



MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes for Thursday, 13th June, 2024

1 Welcome and apologies

Audrey opened the meeting in Neill's absence and conducted the meeting as the chair. The meeting started at 7.34 pm

Audrey Wanless (Acting chair), Kevin Heneghan, Allan Macrae (Secretary), PKCllr Dave Cuthbert, PKCllr Robertson

Apologies

Neill Bingham (Chair), Laura Zamboni (MPS), PC Ben Samson, PKCllr Neil Freshwater, PKCllr Richard Watters, Phil Britton (Treasurer)

Audience – 2

Key:

PKCllr – Perth and Kinross Council Councillor
CC – Community Council
CCllr – Community Councillor
MPS – Milnathort Primary School

2 Minutes and matters arising from last meeting

No matters arising from the May minutes

Proposed – Audrey

Seconded - Kevin

3 Police matters

Crimes of note (since last meeting 19/05/2024)

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
26/05/2024	Vandalism to vehicle	Under enquiry
01/06/2024	Fire raising	Male arrested
04/06/2024	Vandalism to car	Under enquiry

56 incidents within the Milnathort beat Code.

Office comments

Victoria Avenue remains a one-way street with diversions in place.

PC Ashleigh Duncan and Sgt Craig supported the Milnathort Primary School Gala Day last weekend. Children were afforded the opportunity to speak with them, play in the vehicle and try on clothes 😊



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4 Actions from previous meeting

Replacement gate from Lathro park to South Street – The procurement for the replacement gate at the South Street entrance is still ongoing, however PKC will not progress until the path etc are adopted by PKC from the developer, Persimmons. – no update.

Damaged Curb stones

PKC have fixed the curb stones outside Light up my Heart.

Rubbish in North Queich

Cllr Watters send an update prior to the meeting to inform that Persimmons have cleared all the debris from the North Queich, that appeared to be parts of the sign along the M90 that were blown over in the high winds. Persimmon were grateful for the notification.

5 Correspondences

SURF – Scotland's Regeneration Forum

The 2024 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration has been launched. You can read the press release here:

<https://surf.scot/2024-surf-awards-launched-online/>

The SURF Awards are delivered in partnership with the Scottish Government, with additional support from Creative Scotland, Scottish Procurement Alliance, Institute of Employability Professionals and Scotland's Towns Partnership.

The purpose is to **highlight, celebrate and share the achievements** of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland.

The 5 categories this year are:

Community Led Regeneration

Creative Regeneration

Improving Scotland's Places

Removing Barriers to Employability

Housing and Regeneration

The deadline for applications is **5pm on Monday 2nd September.**

Community Greenspace Team

Please see information below from the Community Greenspace Team



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According to provisional figures from the Met Office, the UK had its warmest May on record, together with it being a wet Spring for many of us. As a result, grass in many of our green spaces in Perth and Kinross has grown more vigorously than usual for this time of year. In addition, we are experiencing staffing pressures in our ground's maintenance team, which are also impacting on service delivery. Therefore, you may see long grass, excess growth or longer edges on green spaces, while we continue to work on the grass cutting schedule in an effort to ensure every community receives a similar level of service.

These issues are unrelated to the extension of our Grow Wild trials for grassland management and once the grounds maintenance team have caught up on grass cutting schedules, the regular cut areas and Grow Wild areas should be distinct from each other, enabling communities to see and comment on the Grow Wild areas accordingly.

Additionally, the information on the grassland management page of our website (www.pkc.gov.uk/wildlife) has been recently updated to incorporate more background detail about the previous successful trials, as well as a link to a more interactive map about the new Grow Wild trial areas - Grow Wild Sites 2024 (arcgis.com). In due course more information about Grow Wild will be added.

6 Roads

Parking Limitation Sign

A new parking limitation sign has been erected on South Street outside the Funeral Directors; this sign details a 30 minute parking limit from Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 5.30pm.

PKCllr Robertson added that this sign was erected to help alleviate parking outside the Funeral Director's.

