

Draft minutes for Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

## 1 Welcome and apologies

Meeting started at 7.34pm Neill Bingham (Chair), Audrey Wanless, Kevin Heneghan, Allan Macrae (Secretary), PKCllr Dave Cuthbert, PKCllr Richard Watters, Laura Watson(MPS)

#### Apologies PKCllr Robertson, PKCllr Neil Freshwater, PC Ben Samson Malcolm Thomson (Vice-chair), Phil Britton (Treasurer)

Audience – 6

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 January minutes Proposed – Neill Seconded - Audrey

## 3 Police matters

#### **Officer comments**

From 8th February 2024 (last meeting) there have been 24 calls to Police from the Milnathort area and 6 crimes recorded on Police systems.

#### Crimes of note (since last meeting 9/11/2023)

| DATE                    | OFFENCE   | RESULT                        |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 25/02/2024 – 29/02/2024 | Theft of motor vehicle by<br>unknown means<br>(Thistle Hotel) | Subject to live investigation |

#### **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.

Over the last month local officers from Kinross have been carrying out speed checks in Milnathort among other areas. During this, tickets have been issued for various road traffic offences as well as drivers spoken to and warned. During these stops officers have also recovered drugs in a vehicle and the occupant charged.



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#### **Community Team Activity**

We often post on our Twitter/X page @PSOSPerthKin with updates on what we are doing out and about in the local community under #KinrossCPT. Please feel free to follow us!

PC Samson attended at Milnathort Primary School on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for a road and bike safety input. Some of the pupils were also shown the speed detection equipment and offered the chance to use this.

## 4 Actions from previous meeting

Gate/bridge/fence gate to Fleming Court – 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. The replacement bridge is now progressing at a good pace, and the bridge has now been placed on the foundations.

Broken dog bin at Tillywally Woods – Has been fixed.

## 5 Correspondences

Voter information

#### Voter photo ID

elections.

You will need to show photo ID to vote in person at UK Parliament elections. You can use a range of different forms of ID, including your passport, driving licence or National Entitlement Card. If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

This applies to UK Parliament by-elections and recall petitions and will apply to UK Parliament general elections from October 2023. You do not need to show photo ID to vote at Scottish Parliament and council

Visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID, call 0800 328 0280, or scan the QR code to find out which forms of photo ID will be accepted and how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, if you need one.





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#### Postal and Proxy Vote is changing

You can apply online, and you'll need to prove your identity As a proxy, there are now limits to how many people you can vote on behalf of You have to renew your application every 3 years.

These changes apply to UK Parliament general elections, by-elections and recall petitions. They do not apply to Scottish Parliament and Council Elections in Scotland.

Find out more at electoralcommission.org.uk/waystovote

#### **ELC Consultation**

You may be aware that all Local Authorities have a duty to carry out a consultation on the delivery of early learning and childcare at least once every two years. The aim is to ensure that services are regularly taking into account local needs, recognising that the children and families accessing early learning and childcare in the widest context can change year on year. The Perth & Kinross Council Consultation is now open and closes 17 March 2024.

The link to the survey is:

#### https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/ecs/elc-consultation-2024

#### Trauma Survey

#### <u>Short survey on Trauma-Informed Practice as part of the National Trauma</u> <u>Transformation Programme</u>

Psychological trauma, including adverse and traumatic experiences in childhood and adulthood, is more common than we often assume. We all have a role to play in understanding and responding to people affected by psychological trauma and adversity.

Scotland has paved the way in creating a vision of a trauma-informed workforce and services. The aim is that services and care are delivered in ways that prevent further harm or re-traumatisation for those of us who have experienced psychological trauma or adversity at any stage in our lives and support people's unique recovery journey.

We would very much appreciate your support in completing this short anonymous survey which will help us understand more about current levels of understanding of psychological trauma and adversity across Scotland's workforce, the extent to which trauma-informed practice is currently embedded, and where additional support may be required. This survey follows on from a previous survey run in 2021 and will allow us to understand and assess what progress has been made since then.





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The survey will only take around 5 minutes of your time and is available using this link:

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NTTPWorkforce2024/

The closing date is Friday 22nd of March

#### 6 Roads

#### 1. <u>A91 SOUTH STREET/BRIDGEFAULD ROAD – MILNATHORT</u>

In order to permit **Scottish Water Ironwork repairs** on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the **2nd April 2024** for a period of **one day**.

