



MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes for Thursday, 12th Sept, 2024

1 Welcome and apologies

The meeting started at 7.29 pm

Neill Bingham (chair), Kevin Heneghan, Allan Macrae (Secretary), PKCllr Richard Watters, PKCllr Cuthbert, Laura Watson (MPS)

Apologies

PC Ben Samson, PKCllr Neil Freshwater, PKCllr Robertson, Audrey Wanless, Phil B

Audience – 9

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 September minutes

Proposed – Neill

Seconded - Kevin

3 Police matters

Officer comments

From 8th August 2024 (last report) there have been approximately 42 calls to Police from the Milnathort area and 12 crimes recorded on Police systems.

Crimes of note (since last report 08/08/2024)

| DATE | OFFENCE | RESULT |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 12/08/2024 | Drink driving (Dalqueich Bridge, Dalqueich) | 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal |
| 26/08/2024 | Fail to report accident to Police (unclassified road near Middleton) | 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal |



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| 28/08/2024 | Theft of cement and fence posts (Websters, Milnathort) | Subject to live investigation |
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Road Traffic Matters

Community officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Milnathort. These are all on our speeding matrix and we will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols.

PC's Samson and Duncan have been carrying out regular checks at Milnathort Primary School at drop off and pick up times as a result of speeding and parking complaints, since the schools have returned. To date, it has been busy with cars however no illegal parking or vehicles speeding have been observed.

On 11th August 2024, local officers from Kinross were on mobile patrol on the A91 just outside of Milnathort when they had cause to stop a vehicle. After checks it was discovered the driver did not have insurance and they were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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.

- Kevin raised that it had previously been agreed on what type of gate would be fitted, and PKCllr Watters added that all parties i.e. Persimmon/PKC had agreed that providing a gate was part of the development. Kevin added that a number of residents have asked about the status of the gate due to safety concerns for children and dogs. He continued by asking the PKC councillors how we progress this as it seems to be in a stalemate.

PKCllr Watters took an action to follow up with PKC on what can be done whether as an interim fix or something more permanent.

Milnathort / Kinross boundary

It was raised at the previous CC meeting that the boundary line for Milnathort no longer includes parts of the Auld Mart estate. It was minuted that the MOCC request PKC to restore the original boundary and would be seeking agreement from Kinross CC(KCC) to do the same. Neill raised this with KCC who agreed and minuted it in their last meeting.



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PKCllr Watters will raise with PKC to make the necessary changes to the community council boundary.

5 Correspondences

NHS – Share

Health research is important so that we can prevent people from getting unwell and try to improve treatments if they do become ill. We need to involve more people in research, and we can do this with your support! **We need you, your families, your colleagues and your visitors to sign up the SHARE Register.**

SHARE – The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank - is a Register of people who are happy to be sent information about health projects.

We need healthy people and people with health conditions to join SHARE. Health research is necessary so new treatments can be discovered for conditions and disease such as cancer, diabetes, dementia, stroke and asthma.

When you join, we may occasionally send you information about research projects that might be of interest to you.

This might involve taking part in online surveys, sharing your views on your healthcare or taking part in a study researching a new medication for an illness you may have. You can decide if you would like to take part when you find out more about the study.

Would you be willing to display posters in your buildings and offices, to help promote SHARE to your staff and members of the public? If you can help, please get in touch at enquiries@registerforshare.org.

People can register in a number of ways:

Online: www.registerforshare.org

Phone: 01382 383 471

Email: enquiries@registerforshare.org

QR code: Scan the code at the bottom of this email

Hearing Children and Young People's Voice in the Community - Wednesday 2nd October at 6pm

You are invited to join this webinar in which it explores ways to engage with children and young people through place and placemaking! Join Dr Jenny Wood, Director at 'A Place in Childhood' to explore creative ways to hear the voices of children and young people about their local community and environment. Hear examples from Edinburgh and beyond of how local children and young people came together with other community members to explore their local areas and identify sustainable and inclusive improvements for their local spaces!

There will also be information about the new children's rights legislation that has recently come into effect in Scotland and the opportunity to ask questions and share other examples of practice from your community.

The event will also feature colleagues from the Children's Parliament who will share examples of their work to engage with children across Scotland.

