

**DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of Kinross Community Council  
On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 1930 hrs  
In the Masonic Hall, the Muirs, Kinross**

**Present:** CClr L McKay, CClr S Wells, CClr W Freeman, CClr C Willsher, CClr P Chan and CClr K Spain

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr D Cuthbert and Cllr W Robertson

**Members of the Public:** 6

**Minutes:** Mrs C Aird

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

CClr L McKay welcomed everyone to the June meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from CClr B West, CClr E Leslie, CClr T Stewart, Cllr R Watters and Cllr N Freshwater.

**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**

A police report had not been received by the time of the meeting.

**5. Minutes of Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The minutes of the May 2024 meeting were accepted as an accurate record and were proposed by CClr W Freeman and seconded by CClr C Willsher.

**6. Matters Arising from 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 meeting**

- Cllr Robertson advised that he had met with representatives from Tracks and PKC with regard to the creation of a safe walking/cycle route next to the A91 and commented that this would not be considered until there was safe access across the bridge. Both organisations are looking at options for this.
- Discussion around the parking at the tennis courts/Station Road would be deferred until the next meeting.
- KCC Website – deferred to the next meeting.
- The issues with regard to the marquee at the Green Hotel had been resolved after CClr McKay, CClr Willsher and the chair of the resident's association had met with the owner. While there had been a few minor incidents following the meeting, these had been dealt with quickly. Members were aware that a licensing application had been submitted to PKC.
- HM King's Portrait – suggestions were requested for a suitable place to hang the portrait with a member of the public suggesting either the Day Centre or the fountain.

**7. Kinross Town Centre**

- CClr McKay commented that the bollards were now back in place in the High Street, although it was commented that a member of the public had witnessed someone crash into a bollard, although it was not badly damaged.
- Cllr Cuthbert suggested that the Community Council issue a questionnaire to residents asking for suggestions of what they would like to see in the centre of town. CClr McKay advised that

she had recently spoken to visitors who had advised her that they had never seen the town look so bad.

- The issue with the street sweeper should be resolved now.
- A member of the public raised the issue of traffic calming at the opposite end of the High Street and Cllr Cuthbert advised that this had previously been investigated but would result in bus stops being moved.
- A member of the public raised concerns with regard to the two vans parked at Koronka's and was advised by Cllr Robertson that this had issue had previously been reported to PKC due to sight issues. One van had previously been removed a number of years ago but had quickly been replaced by another. Cllr Wells suggested a compulsory purchase order be raised to purchase the land but was advised that residents had a right of way to use the land to access their property.
- It was noted that the parking restrictions beyond the Indian restaurant had been removed, and Cllr Wells wished to place on record her thanks to the Councillors.
- A member of the public raised concerns about the lack of parking in the High Street area, advising that they had received a fine of more than £100 for parking in Greens and commented that if people cannot get parked, then they will go elsewhere for their shopping.

#### **8. KCC Website**

Item deferred until the July meeting.

**ACTION: Minute Secretary**

#### **9. KCCNL**

Cllr Freeman advised that the following grants had been awarded by KCCNL at their recent meeting:

Kinross Writing Group - £200

Kinross High School - £1250

Fossoway Horticultural Society - £500

#### **10. Brunt Hill Wind Farm**

Cllr McKay advised that KCC had received a number of emails objecting to the proposed wind farm at Brunt Hill and following a conversation with concerned residents the previous weekend, had asked for the item to be discussed at the meeting. She opened the meeting to the members of the public who were present for this item.

A member of the public advised that this was a national application and whilst the proposals had been around since 2023, many local people are unaware of the proposals. There had been no strategic notification or consultation regarding the impact of the wind farm and they were present to discuss the matter further and see what could be done. The concerned residents advised that Milnathort and Fossoway Community Councils have both contacted PKC to request an extension to the deadline for submitting comments, with Portmoak CC advising that they had not been included in the consultation. Cllr Robertson advised that he had attended Portmoak CC meeting earlier in the month where they had voted to object to the proposals, due to the visual effect on the area.

It was agreed that the proposals would affect everyone and Cllr McKay confirmed that CC members had not received a lot of information on the proposals but having discussed the matter between themselves, had agreed that they were happy to request an extension, or submit an objection. Cllr Willsher commented that he had not found anyone in favour of the development and did not think there was enough room for both this proposed development as well as the

Craighead development. The proposal for a wind farm was a good one, but just not in the proposed location and he was happy to support an objection.

Cllr Cuthbert commented that the DPEA had asked to take three applications at the one time (this proposal, Craighead and Windburn) and reporters would look at the designation of things in the area before deciding. He also commented that Mike Barnacle had written a letter a few days ago expressing concern and he would forward this to CClr Willsher.

A member of the public also raised concerns with regard to “flickering” when the sun sets as well as when the red aviation lights are lit as well as the adverse impacts on tourism, community health and wellbeing, ecology, to name but a few.

Cllr Cuthbert advised members of the public that any letters of objection need to be unique – 2 very good letters of objection are better than 200 repeated letters.

In response to a question from CClr Freeman with regard to Craighead Wind Farm, a member of the public advised that the turbines would be the same size as Brunt Hill, but there would be less of them.

In response to a question from a member of the public about who else they could gather support from, or speak to about the proposals, ward Councillors advised them to speak to Debbie Flaherty (ECU), Gillian Martin, MSPS/MPs

A member of the public also advised that they had written to the land owners (Archbishop of York and Archbishop of Canterbury) expressing their concerns.

KCC members took a vote to determine whether to submit an objection and this was agreed. It was agreed that if CClr Willsher could gather enough information to submit an objection by the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> June, he would do so, otherwise he would request an extension to the deadline in order to submit an objection.

**ACTION: CClr C Willsher**

## **11. Planning Matters**

### **(a) Planning Applications Received**

**24/00740/FLL** - change of use and alterations to agricultural building and flat to form a dwellinghouse at Coach House, Lethangie, Kinross, KY13 9EY. Members noted this application and expressed surprise at this due to the building being listed.

### **(b) Planning Applications Determined**

**24/00568/FLL** - installation of replacement door at 158 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DE (**APPROVED**).

**23/01349/FLL** - part change of use and alterations to building to form 10 short-term let accommodation units at 54 - 56 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN (**APPROVED**).

### **(c) Other Planning Matters**

Cllr Robertson raised a concern with regard to the land at the bottom of the High Street where a fence had been erected and which subsequently blocked access to the old railway line and to which PKC had not been able to enforce the decision. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that KCC write to PKC asking them to re-enforce the decision to remove the fence at the lorry park.

## 12. Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr Cuthbert advised that a meeting of the Kinross-shire Community Transport Forum was arranged for Thursday where the change of policy with regard to minibuses would be discussed. This was an open meeting and anyone who wished to attend should contact Cllr Cuthbert direct.

Cllr Robertson highlighted drainage issues which had been caused by the recent heavy rain, including two drains in Station Road which had seized closed. He asked residents to report any issues with drains in the town to PKC or the Ward Councillors know.

Cllr Robertson also advised that he had received several complaints with regard to hedges/bushes growing over payments and therefore increasing problems for prams/wheelchairs/visibly challenged and asked residents to cut back any bushes as soon as possible. CCllr Willsher advised he had previously reported this problem to PKC but nothing had been done. He was asked to re-report the issue and copy Cllrs Cuthbert and Robertson into the email. A member of the public also highlighted an issue with excess water just after Balado Bridge at Turfhill and suggested that divers needed to be cut into the grass in order to release this. Cllr Robertson agreed to report this.

**ACTION: Cllr W Robertson**

CCllr McKay commented on the height of the grass at junctions (specifically mentioned Gairneybank) and asked if PKC could arrange to cut this back, as it was difficult to see vehicles, particularly motorbikes. Cllr Robertson advised that PKC had taken a decision to only cut grass verges twice a year and in response to a question from CCllr Freeman, confirmed that members of the public could cut the verges, if they so wished.

A member of the public asked if PKC had any say on core paths and how do they ensure that these will be maintained (at the proposed wind farm). Cllr Robertson advised that residents should write to PKC (copying in Cllrs Cuthbert and Robertson) – it was agreed that the CC would write to PKC.

**ACTION: CCllr L McKay**

## 13. Reports from CC representatives

CCllr Freeman asked if there was an update on The Boat House re-opening and was advised that it had been purchased by Kinross House with a view to reopening next year.

CCllr McKay reported that she had spoken to the owners of Kinross House to ask if they would open the gardens to the public but they had declined to do so.

CCllr Wells asked if the new sign at the Premier Store was appropriate (colours of sign) given it was in a conservation area and was advised to check with PKC Planning Department. A similar question was raised about Greens and it was agreed that CCllr Wells would check re planning.

**ACTION: CCllr S Wells**

CCllr Wells also asked for clarity on who was responsible for removing the obsolete brown tourist signs, e.g., at the Boat House and the Cashmere Factory. Cllr Robertson suggested writing to PKC, copying in himself and Cllr Cuthbert, and it was agreed that CCllr Wells write to Cllr Robertson who would forward the correspondence to PKC.

**ACTION: CCllr S Wells/Cllr W Robertson**

CCllr McKay also questioned whether PKC would be painting the zigzags at the primary school during the summer holidays and was advised that this was unlikely as PKC are prioritising work on the A93/A94.

**14. Licensing Applications**

Members were advised that the beer tent had applied for a permanent licence, although this had not been discussed at the Board. It was agreed that more details on the application were required.

**15. Correspondence**

All correspondence had been dealt with.

**16. AOCB**

No other items of business were raised.

**17. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 1930 hrs in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting closed at 2114 hours approximately  
All minutes are draft until considered at the next meeting.