

Kinross Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 5 October 2016

at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross

Present: CCllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Margaret Blyth, David Colliar, Barry Davies, Ian Jack and Thomas Stewart. CCllr David MacKenzie joined the meeting during item 9a (Planning applications). Also in attendance were: P&K Cllrs D Cuthbert and M Barnacle (the latter arriving during item 6) and four member of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from: CCllrs MacKenzie (arrived late, see above), J Bryson, M Scott and D West; and P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and W Robertson.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of meeting of 7 September 2016:** Agreed as a true record. Proposed: CCllr Colliar. Seconded: CCllr Blyth.
4. **Police Report:** No police present. Sgt Nicolson replied regarding cut out figures. A "Pop Up Bob" costs £190. She is checking data from other areas to see if these make a positive difference. She will keep us updated. The Area Commander's bulletins of 8, 15, 22 & 29 September were noted.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of 7 September 2016**
 - a. **Hearing Loop:** No word back from PKC yet.
 - b. **Entertainment Licence consultation:** Cllr Cuthbert had been in further contact with a Council officer. He was told that Police, Fire, Planning and Environment Services are consulted and the applicant puts up a site notice for 21 days so any member of the public can object.
 - c. **Queen's tree:** Cllr Colliar reported on contact with PKC's Richard Brough, who would recommend planting semi-mature trees. This would be difficult for the CC to manage. Mr Brough offered PKC's services. Cllr Colliar will clarify whether PKC would meet the cost of supplying the trees. He needs to contact another officer regarding the plaque. [Grounds maintenance officer Rob Bryce.]

ACTION: CCllr Colliar
 - d. **Action Partnership:** Cllr Cuthbert reported on a forum of Kinross-shire ward CCs held on 27 September. CCllr MacKenzie was chosen to represent them on the Action Partnership for Kinross-shire and Almond & Earn. The first meeting of the Action Partnership is 6 October. Cllr Cuthbert hopes an outcome improvement plan will emerge. Topics that might be raised include rural transport and ambulance response times.
 - e. **Grass cutting at Burnbank:** Cllr Cuthbert thought the difference in cutting regimes between the north and south sides of the road may be due to different bodies carrying out the maintenance (Mitie and PKC).
 - f. **KHS pupil access to shops/litter:** The KHS head teacher had responded to the CC's query, saying: "Pupils at Kinross High School are expected to be on Campus during the school day. The only exception to this is if they are absent or have an appointment and have signed out of school. At break time pupils do not have permission to be off Campus and we have asked local retailers to support these arrangements. Pupils are free to make their own arrangements at lunch time and can freely leave the Campus at this time." Cllr Cuthbert thought there was more litter in the Lathro area following the opening of the new convenience store. More bins are required. CCllr Davies pointed out that there is currently no bin at the skate park.

g. **Review of campuses:** Cllr Cuthbert said at the September CC meeting that PKC is seeking to make savings across the community campuses. An email had been sent to 17 P&K Community Councils on 8 September giving the opportunity to complete a questionnaire by a deadline of 21 September. CCllr Thomas wondered if this was the only public consultation. Cllr Cuthbert did not know. She had heard before the consultation deadline that the events manager at the campus had already been served notice of redundancy. The CC found this regrettable as the events manager put a lot of effort into organising and promoting events at the campus and was a bridge between the campus and the community. It was agreed that the Secretary would write a letter to the Head of Education and Children's Services.

ACTION: Secretary

h. **Poppyscotland:** An article about the need for a new volunteer was placed in the October Newsletter. A volunteer had already come forward so there was no need for Poppyscotland to address a CC meeting.

6. **Kinross Strategy or Vision:** [Cllr Barnacle arrived at this point.] Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert reported on a meeting the ward councillors had held with Peter Marshall (PKC Forward Planning). Mr Marshall will consult with PKC's senior management team regarding a budget for a new Kinross Strategy. A paper is due to go before the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee regarding Kinross town centre. The possibility of inviting someone from PKC to visit the CC to give feedback on the CC's submission to the Main Issues Report was raised again. The CC will discuss this again at the November meeting.

7. **Town Centre Regeneration:** The Secretary submitted a detailed letter regarding the failings of the redesigned High Street to the Chief Executive, who forwarded it to Barbara Renton (Environment Director) for attention. The Secretary also invited Willie Young to take part in a site visit with CC representatives. Coincidentally, the Scottish Parliament has begun considering a petition to the Petitions Committee requesting a moratorium on all shared space schemes until safety issues have been addressed. The Women and Equalities Committee at Westminster is also looking at this matter.

8. **New Primary School:** Site work will take place during the October holidays.

9. Planning

a. Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

- i. 16/01523/FLL Erection of a garden building, 68 Montgomery Street, Kinross, KY13 8DU.
- ii. 16/01444/FLL Extension to dwelling house, Southfield, 11 Montgomery Street, Kinross, KY13 8DU.
- iii. 16/01565/FLL Erection of 6 houses and garages, vehicular access, open space and associated works, land 120m west of Copperbank, Balado.
- iv. 16/01566/FLL Erection of 11 dwelling houses and garages, vehicular access, open space, drainage and associated works, land 60m west of Copperbank, Balado.
- v. 16/01560/FLL Erection of 9 dwelling houses, garages and associated landscaping, land to the south of the A977, Balado.
- vi. 16/01580/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 60m north of Braeside Cottage, Kinross.
- vii. 16/01543/FLL Erection of hot food takeaway, 2no flats and extension to retail shop, Costcutter, Green Road, Kinross.

