

**Minutes of Meeting of Kinross Community Council held at the Masonic Hall,  
Kinross on Wednesday, 7 September, 2011.**

**Present:** COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS D Colliar, C Watson, D Mackay, M Blyth, M Scott, W Freeman and B Davies. Also present COUNCILLOR K Baird.

Two members of the public present.

**One**

**Apologies**

Apologies received from CC I Jack and Councillors Barnacle, Miller and Robertson.

**Two**

**Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 3 August, 2011 were proposed by CC Blyth and seconded by CC Freeman.

**Three**

**Police Report**

There was no police representative available this evening. It was commented that there had been an incident locally which would require their presence.

**Four**

**Matters Arising**

Swansacre/Station Road - The Council report that several local residents and regular users of Station Road stated their concern about the restricted view on this sweeping corner due to the amount of vehicles parked at this location. In this regard, it was decided that the junctions and short access area should be clear of parked vehicles, hence the proposed restriction. The removal of the School Time Waiting Restrictions on the High Street (in addition to the School Car Park) will create additional all day parking provision in an area within walking distance of the Town Centre. The Committee Report is due to be presented on 7 September. If approved by Committee the TRO will then form part of a statutory consultation before moving to the formal advertising stage, and any formal objections received, will have to be reported back to Committee for a decision on whether to proceed with the proposed restriction or to abandon it and start the TRO procedure again with a revised proposal. The Council apologised for overlooking the Drill Hall in the consultation process.

It was understood that Swansacre Playgroup was not consulted and that David Sands Car Park may be affected by this proposal. It was further commented that this would speed up traffic and that access from Swansacre was used by vehicles at the Church Centre. It was noted that we will have an opportunity to comment on this at a later stage.

**Five**

**Future of Kinross Buildings**

County Buildings - Councillor Miller advised by email that while he wishes to do all he can to support whatever decision the CC arrives at, he has some concerns and questions as follows:- Has public support been sought for such a project. Has any

work been started on preparing a business case. Do we know of any sources of funding in order to convert and upgrade the building. Are the rental payments a suitable use of Newsletter funds. If the CC do proceed he would suggest we do so on the offer of a much lower rent. He suggests that a decision be made a.s.a.p in order that the Council can take whatever action is appropriate.

These questions have now been answered following on a further meeting with the Council. It was confirmed that there is no funding available in respect of the County Buildings. The Council have included a condition in the proposed Lease that the premises can not be used for commercial purposes but solely for community based activities. The CC believe that this would not be a viable proposition. One of the other Councillors also expressed concern as to the use of the Newsletter funds for this purpose, the expenditure being wasted should the project be unsuccessful. It was suggested that the monthly rent should be re-negotiated to a peppercorn amount. Another question raised was whether we had determined the possible community use of the building, bearing in mind the other facilities on offer in the Town (i.e. Campus, Church Halls, Millbridge etc.)

Councillor Baird advised that there was an organisation interested in purchasing the building and they plan to also include community use of the premises. The exterior architecture and war memorial would remain intact. An article inserted in the Newsletter by Councillor Baird only received two responses. It was further noted that some money would need to be expended in the works required to the building.

The primary objective of the CC is that this building should be re-opened.

Public support has also been put forward for the running of an information point by volunteers.

CC Colliar commented that the County Buildings remains the only focal point in the Town and added that Light Up Kinross have, in past years, received access to the premises on the evening of the Switch On.

**ACTION - It was agreed that the Sub-Committee would meet with the Partnership and discuss this further.**

**Six**  
**Planning**

11/01278/FLL

77 Muirs

Erection of 4 residential retirement apartments, garaging and associated landscaping  
Due to the timescales for comment, the CC decided on this application prior to this evening's meeting. We submitted no objection, however held concerns in relation to both flooding and the access road and these comments were passed to the Council.

11/01112/FLL

The Cottage, The Stables

Formation of walled garden enclosure along site boundary and erection of a greenhouse

11/01305/LBC  
Kinross House  
Installation of external lighting

11/01470/FLL  
Gellybank Farmhouse  
Erection of a wind turbine and formation of road entrance and driveway  
(Modification of Consent 10/00124/FUL)

11/01469/LBC  
Kinross House  
Erection of a boundary wall

11/01471/LBC  
Kinross House  
Alterations

**Applications Determined**

11/00925/FLL  
Kinross South Stormwater Pumping Station  
Land 90 metres south west of Scottish Natural Heritage for Scottish Water  
Extension  
Approve

11/01048/FLL  
The Stables, Kinross  
Alterations, partial demolition and change of use of stables to form four guest  
accommodation units  
Approve

11/01126/FLL  
Kinross House  
Alterations and extension to gatehouse  
Approve

11/01150/FLL  
Plots 1 - 84 Station Road  
Change of house type (Plot 34)  
Modification of existing consent (11/00390/FLL)  
Approve

10/00843/FLL  
New Mains House, Balado  
Erection of a dwellinghouse  
Approve

10/02175/FLL  
Clashburn Road  
Formation of distributor road to connect Junction Road with Clashburn Road  
Approve

11/01127/LBC  
Kinross House  
Demolition of existing derelict buildings  
Approve

11/01215/FLL  
99 Lathro Park  
Extension to dwellinghouse and alteration to conservatory  
Approve

Answering a query in relation to viewing the plans for Kinross House, CC Colliar stated that this was difficult as the plans were no longer available for perusal in Kinross. The only method of checking them was online.

### **Seven** **Report from Councillors**

Councillor Baird

Community Environment Challenge Fund - Funding of up to £10,000 available for community projects to improve the environment. Bloom Committees would also be considered under this scheme.

Play Equipment - The play equipment behind the Leisure Pool is to be removed and the Council are to investigate the flooding in the area. The play equipment at the Myre is to be withdrawn as well. The apparatus, if reasonable, will be used at some other play park outside Kinross. It was noted that 19 play parks are to be closed. CC Colliar commented that the play equipment at the Myre was sourced and paid for by the CC, although maintained by the Council.

### **Eight** **Correspondence**

Scotlandwell Wash House and Well Area Restoration - Update on funding position and information re. website ([www.wellwashhouse.co.uk](http://www.wellwashhouse.co.uk)). Over £42,000 has been secured for this project.

East Coast 400kV Reinforcement Project - Plans to upgrade the existing East Coast transmission line which runs from Blackhillock near Keith to Blairingone near Dollar from an operating voltage of 275,000 Volts (275kV) to 400,000 Volts (400kV). Scottish Power Transmission Limited intend to carry out similar works on the line south of Blairingone to Kincardine. Subject to the required consents these works are likely to take place between 2013 and 2017.

Recommended Local Public Holiday Dates 2012 - Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December. Consultation period for comment ends 30 September 2011.

Kinross Common Good Title Review - Information received from Legal Department of Perth and Kinross Council. CC Cuthbert has been corresponding with the Council on legal issues in relation to the procedures followed in presenting this Report.

**ACTION - It was agreed that in his absence we would add this to the Agenda to be discussed at next month's meeting.**

Grit Bin Locations - Park and Ride/west side of shelter, Argyll Court/end of cul-de-sac nr f/path, Avenue Road/at wall of Kinross House, Cameron Avenue/top of Avenue, Curate Wynd/car park at Gospel Hall, Green Park/at no 17 on path and at no 51 on path, Green Wood/top of cul-de-sac, High Street/o/s Council Offices, Lathro Lane/at path to Health Centre, Lathro Park/at junction A922, Lomond Mews/opp No. 4 and between Nos. 5 and 7, Millbridge/ent to Causeway Court, Mill Street/steps at car park, Montgomery Way/opp first cul-de-sac, Ochil View/2<sup>nd</sup> cul-de-sac on right, Police & Fire Station/fence at car park, School Wynd/jct Swansacre, St. Ronans Drive/near to substation, Station Road/ at track to Parish Church, Swansacre/at School Wynd junct, Tallapark/on bend opp Garage, Wilson Court/footway at sub-station.

**ACTION - We are to respond to the Council that the bin at 51 (Green Park) was removed some time ago and has never been replaced. We are also to question why there are no bins at the Muirs, in view of the number of side streets in the vicinity.** Springfield Road was also mentioned, it was commented that the gritters travel along this road.

Zero Waste Planning Day - Training Event Saturday 12 November in Kinross.

Perth and Kinross Draft Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016 Consultation - Papers received from the Council. Comments requested by 17 October.

Flood Group - Communication received from a Claire Jack who is conducting a short survey regarding flooding on behalf of the Scottish Flood Forum, a Scottish Government funded initiative. She also enquires if we have established a Flood Group within our CC and offers assistance/advice in this regard.

Surgery Lathro - There is a buyer who has agreed conditional missives subject to planning approval.

Speed Limit Review - Introduce or Amend the 40 MPH speed limit on A977 and A922 Turfhill, Kinross. Introduce or Extend the 30 MPH speed limit on the A922 and B996 Kinross. Comments within three weeks of 29 August.

Ken Miles - The Secretary read out a letter received from Ken Miles in relation to CC procedures. The questions raised by Mr Miles were answered in previous discussions and there was nothing further to add. The CC reiterate their previous statement that Wallace Land (along with other Developers) asked to attend a CC meeting to provide a presentation on their proposals for development. In the case of Wallace Land and Persimmon Homes these presentations were in relation to their submission to the Main Issues Report. It should be noted that in both cases the CC presented their submissions to the Main Issues Report **prior** to these presentations and following on the information presented **no** amendment was put forward by the CC (although this was requested by Wallace Land). All CC members fully supported the Chairman in this matter. Again, once proposed development (of any type) reaches the planning stage, any person has a right to object to a planning application and at this stage the CC are also able to comment/object.

## Nine

### Review of Community Councils

Elections 2011 - The date of the election of members to all CC's under the revised scheme will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 and subsequent elections will be held on the first Thursday of November on a four yearly cycle. The Council are to administer all elections. Notice of the election is scheduled for around 15 September with nominations to be returned by 29 September. We also received copies of the revised Scheme, Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. The adoption of the Constitution will not take effect until the first meeting after the election at which time the new members will formally adopt the Constitution, Standing Orders and Code and the Office Bearers will sign and return the Constitution to the Council.

The Council will forward further details to the Secretary, these should be received early next week. The Nomination Forms can be downloaded from their Website and should be returned to their office with a personal statement (not compulsory) of no more than 50 words. The Election will be advertised in the Newspapers, Library etc. Should there not be 50% of the required nominations by the date of closure the Council will extend the period for a further week. The candidates will then be notified if there is to be an election. The election will take place by postal vote.

Twenty eight days following on the election date an elected Councillor has to convene a meeting. The CC normally meet the first Wednesday of each month and it was noted that the December meeting will not fall within this timescale. Councillor Baird will check this out with the Council.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held in May and at that meeting the dates and time of the monthly meetings for the year should be fixed.

It was noted that under the new Scheme it states that items of business can be undertaken in private.

## Ten

### Kinross-shire Forum

The proposal to re-establish a Forum was proposed by Councillor Barnacle. The CC previously discussed this and rejected the proposal, however at the request of Councillor Barnacle we decided to reconsider our previous decision. CC West also expressed an interest at a previous meeting. Kinross and Glenfarg are the only CC's not to sign up. **ACTION - It was agreed that CC West should attend the planned meeting. Councillor Watson will also attend if he is available on the day.**

## Eleven

### Any other business

Queens Crescent - CC Colliar asked if it would be possible to replace the tree in the ground to the front of Queens Crescent. **ACTION - Councillor Baird will enquire at the Council Offices.**

Car Boot Sale/Sunday Market - CC Colliar commented on the proposed closure of both these events. As well as employing youths from the Town, the market sold items that were not available locally. **ACTION - It was agreed that we should write to Scottish Motor Auctions expressing our regret at this decision and**

**asking for an explanation as to why it has been deemed necessary to close these markets.**

Chamber of Commerce event at Green Hotel - David Littlejohn (Head of Planning and Regeneration) is to be present. This is a new Department incorporating Planning, Economic Development and Estates. The event takes place this month.

Kirkgate Toilets - CC Blyth reported that these were not in operation as sewage was escaping.

Round Table Quiz/Beer Festival - Thursday 22, Friday 23 and Saturday 24. CC Freeman commented on these events.

Mr Alexander (a member of the public) commented on the reference in Mr Miles communication as to “intimidating, rude and unhelpful behaviour by some KCC members and this might explain the poor attendance at meetings“. He responded that such acts of intimidation, rudeness and unhelpful behaviour are repeatedly undertaken by Mr Miles and that the public should be made aware of this.

**Next Meeting** - To take place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 5 October, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.