

MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, 8th September 2022

In attendance:

Malcolm Thomson (CC chairman)

Neill Bingham (CC)

Andrea Ward (CC)

Willie Robertson (PKCllr)

Neil Freshwater (PKCllr)

Richard Watters (PKCllr)

6 members of the public

Apologies:

Kevin Heneghan (CC -Associate Member)

Phil Britton (CC Treasurer)

Allan Macrae (CC Secretary)

PC Ben Samson

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 July meeting were proposed by Neill Bingham and seconded by Malcolm Thomson

3 Matters arising from minutes

None

4 Traffic Survey Actions

The implications of the Aldi planning application in reference to traffic issues was discussed with members of the public raising concerns about increased traffic on the road between Kinross and Milnathort. The planning committee has discussed, but no resolution has been reached yet. The Aldi store on south side of Crieff was used as an example of how pedestrian and cycle safety mitigations have been put in place. Willie has visited the site and concluded that the site is incomparable due to its scope for cycle and pedestrian lanes. Crieff is a level retail park whereas the proposed Milnathort site is a cul-de-sac.

Members of the public raised concerns that PKC have taken Aldi's noise and traffic assessment as presenting an unbiased and full picture when they do not believe this to be the case. Members of

the public doubted the accuracy of the documents uploaded to planning site by Aldi and questions were raised as to how applicable the urban traffic modelling system was to Milnathort. They also had concerns over future road safety and access for pedestrians, including those with disabilities, if planning permission is granted. Concerns were also raised that documents were not showing up on the planning portal in a timely manner. Willie Robertson responded that Aldi are required to submit a traffic assessment, but members of the public expressed concerns their complaints may not be considered and Aldi's account of traffic issues would be taken as 'gospel'. Willie advised them to challenge the council and members of the committee. He also advised to encourage the planning committee to visit the site and for members of the public to write to the Head of Planning and potentially copy correspondence to the press. A further concern was raised about road gullies around the site. Willie advised that if gullies are deemed dangerous/not functioning, the council will repair.

The neutral position of the Community Council on the Aldi planning application was challenged by a member of the public who felt the Community Council were therefore not representing the community and had not accounted for the views expressed in the previous meeting with Aldi. Malcolm Thomson explained that the Community Council's role was to represent the whole of the community which was split on this particular issue. The Community Council's letter to the planning committee was representative of all views in the community and communicated the concerns that had been raised in previous meetings.

Willie provided an update on the council's response to the Milnathort traffic survey and community speed watch campaign. A community counsellor from outside of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council would be required in order to lead on the Community Speedwatch. This is ongoing. In the meantime, Willie advised that if members of the public spot a speeding vehicle passing by a digital speed monitor, they can send a photograph to the police capturing the speed and number plate.

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

The council have been asked to rebuild the damaged wall as a curved corner. This is likely to happen this financial year. Andrea Ward raised the issue of rubble on the pathway which was reported to the council by Willie.

6 Update on Aldi application update.

As above

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

A member of the public raised concerns about the safety of the footbridge in need of repair. Richard Watters explained that Greenspace would adopt the bridge, but only after standards were met. It is unclear where the responsibility lies for the repair of the bridge prior to this. The farmer owns the land, but Persimmon Homes are responsible for access. The bridge is being inspected to establish what work needs to be carried out to bring it up to standard. This process has been slowed down by a change of staff. Richard is trying to push forward. Neill Bingham suggested that the Man Shed may take this on as a project. Richard suggested that the Community Council speak with the farmer.

8 CPR Training

Kinross Fire service are offering CPR training. Neill suggested organising a training session in the Town Hall and will follow this up. A member of the public asked if there was a network for using the defibrillator. The Community Council will look into this.

9 Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is becoming a regular occurrence and has been noted as a particular problem at the end of Crow Woods. The Community Council will raise awareness advising public to take photographs if they observe fly tipping and to request evidence of legal disposal of any rubbish from traders.

10 Reduced Bus Service

Not discussed

11 Police matters

Crimes of note over the 4-week period:

- Careless driving and assault- suspect charged
- Driving with no licence on Stirling Road- suspect charged
- Housebreaking with intent to steal in Kinrosswood- enquiries ongoing

Over the past 4 weeks there have been 13 traffic related incidents in the local area.

Neill Bingham has spoken to the police to encourage their attendance at Community Council meetings. Constable Samson is new to the role of Community Police Officer. He is keen to engage more with the community and have offered 'Coffee with a cop'.

12 Correspondence

Energy Advice Session will take place on Thursday 8th September 3-5pm, at Milnathort Town Hall. Please also be advised that the tentative date for the next Kinross-shire & Glenfarg Stronger Communities meeting is Tuesday 4th October, 10:00-11:30am on Teams. The date will be confirmed in due course when the Teams invite is sent out.

National Power of Attorney Day is on the 29th of September this year and are asking for organisations across Scotland to support the campaign by sharing digital assets on social media platforms or by displaying materials to help reach as many people as possible explaining what Power of Attorney is, why you should have one, who to appoint and how to do it. For further information, please contact Fiona Farrell, Community Engagement Manager.

13 Roads

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING- MORLICH PLACE/TORRIDON PLACE - KINROSS

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 18th October 2022 for a period of one day. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading (both sides) of the following roads.

1. Morlich Place, Kinross from its junction with Sutherland Drive (311207, 703188) to its junction with Thompson Place (311171, 703274), a distance of 95.90 metres or thereby.
2. Torridon Place, Kinross from its junction with Morlich Place (311195, 703215) for its entire length,

a distance of 117.90 metres or thereby. Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is via – SUTHERLAND DRIVE – ARGYLL ROAD

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING-C415 HAYFIELD ROAD - GLENFARG

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 11th October 2022 for a period of one day. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading on the C415 Hayfield Road, Glenfarg from its junction with the C420 Greenbank Road (313339, 710525) to its junction with the private property known as Glendeuglie Lodge (312969, 710679), a distance of 460 metres or thereby. Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is via –C415 HAYFIELD ROAD – C414 TULLOCH ROAD – C414 CHURCH BRAE

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING-A911 MILNATHORT

In order to permit Patching Works on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from 17th October 2022 for a period of two weeks. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on the A911, Milnathort from its junction with the private access to properties known as Burleigh Castle Steadings (312880, 704572) to its junction with the B9019 (316441, 704158), a distance of 3.75 kilometres or thereby. Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is via –B996 – B919 – A911.

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING -B996 MAIN ROAD, KINROSS

In order to permit Carriageway Resurfacing on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from 15th September 2022 for a period of three weeks.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on the B996 Main Road Kinross from its junction with the private access to property known as Classloch Farm (312462, 699734) to its junction with the private access to property known as New Colden (312788, 699118), a distance of 683.18 metres or thereby.

Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

The alternative route for vehicles is via –

B918 STATION ROAD – JUNCTION ROAD – CLASHBURN ROAD

14 Planning:

22/01315/FLL Erection ancillary accommodation unit/holiday accommodation unit at Silverwood Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 0SB, for Mr Andrew Ramponi, Silverwood, Hattonburn Road, Milnathort KY13 0SB

15 Core Paths Update

An update was provided by Kevin Heneghan via email.

Milnathort Core Paths group have recently been flailing and strimming Paths and cutting back overgrowing bushes and branches at:

- *The Path by the Golf Course starting at Auld Mart, continuing on to the Path running from footbridge at end of golf course to the crossroads near The Stackyard and from the crossroads to the point that it crosses the A911.*
- *The Paths at the Community Woodland at Burleigh, the lower and higher paths there as well as the Path running east from Crow Wood*
- *Path connecting Community Woodland to old Arlary rail track*
- *Paths and benches at Tillywhalley Woods*

The pedestrian flail has been repaired and this made a huge difference in the efficiency of cutting back the verges on the Paths.

We will have one more cut before winter, but then there will then be plenty other things to do; erecting way markers, filling in hollows in the Paths that would otherwise turn into puddles, and general maintenance.

We will also be re-opening the Core Path at Pace Hill, it having been closed during the construction there.

I continue 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.

16 Promoting the Community Council

Suggestions for promoting the community council was a stall at events and promoting meetings as events on social media.

17 Additional comments and questions from the floor

A 'thank you' for the farmer in Tillywhally who allowed the community to harvest peas from their land was noted.

A member of the public raised an issue regarding traffic in Tillyrie. The number of people using the road for walking and cycling has increased. The speed limit is 40mph lowering to 30mph through the houses. A residents meeting on 27th September will look at a traffic regulation order. The proposal is to drop the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph through the houses. The Athron Hill development did draw up a plan for improvements on road which included proposed passing places. However, residents have now started moving in to houses and these measures have not been put in place. Building works are continuing with frequent deliveries as a result. Members of the public are concerned that the proposed improvements will not be made until all building work is complete. Willie Robertson responded that it was his understanding that the road improvements were to have happened before residents started moving in. The planning department met with the developer to discuss this and emphasise that all conditions must be adhered to. Occupation of the properties prior to road improvements is a breach of planning and therefore a case has been opened and investigation is ongoing. Once a result has been reached, this will be shared with the public. Neil Freshwater confirmed that the 20mph change in speed limit appears to be going ahead.

18 Councillors' reports

Willie Robertson: A council meeting took place to discuss the cross Tay link road (A93 and Blairgowrie road). The project is 32 million over budget impacting the council capital budget. Building projects are generally rising due to inflation.

Neil Freshwater: The Pace Hill core path- developers need to ensure they meet planning consent.

Richard Watters- Energy costs for businesses and individuals are a concern. The council is looking into how they can support those in need through the winter.

19 Any other matters.

A member of the public raised an issue. The hedging on Auld Mart Road is overgrown. It requires maintenance. Richard will check with Greenspace. Willie will ensure the council are aware.

A member of the public requested a farmer needs to put in gully on the road between Middleton and Bankhead Cottage, near the entrance to Second to None dog training facility.

20 Date of next meeting

13th October 2022, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall