comment.

**18/01483/FLL** Erection of a garage and fence, 244 High Street, Kinross. It was noted that the PKC Floods team have lodged an objection as the property is in a flood plain. The CC thought this was rather harsh. The CC decided not to submit a comment.

**18/01443/FLL** Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Torriebank, Carsegour, Kinross. No CC comment.

**18/01425/LAW** Extension to dwelling house, 3 Hopefield Place, Kinross. No CC comment.

**18/01350/FLL** Erection of a dwelling house, land 30m NE of 43 High Street, St Ronan's Drive, Kinross. This application is virtually identical to application 18/01189/FLL, save for a slightly differently marked location drawing. Application 18/001189/FLL had been withdrawn due to a small technicality. Application 18/001189/FLL had been discussed at the August meeting and the CC had agreed to submit a comment regretting the loss of off-street parking provision. As the deadline for comments for application 18/01350/FLL was before the September CC meeting, the CC planning sub committee agreed to submit the same comment about parking.

**18/01315/IPL** Renewal of permission 15/00669/IPL Erection of holiday accommodation units (in principle), land 250m South of Gellybank Farm, Kinross. The CC did not comment when this application was first made and has no comment to make at renewal.

**18/01546/FLL** Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Broom Cottage, 17a Broom Road. This involves taking down a lean-to and replacing with solid building. No CC comment.

### b. Planning Applications Determined by PKC.

18/0128/FLL Chance Inn Farm; application withdrawn.

18/01179/IPL House NE of Monega House, Hatchbank; application refused.

18/00189/FLL House NE of 43 High Street, St Ronan's Drive; application withdrawn.

18/00540/FLL Formation of access road etc, SE of Beaufield, Balado; application refused.

18/00840/FLL 192 High Street, erection of 2 flats (in retrospect); application approved.

### c. Former Kinross High School site. PKC is satisfied with current progress by Persimmon. Cllr Robertson was asked to find out the expected completion date of the renovation of the Edwardian building and also to enquire if the original slate is being used on the roof as per the conditions in the planning consent. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**

### d. Planning Correspondence and Other Planning Matters.

- i. **McCarthy & Stone consultation:** A public exhibition of the developer's proposals for the Windlestrae Hotel site had taken place on 15 August. Cllr Bryson reported that a resident on Muirpark Road is unhappy at the affordable units overlooking his/her property. Another resident is concerned about the density of the proposal. Cllr Bryson

said the residents concerned would like the CC's support. He was asked to circulate their comments to the CC. **ACTION: Cllr Bryson.** He confirmed that the residents had submitted their comments to McCarthy & Stone. Cllr Blyth reported that the public access through the site from the woodland track by the golf course was raised by several people at the consultation. The CC agreed to ask McCarthy & Stone to visit the CC again to give another presentation before a formal planning application is submitted by McCarthy & Stone to PKC. **ACTION: Secretary.**

- ii. **Beaufield, Balado (18/00540/FLL):** The CC had received notification from PKC that the applicant intends to appeal following refusal of his application by PKC.
- iii. **Planning workshops:** Reminders received about these events on 27 Oct and 24 Nov.
- iv. **Lochside House (car auction):** Cllr Cuthbert had written to ward councillors to point out breaches of conditions applying to planning consent ref 18/00959/FLL. The case officer contacted the applicant who had been unaware of the conditions due to the applicant's agent being away. The applicant is now aware and will comply. PKC will monitor. Cllr Cuthbert will keep an eye on this. **ACTION: Cllr Cuthbert.**

## 8. Reports from P&K Councillors.

- a. **Local Development Plan 2:** Cllr Purves reported that this had been discussed at the Kinross-shire Forum and at a meeting of full Council at PKC.  
Council agreed to object to all new sites brought forward by developers.  
This version of the LDP had been drawn up with minimum and maximum figures allocated to housing development sites. Officers deemed this not to be enforceable if developers have 'exceptional circumstances'. Council passed a motion (by 33 votes to five) asking the Reporter to make the allocation ranges rigid so that the maximum figures cannot be exceeded. This was supported by all Kinross-shire ward councillors.  
Another motion put forward by Cllrs Purves and Watters asks the Reporter to consider reference to Route Action Plans for the A977, A911 and B9097. This was unanimously approved.
- b. **Toilets at pier:** Cllr Robertson reported that, due to regulations changing, a different temporary toilet building is required. This has caused a delay but it should be installed soon.
- c. **Dog fouling:** Cllr Robertson has received complaints about fouling of the school lane and also the lane from Bowton Road to the GS Brown houses. Residents or community councillors should contact Cllrs Robertson or Purves if they see more fouling. The councillors will arrange for the dog warden to visit. Cllr McKay said that vets are no longer being supplied with free poo bags to hand out to dog owners.
- d. **Illegal parking:** Cllr Robertson has noted vehicles being parked on pavements and double yellow lines. He has asked the parking wardens to visit. The CC asked that the parking bays from the Doghouse to the Central Café chip shop be checked also; parking is meant to be limited to an hour, but some vehicles appear to be parked there for hours on end. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**  
Cllr Robertson confirmed that wardens do come back to check; they will patrol Kinross, then go to Milnathort, then come back to Kinross after at least an hour. Community councillors also mentioned drivers failing to give way when required to do so at the Give-Take at the Salutation Hotel.
- e. **Paths:** Cllr Robertson reported that there is a budget for installation of pavements and paths. Kinross-shire has some on the list, e.g. junction 6 on the north side of Springfield Road and from Balado House to the crossroads. He will send details to Cllr Thomas to put in the Newsletter. **ACTION: Cllr Robertson.**

## 9. Reports from CC Representatives.

- a. **Kinross-shire Fund:** Cllr Colliar reported by email that £2000 has been awarded to the Kinross-shire Partnership to part-fund two new mobility scooters for the Heritage Trail.

