

Minutes of Meeting of Kinross Community Council

Venue – Masonic Hall Kinross

Date – Wednesday 2nd November 2011

Present - Community Councillors – D Colliar, Campbell Watson, W Freeman, D Cuthbert, D West, Laura Mackay, Dot Mackay, B M Davies.
Councillors – W Robertson, K Baird

2 members of the public present

1. Apologies – M Scott, M Blyth and I Jack and Councillor Miller

2. Previous Minutes – Minutes of Wednesday 5 October 2011 were proposed by D Colliar and W Freeman

3. Police Report – Community Police Officer Sadie Allan introduced herself and made reference to crimes in the area over the period i.e. break in to premises, theft from a car, and thefts of equipment from farm buildings. The Police are monitoring the use of the access road to Swansacre as some drivers were using it as a short cut. **Action - CC Dot Mackay asked if the Police could check the speed of vehicles driving from Station Road to the Park and Ride as excessive speeds have been observed.**

4. Matters Arising – CC West gave feedback on his attendance at the Kinross-shire Community Forum / Network. The meeting was represented by all CC's with the exception of Glenfarg. The meeting generally discussed the purpose of the network and presented a "Mission Statement" generally describing the purpose and benefits of the network. The next meeting will be held in March 2012 when the new CC constitutional arrangements will be discussed with respect to how CC's are to gather information from the public to determine that CC's are being representative. Councillors are invited to the meeting with up to 3 CC members.

5. Future of Kinross Buildings – CC Watson commented on the pleasure it was to see the Swansacre building being developed. He also updated the meeting with respect to the County Buildings as it has been proposed by the Council that the CC and the Kinross Partnership withdraw their interest in the building as this would enable the Council to consider another serious purchaser. There is a meeting with the proposed purchaser. We would like to know they are serious before we withdraw. CC Watson also expressed concern regarding the lack of movement with the Town Hall and suggested that the CC put pressure on the Council to forward the developers plans. Councillor Baird said that the Council had met with the developer and agreed to extend his 3 month extension by 2 months to submit the development plans.

Miller's Bar – Planning agreed to the change of use from Public House to Betting office and flat 2009/10 (ref.10/01121FLL and 09/0138/LBC). It appears that the Council has not received notice of the initiation development. **Action - CC to write to Council to chase the developer.**

Mill Street - Councillor Roberson commented on the Mill Street building as there has been discussion with the Council to finance the development of the site i.e. knocking it down and making a car park, this is under review.

Old High School – Councillor Robertson stated that there is no apparent interest, but the Council was to promote the site more actively. It was pointed out that the level of vandalism in the school was increasing; **Action - Councillor Baird said she would investigate the security of the building.**

Kinross Health Centre, Lathro Park – It appears that the NHS are waiting on funding for the development of a Care Home.

6. Common Good Fund - The Chairman asked CC Cuthbert to comment on the Kinross Common Good Fund (CGF). CC Cuthbert had received information as to the properties in the CGF and it appears the test used to identify these properties was complicated and appears not to follow best practice in defining the property status, as a result some potential assets to the CGF may be excluded or even included attracting a financial burden to the fund. **Action - It was suggested by Councillor Robertson that the CC writes to the Council to clarify the method used to determine the CGF properties and to the Minister asking what criteria and tests they recommend.**

7. Planning -

11/00824/FLL. Erection of stables, formation of access and associated parking (part in retrospect) Land 150m north east of Monega House Hatch Bank

Gellybank Farm House Kinross – erection of a wind turbine and formation of road entrance and driveway.

10/00264/FLL. Change of use of office (former public house) to dwelling house. Loch Leven Inn, 6 Swansacre, Kinross

11/01603/FLL Extension to house 18 Springfield Park Kinross

11/01687/FLL. Erection of new gate and section of stone wall, Kinross House

11/01691/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse 3 Springfield Road

8. Reports from Councillors – Councillor Robertson commented on the successful opening of the extension to TRACKS with particular reference to the new Hide and encouraged all to use this new feature to the walk. Councillor Robertson also made reference to a new Report describing the housing situation in Kinross with respect to

the high demand of social housing required; stating 85% of the houses in Kinross were owner occupiers, 15% private rental or council owned.

9. Correspondence -

Public have expressed concerns about vehicles entering Pier Road/Kirkgate from Burns Begg Street as they were failing to give way to oncoming vehicles. The Council is now modifying the road with fresh road markings, and a new build-out section to narrow the road width, with delineation between the footpath and carriage way, work commenced in October/November 2011.

Notification received for the proposed alteration to waiting restrictions at - *Swansacre, Station Rd, Main St, and Old Cleish Rd* – Amend the No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions on Swansacre and Station Rd.

Swansacre and Station Rd – proposed to install further No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the junctions of Swansacre/Piper Row and Swansacre/Station Rd.

High Street and Old Cleish Rd – the removal of Occasional No waiting restrictions would create additional all day parking provision in an area within walking distance of town.

High Street - Removing the School time waiting restrictions would create additional all day parking provision in an area within walking distance of town.

Objections to be received in 21 days from 12th October 2011.

CC Jack requested that the zig zag markings at the pedestrian crossing in the High Street be refreshed as soon as possible as they are non existent. He also suggests that a review of all road markings in Kinross be examined at the same time.

Disabled Persons Parking Places Order – the Road Traffic Order was made by the Council on 12 October 2011 and will come into operation on 18.10.11.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust – Event to be held at the Campus 4 December 4.00 -6.00pm. The purpose of event is for the STC and Planning Aid for Scotland to explain their role in Casework/Planning etc.

Scottish Water – a new campaign being launched to encourage customers to ensure their homes and businesses across Scotland are protected and prepared for winter.

10. Any other competent business – Election – It was noted that at the next meeting of the Community Council 7th December 2011, an elected member (Willie Robertson) of the Council should Chair the meeting for the purpose of appointing a CC Chairperson after which the new Chairperson will chair the meeting to appoint CC member officers and adopt the constitution.

CC Freeman asked if the lights in the skate board park could be repaired.

CC Freeman asked who financed the Secretary of the CC in Milnathort. It was explained that in the Milnathort case the Secretary is not an elected Community

Councillor and hence has no voting powers, so is eligible to receive an honorarium.

CC Cuthbert reminded the meeting of the Music Festival to commence in Kinross and Milnathort from 14-18 November with over 44 acts presenting.

CC Cuthbert enquired about the new link road. Councillor Robertson said that the link road has planning consent and work should commence in January 2012, and enquires for the adjacent land should be forwarded to the Council.

CC Freeman reminded the meeting of the Pantomime - Puss in Boots in the Community Campus on the 16-17 December with matinee and evening performances

CC Davies expressed repeated concerns about the continued flooding at the side access path to the Leisure centre, as this path also provides access for the residents to position their waste bins for collection. **Action - Councillor Robertson said he would follow this up.**

Date of Next Meeting - 7th December 2011, Masonic Hall Kinross 7.30pm