



# MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes for Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

### 1 Welcome and apologies

Meeting started at 7.35pm

Neill Bingham (Chair), Phil Britton (Treasurer), Audrey Wanless, Kevin Heneghan, Allan Macrae (Secretary)

PKCllr Robertson, PKCllr Dave Cuthbert, PKCllr Richard Watters, PKCllr Neil Freshwater, Laura Watson(MPS)

### Apologies

Malcolm Thomson (Vice-chair), PC Ben Samson

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 December minutes

Proposed – Audrey

Seconded - Neill

### 3 Police matters

#### Officer comments

From 14th December 2023 (last meeting) there have been 52 calls to Police from the Milnathort area and 8 crimes recorded on Police systems.

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

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
22/12/2023	Carrying a knife and possession of drugs (Perth Road, Milnathort)	1 x arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal
19/01/2024	Theft by housebreaking (Loch Leven Larder) MO - Smash window & steal items within	Subject to live investigation
28/01/2024	Attempted murder (New Road, Milnathort) MO – Repeatedly stab victim with bladed article	1 x arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

In relation to the attempted murder, this was an isolated matter with the person responsible being arrested shortly after the incident occurred. There is / was no wider threat.



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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.

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.

Traffic officers have been carrying out speeding checks on the M90 at Junctions 6 (Kinross) and 7 (Milnathort) whereby they have issued tickets for speeding.

### 4 Actions from previous meeting

Gate/bridge/fence gate to Fleming Court – The gate procurement is in progress, and the foundations for the new bridge are currently being built.

Broken dog bin at Tillywally Woods – No update.

Burleigh Wall – Estimate to rebuild the wall is £5359

### 5 Correspondences

#### Kinross Better Place to Live Fair 2024

The Kinross Better Place to Live Fair will take place on Saturday 23rd March 2024, 10am-3pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Please see the attached booking form and terms & conditions. Please return this form as soon as possible, closing date 23rd February, to: Email: [Pauline@thegreyhouse.co.uk](mailto:Pauline@thegreyhouse.co.uk) or post to: The Grey House, 70 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY. Thank you to those of you that already have.

#### Scottish Rainforest Impacts

My name is Douglas and I'm completing a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Management. As part of my honours project, I'm investigating how our understanding and perception of the Scottish rainforest impacts the conservation of this special habitat. As such I'm reaching out to people from every region of Scotland and asking them to complete a short survey linked below. The survey is completely anonymous, and I'd greatly appreciate if you took the time to contribute to my research.

Many thanks,  
Douglas

[https://sruc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/public\\_survey](https://sruc.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/public_survey)

Green Living Fund



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Voting goes live 12 Feb 24 till 1 March 24. All residents will have the ability to vote on what the budget can be spent on. The MOCC Core Paths group have submit a request to help fund the storage for our equipment. Receiving these funds will help the volunteers to continue clearing the core paths and ensuring they are passable and maintained for our everyday use.

## 6 Roads

### 1. C413 TILLYWHALLY - MILNATHORT

In order to permit **BT Works** on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from the **8<sup>th</sup> April 2024** for a period of **one day**.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on the **C413 Milnathort** from its junction with the U232 (311454, 705294) to its junction with the C499 (312157, 705377), a distance of 750 metres or thereby.

Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

Alternative route for vehicles is via –

**C499 NORTH STREET - A91 STIRLING ROAD - U214 - C413**

### 2. A91/ U234/ U220 BURNBRAE - MILNATHORT

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 the **18<sup>th</sup> March 2024** for a period of **twelve days**.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking, loading and temporarily promote a 30mph speed restriction on (both sides) of the following roads;

1. **A91 Burnbae, Milnathort** from its junction with Kellieside Park (308178, 703515) to a point 560 metres East on the A91 (308714, 703680) a distance of 560 metres or thereby.
2. **U234 Mawhill** from its junction with the A91 (308656, 703657) to a point 20 metres south on the U234 (308662, 703637), a distance of 20 metres or thereby.
3. **U220 Mawhill** from its junction with the A91 (308654, 703665) to a point 20 metres north on the U220 (308648, 703684), a distance of 20 metres or thereby.

Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.



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The alternative route for vehicles is via –

1. **A91 - A823 - A977 - A922 - A91**
2. **LOCAL DIVERSION IN PLACE**
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### 3. ROAD REPORT 05/FEB/2024

WEEKLY	Week Commencing 05-February-2024	Perth & Kinross Council      The Environment Service Traffic & Network Weekly Programme of Proposed Road Works			
		Restriction	Date		Work Description
Route No	Location		From	To	
A91	Stirling Road, Opp No 17, Milnathort	Lane Restrictions Controlled By 2 Way Temp Traffic Signals	10-Feb-24	14-Feb-24	Install BT Duct
A911	Burleigh Road, No 14, Milnathort	Lane Restrictions Controlled By Give/Take	10-Feb-24	14-Feb-24	Clear Duct Blockages

### 7 Virgin Media / Diona Roadworks

A couple of weeks ago, Diona were working in Croft Wynd – short or no notice of works given to the residents, they started work early in the morning, and blocked peoples drives.

The attitude of those working was not nice towards the residents, they reluctantly stopped work to allow residents out of their driveway to go to work etc. They have left a zig zag of new patched tar on the pavement and the quality does not appear to be of the same quality as is currently there. They also came back on Sunday morning to finish off what they were not able to do earlier in the week as they were moving to a new site, Springfield Road on the Monday.

Last weekend the Stirling Road area had its broadband service cut for 3 days due to Diona snagging the Openreach cable and pulling it out of its connection. Originally the Openreach engineers suspected it was one fault that would be corrected by the end of the day. However, it was not fixed until the end of the third day as it appeared that Diona had caused 4 faults on the Openreach cables.



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When the Diona workmen were approached, they were rude, very confrontational and tried to blame Openreach for having a cable in the way.

PKCllr Watters, asked for all issues with Diona to be sent to him as there was a meeting with Virgin and Diona planned at the council for Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Jan.

The Diona workmen indicated that they will be back on South Street and the new houses in Curlers Way.

#### 8 Milnathort Primary School Update – provided by Laura Watson

The pupils are continuing to support the road safety campaign and currently have a cardboard cut out police officer, PC Kirsty that they will be putting out into the community and monitoring the impact.

The school have started a Wellbeing Wednesday to help promote physical and mental wellbeing, and the sports committee are looking at other extra curricular sports. The P6's have started their skiing and the P7's visited the curling rink at Perth. They are also exploring the sport of Bocca, which is an accessible version of bowls.

The school had a visit from the PKC countryside trust, they are advising on what trees to plant around the school and helping with the outdoor curriculum.

#### 9 Core Paths Update

In the process of ordering stone to infill the hollows on the Core Paths.

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Waymarking- Waymarking Paths MTHT/131 (Hattonburn); MTHT/133 (Pacehill). We'll liaise with the landowner and then organise a weekend task to waymark both paths.

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Core Path- MTHT/127 Standing Stones. This Core Path has been ploughed over and effectively obliterated. A Core Path in Scotland is a designated route established by local authorities under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. Core Paths have an extra level of legal protection, as authorities have powers to keep these paths free from obstruction, even if landowners refuse to act. Dave Stubbs at PKC reports the case is still open, and officers have written to the landowner on several occasions regarding the obstruction to the Core Path but had no response. PKC will continue to pursue.

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Potential projects:

Core Path running from footbridge beside golf course to Burleigh Road. There's a need to remove rocks and level out to allow flail to cut path.

Surfacing of boggy section of Path running west from Crow Wood. These are big



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undertakings and would need a contractor to do the work. We'll look at packaging both jobs together into one quote/funding application. The CECF (Community Environment Challenge Fund) may fund up to £10k but would require match funding.

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The Core Path at Stirling Road was flailed on 18th December, the first step in re-establishing the Core Path

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Quote for the re-build of the wall east of Burleigh Castle has been received and is being considered.

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PKC Community Greenspace have been given some money for groups who wish to improve biodiversity in their local area. We're applying for wildflower seed and a 10-sapling tree pack.

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Credit to PKC for cleaning up fly-tipped materials at Arlary Core Path.

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We've applied to the Green Living Fund to pay for safe storage of the flail and the other equipment we use. We're through the first round, but our project is one of many that the public vote for, so there's an element of competition - if we don't get enough votes, we don't get the funding. We'd be so grateful if you could vote for Milnathort Core Paths Group. It's very easy, you don't have to register, you can just sign in with your Google or Facebook account or your Mygovscot account. Here's the link to the voting page:

<https://pkc.communitychoices.scot/budgets/2>

Milnathort Core Paths Group are under "Kinross-Shire". If you felt able to encourage friends and family to do the same, that would be tremendous.

## 10 Planning

### Applications

24/00063/FLL	P8-Kinross-shire	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at 4 Croft Wynd Milnathort Kinross KY13 9GH	17-Feb-24
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for Mr A And Mrs W Marshall c/o Scott Strachan Architect

### Decisions – Approve the application

23/01936/FLL	P8-Kinross-shire	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse 16 Mayfield Gardens Milnathort Kinross KY13 9GD for Mrs Elizabeth Jones c/o Claymore Timber Frame Ltd Gordon Morton Pine Lodge Cupar Road Ladybank	App
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23/01938/FLL	P8-Kinross-shire	Change of use of dentist surgery (class 1A) to short-term let accommodation unit 18 South Street Milnathort Kinross KY13 9XA for Mr Ian Mackay c/o McLaren Murdoch And Hamilton Kathleen Ralston 2 Dundee Road Perth PH2 7DW	

### 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.

#### 11 Speedwatch

The “speed gun” has been purchased and received, we will be scheduling training soon with Police Scotland.