- b. **Kinross-shire Forum:** Cllrs Cuthbert, West and Davies attended. Topics discussed included LDP2 and the traffic model, which indicates that delays are caused by traffic turning into Moto. There was also a discussion on local democracy. Cllr Purves is going to send CCs information about more decisions being taken in Kinross-shire.
  - c. **Kinross-shire Partnership:** Cllr Freeman attended a meeting recently. A joint website sub-committee is due to take place on 4 October.
10. **Correspondence.** Over forty emails had been received. Most had been circulated to community councillors on email and a summary produced. Items mentioned at the meeting were:
- a. **Portmoak CC proposal to change boundaries:** Portmoak CC wishes the boundaries to be changed so that Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak CCs all have some of the loch within their boundary. Currently the loch is within the Kinross CC area. Cllr Purves had produced a map showing a possible division of the loch. It was queried whether the three CCs could have overlapping boundaries for the loch area. There was a brief discussion; the CC was split over the proposal to change the boundary from the status quo. A position will be agreed when the formal consultation takes place (after full Council on 3 October). Cllr Purves will enquire of PKC whether overlapping CC boundaries are permissible. **ACTION: Cllr Purves.**
  - b. **Garden refuse:** The CC and ward councillors had been copied in to an email by a resident to the chief executive of PKC complaining that he had been turned away from the recycling centre with his garden waste as the centre was 'full'. He asked various questions about PKC's change in policy in respect of garden waste. Cllr Purves informed the CC that the council's calculations regarding garden waste were based on an estimated 50% uptake of the new permits. Uptake has been more than 50%. Both Cllrs Purves and Robertson have asked the resident to get back in touch with them if he is not satisfied with the response he receives from the chief executive.
  - c. **SPARKS meeting:** Cllr McKay and Cllrs Purves, Robertson and Watters attended this meeting about changes to care at home charges. COSLA had proposed changes to thresholds which PKC had approved in a budget prior to this year's. However, the changes meant some people would be worse off financially. At a special meeting of a council committee, it was decided to defer the introduction of the new thresholds. A consultation will be undertaken and consideration given to how the costs should be met.
11. **Other Competent Business.** There were no questions from the floor.
- a. **Wilson Court:** Cllr McKay had received complaints of vehicles parking overnight in the turning bay. This has been reported to PKC. It is likely that the area will be marked 'no parking'.
  - b. **Inconsiderate parking:** This has been noted on Springfield Road, with pavements partially blocked.
  - c. **Dog mess highlighting:** If those community councillors spraying dog mess with highlighter send mobile phone photos to Cllr West, he will create a map.
  - d. **Public services at Balado:** A PhD student researching community perspectives with regard to rural services had been in touch. She thought Balado would be a possible subject for her research. Cllr Barnacle has set up a meeting with the researcher and interested residents for 10 September.
  - e. **KCCNL charitable fund:** Cllr Davies reported that there have been two applications so far in time for the autumn deadline. Cllr Colliar had mentioned by email the possibility of applying for funding for the war memorial rail. An application form will need to be completed and submitted and assessed against the charitable aims.
  - f. **Music tuition:** Cllr Bryson asked councillors to consider that rising fees risk making tuition elitist or perhaps lost altogether. Cllr Purves said PKC is trying to widen access for those who would find the cost most prohibitive.
  - g. **Bridge repair:** Cllr Jack notes that the damage to the bridge at Burnbrae caused by a vehicle in January has not yet been repaired. Cllr Robertson said it is in the programme of works.

- h. **Former Town Hall:** Some of the land in front of the former town hall belongs to the building, i.e. it is not all public pavement. Cllr Cuthbert said that the developer has sold this land with the flats. Cllr Cuthbert anticipates there might be issues in future depending on the use the residents might wish to make of this. He also reports that the developer is hoping to carry out an excambion with the owners of the Carnegie apartments in order to obtain land to the rear for parking.
  - i. **School Wynd junction:** Cllr Cuthbert feels there is a problem with sight lines for drivers exiting School Wynd on to Swansacre. He wonders if the priority should be changed so that drivers coming down Swansacre have to give way to vehicles exiting School Wynd. It was suggested he discuss this idea with residents of Swansacre. Cllr McKay said the army cadets are moving out of Swansacre in September.
  - j. **Boundary Commission:** Cllr Cuthbert gave a brief report of the Boundary Commission Scotland position on a review of Westminster constituencies with respect to the constituency into which Kinross-shire would fall. An earlier proposal to put Kinross-shire with parts of Fife has been rejected in favour of a constituency involving south Perthshire and Stirlingshire. The matter now goes to Parliament for debate. [Post meeting note: Cllr Cuthbert provided further information by email to say that the proposal is to call the constituency "Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross". The matter is still to go to Parliament.]
  - k. **Streetlights, Muirs:** Cllr Freeman reported that these are now working.
12. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 October at 7.30pm** in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross. Apologies received in advance from Cllr Jack.

The meeting ended at approximately 9.22pm.

All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting.