

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2016**

*at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross*

**Present:** CCllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Margaret Blyth, Jonathan Bryson, David Colliar, Barry Davies, Ian Jack, David MacKenzie, Thomas Stewart and David West. **Also in attendance:** P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert, J Giacobazzi and W Robertson; and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from CCllr M Scott and P&K Cllr M Barnacle.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 2 November 2016:** Agreed as a true record. Proposed: CCllr West. Seconded: CCllr Colliar.
4. **Police Report:** None received and no police present. Police had emailed to request dates of meetings and to say that they are trying to organise attendance at CC meetings in the coming months. Where CC minutes are sent to Police, these are reviewed and policing matters actioned. The Area Commander's weekly bulletins since the last CC meeting were noted. All Kinross-shire incidents are extracted and published in the Kinross Newsletter. Since the December issue, a further two incidents were noted: fraud using distraction technique in a Kinross shop and vandalism of wildlife shelter at Pier Road. The number of incidents in Kinross-shire appears to be greater over the last three months or so than normal. CCllr Jack wondered if we could be told of apprehension rates. The secretary will write to the Police.

**ACTION: CCllr Thomas**

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 2 November 2016**

- a. **Queen's tree:** The trees have not been planted yet. CCllr Colliar is still to obtain a price for a plaque.  
**ACTION: CCllr Colliar**
- b. **Hearing loop:** The secretary has contacted Lodge St Serf but has not heard back yet.
- c. **Venue:** Related to the above, PKC's Barbara Renton had suggested that the CC meet in the campus where there are induction loops but at the previous meeting it was thought that the cost would be prohibitive. In the meantime the secretary had received an enquiry from a Pilates teacher who wondered if the CC would consider meeting in the campus to free up the Masonic Hall for her to hire every Wednesday evening (the campus being too expensive). The secretary enquired about campus costs and had received an email from campus reception to say that the CC would be eligible for free room hire. It was agreed that she should check with CC Liaison and again with the campus. It would be desirable to have the same room each month.  
**ACTION: CCllr Thomas**
- d. **Defibrillator/kiosk:** CCllr Davies has made the necessary contact with BT and PKC to request adoption of the kiosk on the Muirs. Mrs Hunter has been in touch to say that she is about to start fundraising for a town centre defibrillator and suggesting that a small group be set up in the new year. CCllr Davies acknowledged that there will be a number of questions to address, e.g. who is responsible for ongoing maintenance, replacement of pads after use etc. He is trying to get information from the local First Responders group to help gauge likely usage rates.
- e. **Toilets at Pier:** Cllr Robertson has arranged a meeting for Friday 9 December. CCllr Davies will represent the CC.  
**ACTION: CCllr Davies**
- f. **Provost's lamp:** The secretary reported on a telephone conversation with Mr White who had repaired the lamp. The lamp is the responsibility of Perth & Kinross Council.
- g. **Development names:** G S Brown had responded by forwarding correspondence they had received from PKC regarding street naming and numbering. The secretary had circulated to

CC members a link to the PKC webpage regarding street naming and numbering. Developers are asked to apply to PKC for a name as soon as they have planning permission. PKC then applies to Royal Mail for a postcode. It was the understanding of the meeting that the Council is supposed to consult with local councillors regarding new street names and the councillors usually consult with CCs. Local consultation would help prevent confusing or inappropriate naming. It was agreed that the secretary should write to Lisa Wilkie, Street Naming and Numbering Officer to ask if the Bishop View name can be changed and to ask if any application has been made yet regarding the former Kinross High School site.

**ACTION: Cllr Thomas**

- h. **Streetlights:** Cllr Robertson had asked for the lights on all main thoroughfares to be brightened. He will now ask if it is possible to increase the spread of the lights, which may be helpful on the Muirs near the Green Hotel where mature trees impede the efficacy of the lights.

**ACTION: Cllr Robertson**

- i. **Campus review:** (This is really a matter arising from the October meeting.) The CC had received a response from Sheena Devlin, Director of Education & Children's Services. She had agreed to reinstate the survey for a short time and extended this further at the secretary's request to allow publication in the December Newsletter. The secretary had also placed a post on this subject on the CC Facebook page, which had elicited around ten comments. She will include these in the CC's survey response. There will be a paper about the review at the January meeting of Education & Children's Services.

