

**DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Kinross Community Council
On Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 1930 hrs
In the Masonic Hall, the Muirs, Kinross**

Present: CCLlr W Freeman (Chair), CCLlr L McKay, CCLlr P Chan, CCLlr S Wells and CCLlr C Willsher

Ward Councillors: None

Members of the Public: 4

Minutes: Mrs C Aird

1. Welcome and Introductions

CCLlr W Freeman welcomed everyone to the meeting. CCLlr L McKay advised those present that CCLlr K Spain had resigned from the Community Council and wished to record her thanks to CCLlr Spain.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from CCLlr E Leslie, Cllr D Cuthbert, Cllr N Freshwater, Cllr W Robertson, Cllr R Watters and Police Scotland.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements made in respect of any item on the agenda.

4. Police Scotland Report

Representatives from Police Scotland were unable to attend tonight's meeting but had submitted a report.

Since the last meeting on 27th August 2024 there had been approximately 72 calls to Police from the Kinross area with 9 crimes recorded on Police systems within this period. Five of these crimes related to road traffic offences.

Crimes of note (since last meeting)

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
23/09/2024	Assault (Burns-Begg Street, Kinross) MO - assault by attempting to stab with unknown bladed article	1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal
31/08/2024	Being concerned in the supply of class A drug (Montgomery Street, Kinross)	1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

Traffic Statistics

Community officers continue to be aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Kinross. These have all been added to our speeding matrix and we will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols.

On Tuesday 27th August 2024, roads policing officers were on mobile patrol when they observed two vehicles going through a red light at the temporary 3-way traffic light system on The Muirs, Kinross. Both drivers were issued with a fixed penalty notice.

On Wednesday 18th September 2024, PCs Samson and Stitchell were on mobile patrol when they stopped a vehicle on Emslie Drive, Kinross. The vehicle was found to be uninsured. The driver was issued with a fixed penalty notice ticket.

Community Team Activity

Please follow our Twitter page @PSOSPerthKin with updates on what we are doing active in the local area under #KinrossCPT.

Constables Samson and Duncan are holding a community drop-in session in their community van on Saturday 12th October 2024, at LLCC between 1000 hrs and 1400 hrs (to be confirmed).

The purpose is for people to drop in for a chat about any issues in the local area, what they wish from local Police or just a general chat. There are no appointments necessary and more information will be shared on social media closer to the time.

We have had an increase in calls regarding youths causing anti-social behaviour and are aware of areas this has been occurring in for our patrols.

5. Minutes of Meeting held on 27th August 2024

The minutes of the August 2024 meeting were accepted as an accurate record and were proposed by CClr S Wells and seconded by CClr C Willsher.

6. Matters Arising from 27th August 2024 meeting

- **Safety Concerns at La Casanova/The Tartan Kipper**
CClIr Mckay advised that the situation seemed to have been resolved, although it was noted that parking continues to be difficult at that end of the town.
- **Community Action Plan**
CClIr Freeman confirmed he had contacted Laura Martin again but had still had no response. He will chase again for an update.
ACTION: CClr W Freeman
- **KCC Website**
To be discussed later in the meeting.
- **BCA Site**
To be discussed later in the meeting.
- **Double Yellow Lines @ Primary School**
No update available due to CClr E Leslie's absence.
ACTION: CClr E Leslie
- **Glenfarg-shire Stronger Community Meeting**
No update was available due to CClr K Spain's resignation. Another Community Councillor was required to join the group.
- **Boundary Map**
Due to Cllr R Watters absence, no update was available with regard to the possibility of an up-to-date CC boundary map being available.

- **Old Cleish Road Development**

A member of the public, who had attended the August meeting, advised that the residents affected by the proposed development had met to discuss their concerns, following the advice from the CC at the last meeting. Residents had mixed opinions with regard to submitting conditions to be placed on the applicant as this may be seen as accepting the work. The member of the public had, however, submitted an email to PKC outlining conditions that they would like to see imposed on the landowner. They had subsequently received a response from Mark Dunlop who advised that he (Mr Dunlop) did not think it appropriate for the CC to be recommending conditions be submitted as the proposed development was not their area.

Cllr McKay commented that there was no point in the CC being in existence if that was the case, and they are also concerned with the work currently being undertaken.

The member of the public also commented that the flood defence scheme also appeared to be confusing the situation.

The member of the public enquired as to how the meeting between Mr Dunlop and the landowner (on 12th August) had gone but there was no information available. The member of the public advised he had a list of approx. eleven concerns which he would leave with the CC. Cllr McKay requested Cllr Willsher to contact Mr Dunlop to request a site visit as soon as possible with members of the CC, Ward Councillors and residents.

ACTION: Cllr C Willsher

- **Refuse Bin Straps**

Cllr P Chan advised that although the library had few straps left in stock, they were unlikely to replace these and suggested residents should order similar straps from Amazon.

It was agreed to raise this at the next meeting with the Ward Councillors.

ACTION: Cllr P Chan/L McKay

- **CC Insurance**

Cllr Freeman confirmed that this had been dealt with.

- **Stronger Together Meeting – 29th August**

Cllr K Spain had been due to attend this meeting on behalf of CC but it was unclear as to whether she had done so, following her resignation. It was agreed that Cllr McKay would contact the group to get an update.

ACTION: Cllr L McKay

7. Kinross Town Centre

No items were raised.

8. KCC Website

No update available due to Cllr Leslie's absence.

ACTION: Cllr E Leslie

9. Planning Matters

(a) Planning Applications Received

24/01321/FLL - alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at 20 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, KY13 8RA.

(b) Planning Applications Determined

No applications had been determined since the last meeting.