On pavement parking outside the chemist

A resident contacted the CC, local PKC councillors, local police, and Davidsons Chemist to complain about a delivery van constantly parking on the pavement directly outside the chemist and causing a potential hazard to pedestrians. The police response highlighted points to consider which are: this vehicle will be delivering controlled substances. How long is it parking for? Is it impeding pedestrians preventing passage? Is it increasing the risk for pedestrians stepping into the road at the crossing? Is there suitable parking nearby?

It was also asked about who is responsible for enforcing the new restrictions on pavement parking. The police responded that enforcement is the responsibility of Perth and Kinross Council.



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Parking on H-bar on Church Street

A resident posted on social media a vehicle parking on the H-bar on Church Street, which was then shared with the local Police for comment. The police responded with:

“A white line is advisory and non-enforceable. The default consideration would be inconsiderate parking and causing obstruction? Each incident would be assessed on its own. If it’s a significant and ongoing issue, then I would signpost to PKC for yellow paint and prohibitions on parking. We will of course provide passing attention.”

PKCllr Robertson responded that yellow lines were requested to PKC approximately 2 years and in his most recent follow discussion with PKC officers, the reason for not painting yellow lines was due to objections from local residents.

In light of the recent discussion on people parking on the H-bar at last month’s CC meeting and this recent discussion, PKCllr Robertson will request that PKC officers look into this issue again to determine whether local resident objections are still valid.

Cycle Event Red Flags

Residents will have noticed that there is a semi-regular Time Trial Cycle event through Milnathort on the Thursday evening, and most recently there was one on Sunday morning. A local resident commented on social media what the red flag that the marshals were waving indicated to drivers, were they to stop, slow down or to distract the driver from the cyclist.

One of the CC’s observed a marshal standing on the roundabout outside the townhall as well as marshals with red flags standing on each junction off the roundabout. Although it was quiet it was also raining lightly, and the CC observed two cars manoeuvring around the roundabout with the marshal still in the middle of the roundabout. Although there were warning signs up about the event there was nothing to indicate who had organised the event and unlike other local events there was no notification to the CC or posts on either of the various local social media pages to inform residents in advance that the event was happening. After some digging the CC member was able to email the organiser of the event, but the response was lukewarm and did not indicate in any way that they felt the roundabout marshal was unsafe. The email has been forwarded to the local community police for comment.

U219 MILNATHORT

In order to permit SSEN works on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the 16th of July 2024 for a period of four days.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading (both sides) on the U219 Milnathort



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from its junction with the U227 (308006, 704662) to the junction with the private access to the property known as Ledlanet House (308244, 705544), a distance of 1.47 kilometres or thereby.

Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

The alternative route for vehicles is via –

U227 – U214

U219 MILNATHORT

In order to permit **SSEN works** on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the **20th July 2024** for a period of **five days**.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading (both sides) on **the U219 Milnathort** from its junction with the C413 (309851, 705924) to the junction with the private access to the property known as Nether Craigow (309077, 705786), a distance of 830 metres or thereby.

Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

The alternative route for vehicles is via –

U227 – U214

Wester Loan

The PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL as TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

being satisfied that there is a likelihood of danger to the public due to a dangerous building HEREBY PROHIBIT all vehicular traffic on the following length of carriageway.

The order will prohibit all vehicular traffic on **Wester Loan, Milnathort** from its junction with Victoria Avenue (312076, 704892) to its junction with the A91 New Road (312055, 704710), for a distance of 188.40 metres or thereby.

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained.

Alternative route for vehicles is via –

**VICTORIA AVENUE – A91 NEW ROAD – B996 PERTH ROAD – C420
– U228 – C499 – NORTH STREET**

The fire at Wester Loan and the subsequent road closure, as detailed above, has highlighted the number and type of vehicles that use this road and specifically the number that are traveling up Victoria Avenue against the one-way restriction. A number of audience members highlighted that it is not just locals using this as a shortcut instead of the official diversion, but also delivery vans and construction vehicles. The Community Council would expect all residents to adhere to the official diversion and highway code to ensure road and pedestrian safety is observed and to ensure as little impact to the local residents while the diversion is in place.