Find out more about A Place in Childhood <https://aplaceinchildhood.org/>



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Read more and access resources about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/8cf833a607b445209ecc11295288fd37>

Find out more about the Children's Parliament by visiting

<https://www.childrensparliament.org.uk/>

To sign up for this free webinar for community councils please click this link:

[https://forms.office.com/e/](https://forms.office.com/e/kGVfV4y4D6)

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6 Roads

A922 SOUTH STREET – MILNATHORT (KY13 9XB)

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 December 2024** for a period of **two days**.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading on both sides of **the A922 South Street, Milnathort** from its junction with the private access to the property 108, South Street (311835, 704294) to a point 60 metres South on the A922 South Street (311806, 704242), a distance of 60 metres or thereby.

South Street zebra markings

Several members of the public have raised concerns regarding the lack of visibility afforded to vehicles approaching this particular crossing. The zig zag markings are a number of feet away from the kerb, allowing cars to legally park next to the pavement. This is making visibility difficult to pedestrians trying to see if there is any oncoming traffic and for oncoming traffic's ability to see whether there are pedestrians about to cross.

There are also two private dwelling access whose visibility can be minimised when vehicles are parked between the zig zag and the pavement.

It is requested that consideration be given to re-positioning the road markings so increasing the visibility of traffic approaching the crossing and making the crossing safer for pedestrians.

PKCllr Watters took an action to raise with PKC roads department in this regard.

There has been a request on several occasions to place a crossing on Stirling Road.

There is provision to implement one road crossing improvement in Milnathort, and



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the CC were asked to decide on whether the Zebra crossing at South Street should be upgraded to a puffin crossing or a new crossing at Stirling Road be *created*. The CC were disappointed that both improvements couldn't be accommodated. Although the discussion leaned towards a new crossing at Stirling Road, the CC decided to wait until the next CC meeting in October to make a decision and invite all residents to get in touch or attend the October meeting to voice their opinions.

7. Milnathort Primary School

Laura will shortly be moving to Australia, with Tuesday 17th Sept, her last day at Milnathort Primary School, she expressed her thanks to the community councillors for all their support both to her and to the school in her time in charge, and introduced the new temporary head teacher – Lyndsey Budge.

Road safety concerns – There has been some unsafe driving activity, and behaviour by drivers at school drop off and pick up. The local community police officers have been very responsive and have been at the school drop off and pick up on a number of days to help improve driving safety.

As part of the Safer Routes to school initiative the Chair of Kinross trishaws, visited and presented to the school children, and discussed a potential bike bus for pupils to travel safely to school.

MPS are working with our business partner Sainsbury's, they will be sponsoring the "Wellbeing Wednesdays and the tuckshop"

The school has had a visit regarding the Fairtrade initiative, and CClr Kevin Heneghan has been visiting the school to present on the local community. Laura thanked Kevin again for all his support in visiting the school.

The Nursery are planning an Intergenerational event, which will include a cake and craft event.

The P4 and P7's will be attending the Dundee Discovery film festival to watch a French film.

MOCC wish to thank Laura for all her support and help in her time as MPS Head Teacher and we wish her all the best in Australia. We welcome, Lyndsey the new temporary head teacher and wish her the best of luck in her role and look forward to continuing our work and support of MPS.

8. Core Paths Update

Milnathort Core Paths Group have again been busy over the past weeks. We've again flailed the Core Paths at Burleigh Castle, the Paths through the woodlands at Burleigh, the Path at the side of Milnathort golf course leading up to the A911 including the short section to The Stackyard and the link Path between Arlary rail



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track and the start of the Core Path leading to Burleigh Castle. The Paths at Hattonburn and Tillywhally Woods will be cut over the next week or so. We've also cut back branches that were dangerously overhanging the Paths.

This was the last big cut of this year, although we'll be going to the Stirling Road and Bacon Factory fields after they've been harvested to re-establish the Core Paths there. The landowner and farmer have already agreed to this, they were previously unaware these were Core Paths.

Although growth will slow down or cease during the winter, there are still plenty jobs to do to keep the Core Path Group busy.

PKCllr Cuthbert – added his thanks to Kevin and Core Path Group for all the work they do.