(c) Other Planning Matters

23/00005/PAN - mixed use development comprising the erection of retail units including garden centre (Class 1a), cafe/restaurant (Class 3) with drive thru, a petrol filling station and formation of landscaping, infrastructure and associated works at former British Car Auctions, Kinross, KY13 8EN

This is the application for the retail units at the BCA site and while the majority of the town thought this was a good thing to have, there were some residents with concerns, particularly regarding how work can be carried out when planning permission had not been granted yet. Cllr Freeman made comment to an email received from a nearby resident who had raised this issue.

There was also concern regarding the flood defence work and both Cllr McKay and Cllr Freeman confirmed that while negotiations are ongoing, work will be completed when the building work commences.

Those present were advised that the agents would be attending the October meeting to give an update.

24/01193/FLM - erection of 8 turbine windfarm and associated works at land 1.5km north east of Earnieside Farmhouse, Dunning Glen, Dollar, FK14 7LB (Craighead Wind Farm)

A member of the public advised that while this application had been submitted, they had raised concerns with PKC in March 2024 as the information in the application with regard to access to the site was incorrect. Cllr S Wells commented that an application could be submitted, even if the land were not owned by those submitting the application.

The members of the public had met with PKC planners advising that they would not be consenting to access to the land, which would be gained via the road to Brackety Farm and Earnieside Farm. It was noted that the owners of Earnieside Farm have given their consent as the proposed wind farm is on their land). It was noted that the owners of Brackety Farm had also not received a neighbour notification from PKC regarding this application, or the one at Brunt Hill.

Cllr Freeman enquired as to whether the proposed wind farm at Brunt Hill would affect the member of the public, but they were unsure.

Cllr Freeman thanked the members of the public for raising this matter with them and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Willsher would submit an objection on behalf of the CC.

ACTION: Cllr C Willsher

24/00716/ECU36 - development comprising 18 turbines (of which 10 wind turbines have a ground to blade tip height up to 200 metres and 8 wind turbines have a ground to blade tip height up to 185m) and battery energy storage system (BESS) at Brunt Hill Farm

Members were advised that the CC had submitted an objection with regard to this application.

10. Reports from PKC Councillors

No reports were given as there were no PKC Councillors present

11. Reports from CC representatives

CCLlr Freeman advised that £26, 529.68 in grants had been awarded to approximately 16 organisations via the Community Investment Fund.

12. Licensing Applications

No applications had been received. It was also noted that there had been no application from the Premier Stores submitted.

13. Correspondence

- **Kinross Fun Fair** – an email had been received from a resident who wished to raise their objection to any future decision to allow the fun fair to use Market Park. The resident lived adjacent to the park and wished to complain about the disruption to their day to day lives while the fun fair was in town, particularly the noise (screaming of those on the rides), flashing lights and the disruption to the use of their TV and radio during the time the fair was in town. The resident had raised this particular issue with the fun fair staff who advised that the Council had given permission and they did not believe the issue was down to a power surge as they used their own generators.

CCLlr McKay advised that she had spoken with a number of people in the community none had raised any concerns, in fact, the fair was a welcome distraction to the daily struggles faced by residents. She also advised that if the resident subscribed to Sky Glass, there had been a major outage which had been reported and this may have been the issue.

In discussing the email, it was agreed that the fair had been held on private land and with the appropriate permissions granted by PKC. As such, the issues raised were not in the jurisdiction of the CC and CCLlr Willsher was asked to respond on behalf of the CC.

ACTION: CCLlr C Willsher

- **Proposed Pharmacy at 145 High Street** – it was noted that the proposed pharmacy had been approved by the PKC planning department.
- **Email from June Paterson** - discussed earlier in the meeting
- **Remembrance Parade** – an email had been received from Police Scotland (Tayside Operations and Events Planning) with regard to the Parade. CCLlr Freeman confirmed he had responded.
- **Concerns** – a resident living in the High Street has sent an email raising a number of concerns, for example, demolition work, no communications about the works being issued, noise levels, drilling test holes, house shaking, at the BCA site. The resident also advised that they had been trying to contact BCA with regard to overgrown vegetation which is encroaching into their garden without success. They also raised a concern about an apparent increase in HGVs and tractors using the High Street, travelling at excess speeds with no regard to pedestrians and residents. The resident states they have seen a number of near misses recently and feels that the High Street is not structurally sound to deal with this type of traffic. They suggest that the road becomes a one-way street as soon as possible with adequate crossings and paths being repaired as their current state is making it difficult for those with buggies and wheelchairs to use, with some having to use the road.

In discussing the email, members agreed that the resident should contact the land owners and not BCA with regard to the work which is being carried out at the moment.

With regard to the traffic issues in the High Street, it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when, hopefully, the Ward Councillors would be in attendance.

ACTION: Minute Secretary

- **Unauthorised development at Old Cleish Road, Kinross** – an email had been received with regard to the unauthorised development on open land and right of way at Old Cleish Road. The resident had contacted PKC with regard to the work currently being undertaken on the land as well as vehicles also using the roadway, particularly around HGVs using the road as well as alleged unlicensed dealers working on cars and driving them around the town. The resident does not believe these cars are in a roadworthy condition or legally entitled to be on the road.

Police Scotland had been contacted with regard to the second point following some unsavoury incidents including damage to cars.

A member of the public commented that the landowner was not adhering to the conditions set out by PKC or those contained in the Local Development Plan.

All other correspondence had been dealt with.

14. AOCB

- **Community Council Vacancies**

CCLlr Freeman advised that there were a number of vacancies for the Community Council and invited interested parties to apply via the PKC website

(<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/14906/Community-Councils>) .

No other items of business were raised.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 1945 hrs in the Masonic Hall. The AGM will be held at 7.30 pm, prior to the monthly meeting.

All are welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 2100 hours approximately
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting.