

MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, in Milnathort Town Hall

In attendance:-Malcolm Thomson (CC chairman); Neill Bingham(CC), Andrea Ward(CC), Allan Macrae(CC), Kevin Heneghan(CC -Associate Member), Phil Britton(Treasurer), PKCllr Willie Robertson, PKCllr Richard Watters and six members of the public. Apologies were received from PKCllr David Cuthbert.

CC- Community Counciller

PKCllr – Perth and Kinross Councillor

Minutes of the last meeting:- The minutes of the April meeting were proposed by A Macrae and seconded by M Thomson.

Matters arising:-

None.

Police matters:-

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PARKING AND LOADING **A922 SOUTH STREET - MILNATHORT**

In order to permit **Scottish Water repair works** on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the **7th June 2022** for a period of **ten days**.

Correspondence:-

NHS SHARE, The Scottish Health Research Register

During these unprecedented times, the need for health research is crucial if we are going to develop new treatments for disease such as dementia, heart disease and cancer. **Please help save lives and join SHARE, The Scottish Health Research Register & Biobank.** SHARE is an NHS Research Scotland initiative, supported by the Universities in Scotland and the Chief Scientist Office in the Scottish Government.

Here's how anyone who signs up to SHARE can help:

1. You can agree to be contacted for research projects which you may be suitable for. These projects can take different forms e.g. completing surveys, helping to write guidelines or testing new medical devices or medicines.
2. You can agree for any leftover blood from routine clinical tests, to be stored and used in genetic research projects.

Please sign up to SHARE today. For more information or to register, search www.registerforshare.org

Blue-Green Algae Information

As the weather is starting to warm up, I have been preparing our Environmental Health department for the upcoming possibility of Blue- Green Algal blooms which often affect the lochs and waterbodies around Perth and Kinross. We are working on a new social media campaign aimed at helping the public identify and report instances of algal blooms and I have attached some information for you should you come across issues with blue-green algae in your council ward. A new app was created by the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology which allows users to upload photographs and locations of algal blooms which can then be verified and added to their interactive mapping tool. All this information is available on the posters we have sent out to local businesses and occupiers of the water bodies which we know have had historic issues with blooms over the years. Details of this app can be found through the following link: [Bloomin' Algae | UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology \(ceh.ac.uk\)](http://Bloomin'Algae|UKCentreforEcology&Hydrology.ceh.ac.uk).

Please do get in touch if you require further information or assistance with this topic.

Updates: KLEO Jubilee Picnic in the Park 4th June - helpers wanted

KLEO - Looking for helpers (for an hour) at Jubilee Picnic in the Park (4th June)
KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation) will be organising a Jubilee Picnic in the Park on Saturday 4th June from 1pm to 8pm at the Market Park with various kids' activities, local bands, the Orwell Ceilidh band and tribute band ABBA Gold

We are looking for some helpers who can help with stewarding for an hour at the two main gates. There will be two or three people at each gate who monitor how many people are in the Market Park. People at the gates will have radios to be able to contact organisers and we will make a rota so that you only have to do an hour slot.

It would be fantastic if you can assist us with this. If interested in this please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk or send a private message through our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/KLEOpage/>

Culture Perth and Kinross Library Survey 2022

I am writing to ask for your assistance in helping to get as many people in your local community as possible to take part in our survey on local library services.

As you may be aware, our local libraries have seen a lot of change over the last ten years and in general, use of libraries has been declining as people make more use of online book stores and access information in other ways. The pandemic has also impacted on library use with periods of closure due to lockdowns disrupting people's library routine. We are keen to review our services and make sure they better reflect the needs and interests of communities now. We are undertaking this review with Perth and Kinross Council and would like to capture the views and experiences of as

many service users, and non-users as possible to help inform any service developments going forward.