**ACTION: Cllr Thomas**

6. **Town Centre Regeneration:** Radio Tay interviewed the secretary about the Kinross shared scheme shortly after the last CC meeting. A walkabout for local elected members, council officers and the CC will take place on 13 December at 2pm. CCllrs Thomas, Davies and MacKenzie will represent the CC. The secretary asked if the recently completed Road Safety Audit would be available before the walkabout. This has not been provided yet but Cllr Cuthbert will ask for it again. Cllr Robertson stated that the parking survey has still not been made available. CCllr West proposed that if any action is required on the part of the CC following the walkabout, the CC representatives in consultation with the Chair have the authority to act on behalf of the CC. Seconded by CCllr Colliar.

**ACTION: CCllrs Thomas, Davies & MacKenzie**

7. **New Primary School:** The user group has not met for some time. The work is on schedule. Cllr Cuthbert reported that the building firm has a good relationship with the school.

## 8. Planning Matters

- a. **New Planning Applications.** Applications advertised since the last CC meeting are listed below. The CC decided not to comment on any of them.
- i. 16/01763/FLL Extension to dwelling house and erection of replacement garage, 73 Muirs, Kinross.
  - ii. 16/01930/FLL Removal of condition 5 (use and ownership) of permission 09/00925/FLL Change of use from ancillary accommodation to dwelling house and erection of fence, 126 High Street, Kinross.
  - iii. 16/01894/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 193 High Street, Kinross.
  - iv. 16/01884/FLL Extension to dwelling house, The Ranch, 11 Hatchbank Lane, Gairney Bank, Kinross.
  - v. 16/01972/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of a garage, 6 Millbridge, Kinross.
  - vi. 16/01901/FLL Erection of two holiday accommodation units, land 250m NE of Leepark, Coldrain.
  - vii. 16/01900/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 400m NE of Leepark, Coldrain.
- b. **Planning Applications Determined by PKC:**
- i. 16/01738/FLL Partial change of use from garden ground to form car sales area (in retrospect), Orchard House, Old Cleish Road, Kinross. Refused.

- ii. 16/01660/MPO Discharge of planning obligation associated with permission 15/00415/FLL (Change of use from health centre (Class2) to retail units (Class 1), nursery (Class 10) and six flats and erection of block of 10 flats) confirmation that sums have been paid. Approved.
- iii. 16/01580/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 60m N of Braeside Cottage, Kinross. Approved.

9. **Action Partnership (AP) Priorities:** CCllr MacKenzie sits on the Kinross-shire and Almond & Earn AP. He and Cllr Cuthbert are concerned at the slow progress. A budget of £20,000 is available until 31 March 2017, with a further £10,000 after that. Spending decisions have to be reached via a 'participatory budgeting event'. Cllr Cuthbert wrote to Kinross-shire CCs on 2 November to ask for suggestions on what could be better in our area. Suggestions had also been gathered at an AP meeting. Transport is a big issue. This CC suggested that money could be spent subsidising hire costs at the Loch Leven Community Campus, which many find prohibitively expensive. This would be a pilot scheme to see if it increased useage. CCllr Bryson suggested that he put this suggestion on the CC Facebook page and ask the public to 'Like' the post if they approve. CCllr MacKenzie will put the suggestion to the other CCs on the AP.

**ACTION: CCllrs Bryson & MacKenzie**

10. **Data Controller:** CC Liaison had sent an email regarding renewal. It was agreed the most appropriate person to be Data Controller is the secretary. (Proposed CCllr Colliar, seconded CCllr West.) CCllr Thomas will contact PKC.

**ACTION: CCllr Thomas**

11. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:** A summary of all correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated to community and ward councillors and was available to view. Some items mentioned were:

- a. **Crumbling façade:** Cllr Cuthbert had forwarded an email updating the CC regarding the High Street and Old Causeway flats that have crumbling render. A detailed survey had taken place and various recommendations made. Four of the flats are Council-owned and two are private. It is hoped work can be carried out in the spring.
- b. **Donation request:** Andrew Scott of Heaven had sent out a request for raffle prizes for a charity effort. It was thought this was aimed more at businesses and it was agreed no response was necessary.
- c. **Paperless bin collection calendars:** The CC had received a briefing paper from PKC on 7/12/16. Hard copies of bin collection dates will no longer be sent out to householders. Anyone wishing a hard copy must download one from the Council website. The CC's view is that bin calendar provision is part of an important frontline service and the CC strongly objects to this change, which is discriminatory against people who do not use the internet. The local elected members present were asked to note the CC's view and the secretary would also send an email to PKC.