The CC discussed the three planning applications for houses at Balado. The applicant for two of the applications was present. Two Balado residents were present and expressed their concerns regarding the expected increase in vehicular traffic and the effect on safety as there is no pavement from the A977. After discussion it was agreed

that the CC would submit comments, requesting that it be made a condition on consent of the three applications that a footpath and lighting from the A977 to Middle Balado House is enabled.

ACTION: Secretary

b. Planning Applications Determined by PKC

- i. 16/01425/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 1 Lethangie Cottage, Lethangie, Kinross. Approved.
- ii. 16/01267/IPL Renewal of permission 13/01242/IPL (erection of a dwelling house) (in principle), 27 Alexander Drive, Kinross. Approved.
- iii. 16/01384/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 16 McBain Place, Kinross. Refused.
- iv. 16/01269/FLL Siting of a welfare facility unit for a temporary period (in retrospect), Historic Scotland, Pier Road, Kinross. Approved.
- v. 16/01177/IPL Erection of a dwelling house and associated works (in principle), land 20m west of Gellybank Farm, Kinross. Approved.
- vi. 16/01390/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 21 Montgomery Street, Kinross. Approved.
- vii. 16/01289/FLL Change of use, alterations, extension to form microbrewery, former public convenience, Muirs, Kinross. Approved.

c. Planning Correspondence and Other Planning Matters

- i. **Local Development Plan:** The CC received a letter from PKC, letting all with an interest in the LDP know the latest timetable. Due to delays with the Strategic Development Plan, TAYplan, PKC's proposed LDP2 will probably not go to a Council meeting until after summer recess 2017. Following that, it will be published for public consultation.
- ii. **Beaufield, Balado:** Cllr Cuthbert informed the meeting that the application for eight houses (ref 16/01996/FLL) was approved at the DMC meeting of 14 September.
- iii. **Lathro Farm:** Cllr Cuthbert informed the meeting that the application for 300 houses (ref 15/01512/FLM) was approved at the DMC meeting of 14 September. He explained that since 40 houses allocated to the Forth Wines site could not be built due to flood risk, 300 dwellings at Lathro Farm was considered acceptable. (The LDP had stated a figure of 260 for the Lathro Farm site, 140 of which could be built up to the year 2024.) There will be affordable social houses for rent, in two or three places on the site. He also said that the new Kinross Primary School is the reason the developer was given consent for 300 houses now rather than 140 up to the year 2024. CCllr Thomas asked why the Report of Handling states "the development is considered to comply with the current Development Plan". She suggested that it would be more accurate to say that it does not comply, but there are material considerations which make departure appropriate (i.e. the new school). Cllr Cuthbert replied that when the councillors make such points to the officers, they are told that figures in the LDP are merely "indicative".

10. Miscellaneous Correspondence: A summary of mail received since the last meeting had been circulated to community and ward councillors and was available to view at the meeting.

- a. **KCCNL Special Resolution:** Andersons LLP had sent this to be signed by relevant community councillors.

11. Reports by Perth & Kinross Councillors

- a. Cllr Cuthbert reported the following:

- i. He had been involved in trying to help the dance studio that had recently opened premises at **Kinross west**. PKC has provided a comfort unit until **Scottish Water** provides a water supply.
 - ii. **The trees** that PKC had erroneously removed from the side of the County Buildings (Liberty Business Centre) will be replaced in the next two to three weeks.
 - iii. A series of meetings involving relevant organisations has taken place regarding **youth anti-social behaviour** locally. The police will be focussing on preventing such behaviour in the run up to Halloween.
- b. Cllr Barnacle:
- i. **Councillors and Planning**: With reference to the discussion under 9c(iii) above, Cllr Barnacle praised the efforts of Cllr Cuthbert who had written to Nick Brian (PKC Planning) regarding developer contributions. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that Kinross-shire should have a developer contribution per house towards a general infrastructure fund, similar to a scheme for Auchterarder.
 - ii. **Rural transport**: Following the recent reduction in bus services, he hopes the need for initiatives on rural transport can be stressed via the new Area Partnership. He was late because he was at a meeting of Fossoway Parent Council who wanted an update on roads issues.
 - iii. **40mph zone**: Turfhill now has a 40mph zone.

12. Any Other Competent Business

- a. **Remembrance Parade**: CCllr Colliar referred to the long tradition whereby Kinross CC had provided two wreaths: one from the CC and one specifically commemorating ex-servicemen. It was agreed that one general wreath of commemoration by the Community Council is sufficient. He will organise the wreath and contact Mr Alexander of Liberty Business Centre regarding access around the war memorial.

ACTION: CCllr Colliar
- b. **Community Awards**: CCllr Colliar attended this event on 28 September and received an award for his voluntary work for the community over many years. He expressed thanks to whoever nominated him and to the people at the campus who made the evening a success. He said it was good to see so many groups being given credit for what they do.
- c. **Kinross CC Grant**: CCllr Jack, Treasurer, informed the meeting that £438.09 'top up' has been received from PKC.
- d. **Street lighting** on the Muirs between the Green Hotel and Springfield Road is not working, perhaps due to footpath works on Springfield Road.
- e. **Farmers' Market**: the next one is on 29 October.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.