I would be very grateful if you could share the survey link below via any social media or online presence you Community Council may have and let people know that paper copies of the survey are available in all libraries if people are not online. The survey will close at the end of May and your assistance in helping reach as many people as possible is very much appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CulturePerthandKinrossLibraryReview>

Passivhaus Bill Consultation Launched - Please Share Your Views – Alex

Rowley MSP

I am writing to you with regards to a proposal I have brought forward for consultation that would introduce new minimum energy efficiency standards for all new house building in Scotland and to ask specifically if you have any views on this proposal.

I believe this proposal would bring huge benefits to the way we consume energy delivering the real effect of cutting household energy bills and ensuring our housing stock is fit for the future.

This is why I am introducing a proposal for The Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill in the Scottish Parliament for consultation.

My Private Member's Bill would see all new housing built to the internationally recognised Passivhaus standard or a Scottish equivalent in order to improve energy efficiency and thermal performance.

The consultation on this proposed Bill has now launched, and I would be extremely grateful for you to take part in sharing your views. I would also appreciate you could share this consultation with any interested parties you know of.

To take part in the consultation please complete the survey which can be found at: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BuildingStandards/>

Planning matters:-

Applications submitted:

Ref 22/00643/FLL P8- Kinross-shire, Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Ardbeg
11 North Street Milnathort

Applications approved:

22/00226/FLL P8- Kinross-shire Extension to dwelling house 17 Croft Wynd Milnathort

Core Paths:-

Kevin Heneghan gave an update :

- The core path at Castle Field, east of Burleigh Castle, was to be flailed but the pedestrian flail may be beyond repair so the core path group we will look at funding to purchase our own.
- Kevin looking into funding to purchase the materials required to replace the benches.
- PKCllr Robertson mentioned that a member of the public commented on how good the repaired surface on the old railway core path was and thanked the Core Path volunteers.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:-

Neill gave an update on the Platinum Treasure trail and the Tree Planting in Tillywhally wood. Neill met with Laura (Milnathort Primary School (MPS) Head and Megan (head of MPS PTA), both present about involving the MPS pupils in both activities

Platinum Treasure trail

The Platinum treasure trail involves a number of clues posted around the town in business and shop windows for MPS pupils to find. Prizes will be awarded to the winning pupils

Tree Planting

At least 30 saplings will be planted in an open space near the bench by MPS pupils, it is proposed that a plaque be erected to commemorate the event.

Jubilee Beacon

Neill is trying to get funding to purchase a jubilee beacon to be lit on 2nd June.

Aldi Planning Proposal:-

Aldi consultation is online and was also at the Town Hall for the proposed supermarket at Old Mart Lane.

Andrea mentioned that there were a lot of comments on the Milnathort FB page mostly positive about the addition of the supermarket to the local area but also some negative on the exact location and the potential congestion.

A member of the audience mentioned that the Aldi representatives at the presentation were ill informed of the actual proposal and that the proposed site and location did not fit with Aldi's own requirements.

The MOCC have invited Aldi to the next community council meeting in June.

Liz and Freda standing down from committee

Liz Rougvie and Freda Brooks have decided to stand down from the council, the MOCC would like to thank both Liz and Freda for all their work and service on the council and specific mention to Liz for her long service to the council and the community. Thank you!

Allan Macrae has agreed to be the MOCC secretary.

Comments and Questions from the floor

- Bobby has set up an Instagram account for MOCC, please visit, follow and share images to our account
@milnathortandorwellcc
Bobby suggested we post up some posters advertising the MOCC in places frequented by a mix of ages and people e.g. the sport centre, community centre.
Neill, suggested that we add an new topic to the standing agenda on Promoting the Community Council
Stay tuned for more information on our twitter account, coming soon!
- Bobby mentioned that the shrubbery was overgrown so much on part of Old Mart Road that he had to walk on the road. PKCllr Robertson commented that he will speak to PKC to get it cut back.

Any Other matters:-

The MOCC, congratulated all the PKC ward councillors for re-election PKCllr R Watters, PKCllr W Robertson and for election PKCllr David Cuthbert and PKCllr Neil Freshwater

Date of next meeting:-

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, June 9, 2022, in Milnathort Town Hall.