**ACTION: CCllr Thomas**

## 12. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

- a. **20 mph zones:** Cllr Robertson, together with Cllr Lewis Simpson, intends to bring a motion to the next full Council meeting proposing 20 mph speed limits for residential areas.
- b. **Fairtrade zone:** Cllr Robertson reported that a motion to make Perth & Kinross a Fair Trade Zone would go to the next full Council meeting.
- c. **Damp in council houses:** Cllr Robertson is concerned at the number of council houses apparently suffering from damp. This concern arises from communications he has received from residents. He has written to Cllr Dave Doogan, Convenor of Housing & Health, in an effort to establish the extent of the problem. Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacomazzi have also received communications from residents on this subject.
- d. **Kinross Christmas lights:** Cllr Robertson congratulated those involved in organising and providing the lights.
- e. **Campus review:** Cllr Giacomazzi raised the issue of a ban on food bought outwith the campus being consumed on campus premises (though packed lunches are allowed). PKC

and Tayside Contracts appear to blame each other for the ruling. There was some discussion. A meeting is to take place at PKC on 8 December on this subject.

- f. **PKC Budget:** Cllr Cuthbert said there will be lots of cutbacks. CCllr Colliar referred to an article in a newspaper that day in which residents were asked for suggestions on which services should be cut in an effort to save £10M. A similar post appeared on the PKC Facebook page.
- g. **Kinross Winter Market and Lights:** Cllr Cuthbert commented on the success of the market and also congratulated those involved with the lights.

### 13. Any Other Competent Business

- a. **Fence at M90:** CCllr Jack commented that fencing adjacent to the M90 around junction 6 is in need of repair. This is Bear Scotland's responsibility.
- b. **LDP numbers:** CCllr Jack wondered why Planning Officers simply cannot decline an application for housing which exceeds the numbers stated in the LDP. Cllr Giacobazzi replied that officers must consider whatever is put before them and that numbers in the LDP are merely indicative. There was some discussion on this subject.
- c. **Kinross-shire Fund:** CCllr Colliar reported that the December meeting was cancelled as there were no applications. There will be a meeting in February. The Kinross-shire Fund is running short of funds.
- d. **Chance Inn Pothole:** CCllr Stewart thanked the councillors for organising repair of this.
- e. **Consultations:** CCllr Bryson mentioned that closing dates are looming for two Scottish Government consultations: one on early years provision and one on governance review. He will post something about these on the CC Facebook page.

**ACTION: CCllr Bryson**
- f. **Textile bins:** Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that he had asked for textile bins to be emptied more often. Cllr Robertson said a vehicle had been out of operation recently. Textile bins at Bridgend were full at the weekend prior to this meeting.
- g. **Roadworks:** CCllr MacKenzie enquired about the roadworks outside Kirklands Garage.
- h. **Kirklands Garage:** A PKC Enforcement officer has asked the owner to carry out some repairs. The asking price has been dropped substantially.
- i. **Bins:** There was some discussion regarding the recent introduction of smaller general waste bins. Larger families and those with babies are entitled to an extra bin. However, the point was made that it is easy for a small bin to become full if a household has visitors. The purpose of the smaller bins is to encourage more recycling. Households can obtain an extra brown-lidded and blue-lidded bin if desired.
- j. **Ambulance response times:** CCllr Davies is concerned about this. Cllr Cuthbert is looking into it. It is one of the topics on the Action Partnership list.
- k. **Secretary workload:** CCllr Davies commented on the extra workload experienced by the secretary recently with regard to the KCCNL (charity) changes and would like the KCCNL Directors to consider this.

14. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Kinross CC will take place on **Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 7.30pm** in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The meeting ended at 21:30 hours.

All Minutes are Draft until approved at the next meeting.