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It was also raised that the construction company tasked with making the building at Wester Loan safe have been asked daily whether they can reduce or even remove the barriers to allow traffic to pass and help ease the traffic situation. The response from one of the PKC councillors present, was that when it is safe to move the fencing then, and only then, will it be moved back or removed completely and not before. The safety of residents, pedestrians and drivers is paramount, and the community council backs those that are making the decision, do so for the right reasons and do not put safety above convenience in their decision-making process.

7. Milnathort Primary School

No update

8. Core Paths Update

Kevin The Core Paths Group has been out the last two weekends, flailing and cutting back

branches on the Paths along the golf course, continuing up to the A911. We also flailed the Paths going west towards Burleigh castle and the field at Burleigh Castle itself.

Alistair MacLeod from PKC Community Greenspace and Kevin Heneghan waymarked Core

Paths last month.

The infilling of the depressions on the Core Paths will take place over several evenings this month.

9. Planning Applications

None

Decisions

24/00452/FLL	P8- Kinross-shii Extension to dwellinghouse and installation of air source heat pump The Granary 2 Arlary Steadings Milnathort Kinross KY13 9SJ for Mrs C Findlay	Approve the application
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LARGE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Windfarms

Brunt Hill Windfarm have submitted a Section 36 application for Brunt Hill Wind Farm that to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 8th May 2024 (ECU Reference:



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ECU00004654).

(<https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx?cr=ECU00004654>)

The application is for a total of 18 Turbines where 10 are of 200m to blade tip and 8 are of 185m to blade tip.

The Craighead windfarm development planning application has not yet been submitted.

10. Speedwatch

It has been hard to schedule our first Speedwatch session due to volunteers' availability, the weather and also the lack of volunteers that are vetted. Can those volunteers that have yet to submit their vetting forms to Police Scotland please do so.

11. Comments and questions from the floor

VAS - Vehicle Activate Speed Sign

An audience member asked if there were any plans to add a VAS sign to the entrance to North Street, as numerous new signs have been erected in Milnathort. PKCllr Robertson indicated that he believed there is one proposed for that location and will find out for certain from PKC officers if this is so and when it will be placed.

Road Closure announcements

In today's road closure announcements, there was a number of references to Unclassified roads – Uxxx, with very little information to actually determine where on the road is being referenced. The PKC councillors were asked whether there was anything that could be done to provide more information to these road closure announcements. PKCllr Cuthbert responded that PKC officials are training new software related to determining the exact position for all road works and this might help with adding more detail to the descriptions and if we wait and see the outcome of using the software, no further action may be required.

12. Councillors' reports

PKCllr Robertson –

From a meeting on the PKC scrutiny committee, a report on Occupational Therapy's highlighted the long waiting list for Occupational Therapy assessments, with over 400 people on the OT waiting list. There is a nationwide shortage of Occupational Therapists, and short-term contracts being offered as there is no guarantee of funding from NHS Tayside.



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PKCllr Cuthbert added that they had previously asked Perth college to investigate running courses for any jobs that were short staffed in the PKC area that have been hard to fill, and the response was that they already do this.

PKCllr David Cuthbert

PKC typically sell of any minibuses after a certain number of years, but are looking to give these to local community groups that may need them as the resell price is small. PKC are also looking to purchase a bus and lease it to Glenfarg Community Transport as this will be much more affordable for GCT and helps to enhance the already excellent service from GCT, who will be expanding their service to cover Tillicoultry in the near future.

The next meeting of the Kinross-shire Transport Committee will be 27th June, at 7.30pm in Loch Leven Campus.

13. Any other matters.

Kevin will speak to the landowner about spraying the Giant Hogweed, that is sprouting up along the Back Burn. The landowner has previously sprayed the Giant Hogweed and has indicated they would be more than happy to do so again due to the risk that these weeds pose.

Meeting ended at 8. 50pm

14. Date of next meeting (second Thursday of each month) no meeting in July:

8th August 2024, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall



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