The order will temporarily promote a 10mph speed restriction and temporarily suspend parking and loading on following length of carriageways;

1. The A91 South **Street, Milnathort** from its junction with Auld Mart Road (311756, 704099) to its junction with Church Street (312029, 704657), a distance of 618 metres or thereby.

2. **Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort** from its junction with A91 South Street (311850, 704331) to its junction with Whyte Place (311695, 704485), a distance of 220.75 metres or thereby.

#### 2. BACK LOAN/ WESTER LOAN/ VICTORIA AVENUE/ OLD PERTH ROAD - MILNATHORT

In order to permit BT cabling works on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the 22nd April 2024 for a period of three days. These works will be done in phases.

The order will temporarily prohibit traffic from driving, parking and loading (both sides) on Back Loan, Milnathort from its junction with Victoria Avenue (312221, 704805) to its junction with Wester Loan (312056, 704747), a distance of 180 metres or thereby.

The order will also temporarily prohibit traffic from parking and loading (both sides) of the following roads;

- 1. Wester Loan, Milnathort from its junction with the A911 New Road (312055, 704712) to its junction with the private access to the property 17 Wester Loan (312057, 704784) a distance of 70 metres or thereby.
- Victoria Avenue, Milnathort from its junction with the private access to the property 10 Victoria Avenue (312260, 704789) to its junction with the private access to the property 22 Victoria Avenue (312185, 704833), a distance of 85 metres or thereby.
- Old Perth Road, Milnathort from its junction with Victoria Avenue (312231, 704808) to its junction with the private access to the property 1B Old Perth Road (312279, 704833) a distance of 55 metres or thereby.

3. Milnathort Primary School Update – provided by Laura Watson PC Samson for visiting the school with the Speed detection equipment and PC Kirsty, meeting with pupils and showing them how to use the equipment. It is the second year of "Trout in the classroom" where the pupils have been supported by Loch Leven reserve. The trout are now at a size that they can be released to the Loch.

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I attended the "Cluster Marketplace" at the High School, this event helps to publicise partner agencies, that help support parents and carers. I was well attended and allow parents and carers to see and speak to all available agencies for support on a variety of subjects. We work well with our neighbouring primaries and the High School.

The Parent Council are recruiting, we need more members, so please get in touch with the school if you are able to spend some time to support the pupils and school.

Also in exciting news, Laura is now Mrs Zamboni, many congratulations from the Community Council on this fantastic news!

## 4. Core Paths Update

Waymarking- Waymarking Paths MTHT/131 (Hattonburn) & MTHT/133 (Pacehill). The recent foul weather has put this on hold, but we'll organise the waymarking of these and other Core Paths in the coming weeks.

We'll be planting wildflower seeds and saplings when we receive them from PKC Community Greenspace.

We've been successful in our application to the Green Living Fund to pay for safe storage of the flail and the other equipment we use. Thank you to everyone who voted for us and of course to the Fund itself.

We anticipate being active again as the growing season gets underway over the next few months.

| 5. Pla              | anning                   |  |           |
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| <b>Applications</b> |                          |  |           |
| 24/00266/FLL        | P8-<br>Kinross-<br>shire | Installation of roof mounted solar PV array at Home<br>Cottage<br>Wester Balgedie<br>Kinross<br>KY13 9HE   | 30-Mar-24 |
| 24/00177/FLL        | P8-<br>Kinross-<br>shire | Change of use of vacant land to storage site, siting of 34<br>container units and erection of a fence and gates at<br>Land 30 Metres North West Of Webster Building<br>Supplies<br>Stirling Road<br>Milnathort | 13-Mar-24 |

Decisions – Approve the application

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24/00063/FLL P8- Kinross Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse 4 Croft Wynd Approve the application -shire Milnathort Kinross KY13 9GH for Mr A And Mrs W Marshall c/o Scott Strachan Architect

## LARGE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are no updates on any of the large planning applications; Loch Leven Gateway(BCA), Aldi supermarket or any of the Windfarms.

## 6. Presentation on Kinross-shire Repair Cafe

Gosia from Repair Café gave an overview of the purpose of the café, and that it is part of the Climate Café who hold meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the library in Loch Leven Campus. In the most recent meeting, they had an Energy Advisor attend, who gave a presentation on Heat Pumps, also some Climate Café volunteers organised a litter pick in the South side of Kinross.

The Repair Café is a new venture, to help solve the huge worldwide waste problem. The Scottish Government have an ongoing initiative to reduce landfill waste by 70% by 2025. For PKC we have reduced this by 58% so far, so hopefully with the introduction of the grey bins and activities like the Repair Café we will be able to achieve that target.