We will also be running a logo competition inviting all the local primary schools to enter.

When set up we will be going out in groups of 3, typically in areas we do not reside in. Details of any vehicle that is over the speed limit by a predefined value provided by Police Scotland will be noted, with car details and registration. Police Scotland will then use this information to contact the owner to let them know they were observed travelling over the speed limit.

We are still looking for volunteers, please get in touch via:  
[speedwatch.ks@gmail.com](mailto:speedwatch.ks@gmail.com)

#### 12 Presentation on new Kinross Pharmacy

A new pharmacy is proposed for the south of Kinross on the High Street, it is hoped that it will help take some of the burden from the Milnathort pharmacy where customers are travelling from Kinross, due to there being only one pharmacy in Kinross.

They are hoping to provide not just the Pharmacy First but also Pharmacy First+ service. The owners are existing pharmacists in Kinglassie and Falkland and see that the Kinross-shire area needs another pharmacy to help the customers and the existing pharmacies which seem under pressure from the size of the area and the recent new builds.



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There is a process that needs to be followed before a new pharmacy can be opened, which involves a consultation with the public to understand the need, then a hearing with the health board on the outcome of the consultation, before the health board will give a decision on whether the pharmacy is granted. From the start of the consultation to the granting of the pharmacy to pharmacy open is expected to take at least 6 months.

#### 13 Bin Frequency collection – new grey recycle bin

The frequency of collection of the grey bin is not enough, people's bins are filling up very quickly, where these bins are only collected once a month however the green bin which is now not so full is still collected twice a month. This isn't the case for everyone, but can something be done to change the schedule.

PKCllr Watters responded that the council will take a couple of months to review the data on the collections and will make a decision then as to whether any changes are needed, they do not want a knee jerk reaction that might require changing again at a later date.

#### 14 Comments and questions from the floor

It was asked what would be happening about the core path around the field behind Carrs Billington and specifically the option of changing the path so that it exits at Mill Lade. This is hopefully to be an alternate path for school kids back and forth from the new housing estate at Curlers Crescent to the primary and High school. The existing Core Path requires a crossing over the Fochy Burn, and exits at the field entrance just at the Motorway slip road. – Kevin responded that the landowner and farmer have a proposal which they planned to review late last year but this was cancelled due to the weather, so he will reach out to the landowner to understand what their plans are.

#### 15 Councillors' reports

PKCllr Cuthbert –

Kinross shire committee will be held next Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb some of the topics to be discussed are; road safety, Jackie Pepper will present on Care packages in Kinross.

PKCllr Watters –

If you are lying in bed on bin day and get a whiff of a fish and chip van smell, unfortunately this is likely to come from the bin lorries as PKC expand their de-carbonisation of their vehicle fleet for larger vehicles. These large vehicles like bin lorries will change from diesel to vegetable oil, with the hope of moving to hydrogen in the hydrogen.

The report for the strategic path network for the whole of PKC originally missed out Kinross-shire was previously missed out. The Kinross-shire Committee funds were earmarked to help identify areas of improvement across Kinross-shire to catch up with this omission, which will provide recommendations to produce a



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Kinross-shire wide path network plan that will also join together with the Fife network. Tactran have now offered to pay for this so that it will now not use KC funds.

#### PKCllr Robertson –

We are hoping that as part of the 2024 road improvement activities the most dangerous crossing in Milnathort, the zebra crossing at South Street will be earmarked for replacing with a Pelican crossing.

The budget will be difficult everything is up for review including grass cutting reduction, gritting on roads, and street cleaning

I recently wrote to Nature Scot, when I was younger I would regularly see water voles on the North Queich, however they have no record of them being on either the North or South Queich's.

Water Voles are a barometer species.

#### PKCllr Freshwater –

Road safety, there is a list of 120 projects in Kinross-shire with a review of what is being actioned and what is not being done in 2024, specifically the crossing on South Street.

### 16 Any other matters.

Christmas lights - Thanks to all those that helped to put up and take down the Christmas tree and lights around the village, we hope to grow the number of lights each year.

Kinross-shire Committee – this will be next week, and Neill asked for the topic of Cemetery Provision to be brought up, however the person who would be speaking to this subject is currently out sick.

Sustainability Group – A draft MoU has been created and shared with the other Community Councils for review and comment.

Memorial Garden trees – replacements have been sourced for the trees blown down in the memorial garden. Some MPS and High School pupils, along with the ward councillors and the Provost will be invited to help with the planting of the new trees some time in the near future.

Meeting ended at 9.27 pm

### 17 Date of next meeting(second Thursday of each month)

14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall



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