9. Planning Applications

None

Decisions

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|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 24/00688/FLL | P8-Kinross-shire | Erection of a meteorological mast (for a temporary period) Land 2800metres North West Of Upper Warroch Cottage Milnathort Kinross KY13 0RS for EPower Ltd | Approve the application |
| 24/00923/FLL | P8-Kinross-shire | Installation of ground-mounted solar array and associated works Land 70 Metres South West Of Craigow Milnathort Kinross KY13 0RP for Mr Milne-Home | Approve the application |

LARGE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Windfarms

A lively discussion was held not only on the Craighead application to PKC that was recently submitted but also on the previous Brunthill Farm submission to the Energy Consensus Unit. A number of residents from the were negative in their approach towards the community council, for not Objecting to the BruntHill windfarm as a number of the other Kinross-shire Community Councils had done. A question was raised regarding a perceived potential conflict of interest with one of members of the community council, with regards to the involvement with the Sustainability Group and also whether any community councillors had been employed by an energy supplier.



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It was clarified that none of the community councillors are or have been employed by any companies involved in either of the recent windfarm developments and hence did not feel the need to raise any potential conflict of interest.

With regards the Sustainability Group involvement, Milnathort and Orwell Community Council have only one Community Councillor as a representative in this group. The group is made up of CC representatives from all other Kinross-shire Community Councils, even those that objected to the Brunthill farm windfarm. There are also a couple of community councils from outwith the Kinross-shire area represented. The purpose of the Sustainability Group is not to be involved in any planning discussions or to pressure any CC either way. The purpose is to think about the future, if any of these windfarms or other large developments or other forms of renewable energy go ahead, how do we manage any community funds as a group. To help lessen the pain across each community council by sharing the burden and to speak with one collective voice. It is early days, and nothing is guaranteed, however it is better to be prepared and to have a plan and not use it, than to have no plan when we need one.

Following a healthy debate and discussion the points raised by those present for and against the proposed Craighead windfarm development were summarised as:

- Access route – one of the access routes is across land they do not own, and the owner made a point to say they would never sell it to them and were not happy it was listed in the planning application. PKCllr Cuthbert confirmed that planning applications do not need to own property/building/land that is detailed in their application
- Noise and vibration from the turning blades
- Visual impact of the proposed development given the height of the turbines.
- Flickering lights – during sunlight and in the night the turning blades will cause a light flickering effect that can be problematic for some people
- Cumulative effect – all the above will be magnified if both windfarms are progressed.
- Energy production – we need these to help with energy production, to help with high energy prices and to ensure we can produce the energy we need onsite.

All of the above points and those suggested mitigations will form the basis of the response from MOCC to the planning application and all present were thanked for their input to allow a planning response to be made.

It was acknowledged by all that the Community Council have a duty to represent the views of both sides of any proposed developments and planning application whether it be by attendance at meetings or via other contact with the CC.

10. Speedwatch



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Meeting with Portmoak CC, and volunteers to be held, we're awaiting a date and time to be finalised.

11. Comments and questions from the floor

A member of the audience asked what was happening with the new green shed, that was delivered to Donaldson Park for the Colts. If it is for the lawn mower, can it be placed near to the pavilion?

Allan will contact the Colts to ask for confirmation.

12. Councillors' reports

PKCllr Cuthbert

I have now been appointed the vice convenor of Tayside contracts, it is a lot of commitment as requires me to be in Dundee 3 times a week, however I hope this will allow Kinross-shire to be better represented and supported.

PKCllr Watters

Active travel master plan – Kinross-shire has its own plan due to missed out on the national plan. It was present to and approved at the recent Kinross-shire Local Committee. It will now sit alongside the national Tactran Active Travel route plan to help to join ourselves with other areas and settlements, in a safe way and to encourage safe and behavioural change in our local travel.

It covers all day-to-day local travel, including how to get to shops, work, etc and includes all types of active travel including cycling, walking etc. Now that the plan is available, we should see more progress.

13. Any other matters.

-Glenfarg community bus has started running a service to Tillicoultry, well done to the Glenfarg Community Transport for organising this.

- Also, a thank you to DM Sheet Metal, and Caledonia Play for funding a new defibulator, which is now in place on the fence at entrance to Caledonia play, off South Street.

- Next month is the Community Council AGM, the community council has several vacancies, we sit every second Thursday of the month and would welcome new volunteers. Get in touch if you want to find out more.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

14. Date of next meeting (second Thursday of each month):

AGM 10th Oct 2024, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall



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