

MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, 13th October 2022

In attendance:

Malcolm Thomson (CC chairman)

Neill Bingham (CC)

Andrea Ward (CC)

Kevin Heneghan (CC -Associate Member)

Dave Cuthbert (PKCllr)

4 members of the public

Apologies:

Phil Britton (CC Treasurer)

Allan Macrae (CC Secretary)

PC Ben Samson

Willie Robertson (PKCllr)

Neil Freshwater (PKCllr)

Richard Watters (PKCllr)

Key:

CC- Community Councillor

PKCllr – Perth and Kinross Councillor

Meeting started:

7.30pm

1 Welcome and apologies

Apologies as above

2 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the September meeting were proposed by Malcolm Thomson and seconded by Neill Bingham

3 Matters arising from minutes

None

4 Loch Leven Pollution

A statement on this from Willie Robertson was read out at his request, in his absence.

Pollution Incidents in Loch Leven

Following the most recent pollution incident - when raw sewage overspilled the Kinross waste water treatment plant (WWTP) and flowed across the heritage trail into Loch Leven - I contacted SEPA and was shocked and surprised at their response. They more or less said that because of our antiquated sewerage systems in Kinross and Milnathort, this was something we would have to live with. Our sewers carry both waste from our homes and floodwater off our roads, so in periods of heavy rain our WWTPs can't cope, so the only thing Scottish Water can do is divert the excess sewage/floodwater mix directly into Loch Leven.

I did not consider this to be an acceptable situation given Loch Leven's designations as a SSSI and RAMSAR site so have written to Mairi McAllan MSP - the Scottish Government Minister for the Environment - expressing my concerns and asking her to instruct SEPA to take more robust action to protect Loch Leven, our most valuable local asset. I have received an acknowledgement to my communication but nothing else.

What is happening with Loch Leven raises a number of questions:

- A. Why are SEPA not pressing Scottish Water to improve our sewerage infrastructure to stop them having to use the loch as an overspill for sewage they can't treat?
- B. Why are SEPA not objecting to large scale housing planning applications when they know that our WWTPs are already struggling to handle the current levels of sewage?
- C. Why is the Scottish Government, through their planning reporters, giving consent to housing applications (that have been refused by the Council's planning committee) that are way in excess of the numbers allocated in our Local Development Plan when they know that Loch Leven is a special protection area?

5 Update on damaged wall on Back Loan/Jesse's Park

Damaged wall made safe but work not completed.

The collapsed wall at Burleigh was highlighted and will be investigated by PKCllr Dave Cuthbert

6 Update on Footbridge at Lathro/new path in need of repair.

PKCllr Richard Watters to be contacted re. action.

7 CPR Training

CC Neill Bingham had been advised that if MOCC can supply venue and date, training can be given. Neill to contact Kinross First Responders to find out if they can supply training.

8 Reduced Bus Service

PKCllr Dave Cuthbert advised that Kinross-shire Transport Forum is seeking views on what type of service the community wants.

9 Police Matters

A report updating police matters in the MOCC area was submitted by PC Samson but unfortunately was too late to be read out at the meeting. The report reads:

10 Correspondence

TO BE INCLUDED FROM REPORT

11 Roads

Notices read out

TO BE INCLUDED FROM REPORT

12 Planning:

Applications read out

TO BE INCLUDED FROM REPORT

13 Core Paths Update

An update was provided by Kevin Heneghan.

Milnathort Core Paths Group have been continuing to flail and trim our Core Paths and cutting back overgrowing bushes and branches during September.

The next outing on 5th and 6th November will be the last major cutting back of vegetation this year, but there are still many operations to be carried out over the winter months including: erecting waymarkers, filling in depressions in the Paths that would otherwise turn into puddles, cutting back branches and boughs where needed and general maintenance.

There are an increasing number of instances of dog mess being simply left on the Core Paths and not bagged and binned by the dog's owner. This mess makes walking the Paths hazardous and means users of buggies, mobility scooters and bikes are faced with an extremely unpleasant cleaning operation. The vast majority of dog owners DO clean up after their dogs and we ask that all owners take personal responsibility for their dog's excrement - bag it and bin it.

The Core Paths Group continues to seek funding for benches and the acquisition of our own flail. It's clear from the amount of ongoing work that needs to be done that we're always looking for more

help. If you can spare an hour or so a month, it would be great to hear from you. PPE is provided, as is training in the use of power tools. It's really satisfying to clear a Path and to know that you have provided a valuable service for our community.

14 Additional comments and questions from the floor

Discussion of the fly-tipping near the Community Woodland that has been there since August. The landowner to be contacted and further action discussed with them.