Repair Café's started in the Netherlands in 2009, the first Café in Scotland was in Glasgow in 2017. There are over 3000 cafes across the world.

Kinross-shire Repair Café will run 4 events in 2023, open to anyone to attend, the first<sup>t</sup> event in Kinross Church Centre 20<sup>th</sup> Apr, the second will be in Milnathort, and the date is to be determine.

Bring along your broken items, however the café does not want to take business away from local professional repairers. The aim is to do repairs that can be done in a short time and at home, and hopefully enable to people to do this sort of repairs themselves to help prolong the life of items. At the café the volunteers will be either retired professionals or skilled volunteers. There may be demonstrations e.g. bike maintenance.

Repairs are free of charge, but any parts used will have to be paid for and the repair café is looking for donations to help with sustainability. Registration and Liability Waiver form will need to be signed on each visit and there will be a swap shop and a popup Café.

There are 12 volunteers covering textiles, jewellery, laptops, small items like chairs, electric or electronic items and basic bike repairs.



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## 7. Local Resilience plan

Father David Mills asked about whether there was any resilience plan in place to deal with communications within the community in the case of a large scale event that disrupts radio, TV and phone networks. Would it be a good idea to build a resilience network, to help with communication in times of need, mainly for those that are house bound. How do we look at the solution now when we don't need it, so that it's in place for when we do need it. Looking after the community, so that I'm ok, if my neighbour is ok.

The CC does not have anything in place to deal with this and the present PKCllrs were aware that PKC has a lot of resilience plans in place to cover lots of different scenarios but were not aware of any to cover this situation.

Kevin raised that the emergency services already have a lot of resilience plans in place possibility to cover this and anything that the CC might want to do, would have to be aligned to those plans and ensure it added to the plan and not conflicted.

PKCllr Watters raised that PKC are looking at how to coordinate the local resilience plans too and may be in touch to understand what is in place at a local level.

As a first step into looking at whether this is a gap for the community, Allan will reach out to all other Kinross-shire CC's to understand what plans they might already have in place that we can learn from.

### 8. Speedwatch

Now we have the Speed Detection Equipment, we are trying to schedule a training session soon with Police Scotland.

We are still looking for volunteers, please get in touch via: <a href="mailto:speedwatch.ks@gmail.com">speedwatch.ks@gmail.com</a>

9. Comments and questions from the floor None



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#### PKCllr Cuthbert –

Budget time at the council, hardest decisions that he has ever known due to PKC having to make savings of £13.5 million each year. 56% of PKC budget is ringfenced and cannot be touched i.e. education. However, the council and administration have got it right, there will be a tough couple of months, and we will start to see the changes soon as they start to get implemented e.g. Brown bins will go up from next year, however there will be no increase in the council tax. The Scottish Government are allocating more funds to PKC to offset the Council tax freeze.

#### PKCllr Watters -

PKC officers have assessed the electricity usage based on heating during some of the coldest days early in the year by comparing the new riverside primary school built to passivhaus standards in Perth to the Kinross primary school as they are similar in size and Kinross is a more modern build so is comparable for heating usage.

The Kinross Primary used 21kw of energy whereas the Riverside primary used 6kW of energy on the same day and same duration. This is a great example of how spending more on these designs will save more money in the long term as they are more efficient and reduce heat loss.

The Active paths group have created their master plan on improvements and will be starting their community engagement, likely to be in the form off 5 online meetings for different groups and communities across Kinross-shire.

### 11. Any other matters.

#### New Community Council Full Member

Kevin Heneghan has been co-opted as a full member of the community council. Welcome aboard Kevin!

#### Better Place to Live

The Kinross Better Place to Live Fair will take place on Saturday 23rd March 2024, we will have a stall with information on the Core Paths and Speedwatch, please come and say hi if you are visiting the fair, which takes place every 2 years.

#### Memorial gardens

MOCC and Soho Green have purchased some replacement tress for the Memorial Garden, due to the bad weather, a few of the trees were blown over and removed.



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There will be a tree planting event on Tues 26th at 10am with 4 pupils from Milnathort Primary School as well as some pupils from the High School, along with CC's and PKCIIrs.

## Casino night

At the Town Hall on 27th April, this will be a James Bond themed evening, tickets are £15 each, email for details on how to purchase.

Unlike the successful Race Night from last year, this is planned as a social night and not as a fundraising event.

Meeting ended at 8.54 pm

12. Date of next meeting (second Thursday of each month)

11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall





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