15 Councillors' reports

PKCllr Dave Cuthbert reported on a change of procedure passed by PKC that means in a Community Council objects to a planning application, this automatically goes to the Planning Committee. This is a very significant change from the current situation, where a Community Council's vote is only counted as one household.

16 Any other matters.

Suggestion that notice of the MOCC meetings be posted on the noticeboard at Giacomazzi's in New Road.

17 Date of next meeting

10th November 2022, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall

CORRESPONDENCES

Community Investment Fund 2022/23 - OPEN

Dear Community Councils

We are now open for applications, with the closing date of **Friday 4 November**.

This is for community groups/charities to apply for funding.

The webpage will go live early this week – www.pkc.gov.uk/cif and more information will follow. Please share the forms as widely as you can and encourage groups to apply.

Re-engage in Scotland

You may have heard of Re-engage, or you may know nothing about what we do, we are a charity committed to reducing loneliness and isolation amongst the UK's oldest old – 75 and over.

We are an independent organisation that gives older people something to look forward to. We currently have a telephone befriending service.

We have in person social groups (monthly tea party gatherings) where older people can interact and socialise with volunteers and other older people. All of our services are free of charge.

Our volunteers work together to create better communities and help to enrich the lives of our members by giving them something to look forward to.

You can refer an older person to us by using the 'refer an older person now' link on our website [Support isolated older people: befriending, social & activity groups \(reengage.org.uk\)](http://reengage.org.uk)

Cost of Living Community Fund

The Cost of Living Community Fund is open for applications.

This fund has been designed to support groups and organisations with the following:

- Providing a warm space, with social or other activities in your community
- Providing refreshments and / or food as part of these activities
- Providing warm packs to households, including items to help people stay warm over the winter

Successful applicants will be notified within 10 days of submission.

Further information can be found here: [Cost of Living Community Fund - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

Key Priorities for the Council 2022-2027

I am writing to invite you to a series of public engagement events where we will discuss our draft five-year Corporate Plan 2022-2027, the key priorities for the organisation over this timeframe and how we spend our money now and in future, targeting those areas where resources are most needed.

We will be asking questions around our vision and whether our priorities are the ones that will make a real impact on the lives of people living in our area? And if not, what should we be focusing on instead?

This will give you a clear insight and influence into the future direction of the Council as well as how we use our resources.

The Kinrosshire event is;

Wednesday 26 th October 2022	12.30pm – 3pm	Loch Leven Campus
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PLANNING DECISIONS

Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse Ardbeg 11 North Street Milnathort Kinross KY13 9YF

Approve the application

Change of use from open space to form extension to operational land, extension to building and associated works Scottish Hydro Electric Plc Manse Road Milnathort Kinross KY13 9YQ
for Scottish And Southern Electricity Networks

Approve the application

Erection of 2 dwellinghouses Land 50 Metres East Of Upper Warroch Cottage Milnathort
for The Church Commissioners Of England

Approve the application

Alterations to dwellinghouse 14 Balfour Crescent Milnathort Kinross KY13 9TA for Mrs
Debbie Gachagan

Approve the application

Planning Applications

Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage (revised design) at Land 80 Metres South West Of
Athronhall Farm Milnathort for Mr Alexander Cook

TRAFFIC NOTICES

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING

BOWLING GREEN AVENUE – MILNATHORT

In order to permit **Scottish Water ironworks** on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the **8th November 2022** for a period of **two days**.

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PARKING AND LOADING

C449 NORTH STREET – MILNATHORT

In order to permit **Scottish Water ironworks** on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the **8th November 2022** for a period of **one day**.

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING

CURLERS CRESCENT – MILNATHORT

In order to permit **Scottish Water ironworks** on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the **9th November 2022** for a period of **one day**.

Police Report

Community Council Meeting

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We do apologise for not being able to attend in person, however, please see a list of local incidents which are worthy of note and their results within the past four weeks.

Should you have any questions, or any issues, you wish to address please feel free to contact us by calling 101 and asking for Constable Ben Samson and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Crimes of note (four week period)

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
15/09/2022	Theft (building site)	Subject to live investigation
23/09/2022	Theft by shoplifting (Giacopazzis)	2 x persons responsible charged
01/10/2022	Fireraising (South Street, Milnathort)	Subject to live investigation
05/10/2022	Assault (Wester Loan)	Reported to Procurator Fiscal
11/10/2022	Assault (Wester Loan)	Reported to Procurator Fiscal

Traffic Statistics

Community officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Milnathort. 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.

Traffic units from Perth have also been carrying out regular speed checks in the area and have issued tickets over the last month for speeding and various other road traffic offences.

Officer comments

From 8th September 2022 there have been 74 calls to Police from the Milnathort area and 17 crimes recorded on Police systems. These include Road Traffic matters.