



MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes for Thursday, 8th Aug, 2024

1 Welcome and apologies

The meeting started at 7.31 pm

Neill Bingham (chair), Audrey Wanless, Kevin Heneghan, Allan Macrae (Secretary), PKCllr Richard Watters, PKCllr Robertson

Apologies

PC Ben Samson, PKCllr Neil Freshwater, PKCllr Dave Cuthbert

Audience – 6

Key:

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

2 Minutes and matters arising from last meeting

No matters arising from the June minutes

Proposed – Audrey

Seconded - Kevin

An audience member asked where residents can find the minutes of our previous meetings, and Neill responded that they are published in the Kinross Newsletter, posted on a number of the local noticeboards, shared with PKC for review and publication. The minutes would normally be published on the MOCC webpage but there have been some issues with this, and work is ongoing to resolve. The community council will also look at publishing on our Facebook page too.

3 Police matters

Officer comments

From 11th July 2024 (last report) there have been approximately 22 calls to Police from the Milnathort area and 6 crimes recorded on Police systems.

Crimes of note (since last report 11/07/2024)

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
13/07/2024	Drink driving and no MOT (Viewfar Road, Milnathort)	1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal



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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.

Local officers from Kinross have been carrying out speed checks across Kinross-shire and notably in Milnathort. A number of drivers were stopped and spoken to with several tickets being issued for speeding. Six reports have been sent 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.

PKCllr Watters will raise with PKC to understand the current status and commented that Persimmon are adding new paths that were additional to the original plan.

5 Correspondences

Community Investment Fund 24/25 - Now Open

We are delighted to announce that this year's Community Investment Fund is now open for applications. In 2024/25, over £365,000 has been allocated between the 12 Perth and Kinross Wards to support projects that tackle local issues and improve quality of life for communities across the area.

If you have a project idea for your community, we encourage you to read more about the [PKC Corporate Plan](#). Your application should demonstrate how your proposal will contribute towards these priorities.

Local Information sessions with the Community Learning and Development Worker Tracey Ramsay:

If you would like to discuss the fund further or any project ideas for CIF, please pop into any of the information sessions below held in Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY12 KY13 8FQ:

- Wednesday 14th Aug , 6-7 pm
- Wednesday 21 Aug , 6-7 pm

Alternatively - if you wish to discuss your project application before you submit your application , you can contact me on tramsay@pkc.gov.uk or call 07769243310.



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To apply to the Community Investment Fund, please complete the [online application form](#) through MyPKC. For any queries regarding the application process, contact the Community Investment Fund team on CIF@pkc.gov.uk. A copy of the guidance note is attached.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)

The Distribution Network Operator for central southern England and the north of Scotland, is now welcoming applications to its new Powering Communities to Net Zero fund.

The fund is split into two categories; community-led physical and environmental resilience, and Low Carbon Technology (LCTs).

The new community-led physical and environmental resilience grants.

- *Half of the £3m funding will be available over the next four years to enable communities to apply for grants that will bolster physical and environmental resilience measures. Further details of the criteria are found in the fund guidance and in the application form. Grants of up to £15,000 will be awarded to successful applicants in this category.*

The new low-carbon technology grants.

- *The other half of the funding being made available over the next four years will also be available for non-profit organisations to apply for grants to go towards the purchase of new Low-Carbon Technology. For example, a successful grant application could result in a social housing scheme or community centre being awarded funding to contribute to the cost of EV chargers, solar panels, battery storage or backup, low carbon heating systems, smart heating controls, or other general energy efficiency measures. Grants of up to £20,000 will be awarded to successful applicants in this category.*
- *Note: SSEN is aware there are often lengthy lead times associated with community project preparations, as well as getting approval to connect some low carbon technologies. In light of this, SSEN is advising applicants to consider projects that have already been approved to apply in the current round, as the timescales for awarding and spending funds may be more likely to align. Those who are uncertain of their timescales can contact colin.mcmillan@sse.com to discuss this in more detail.*

*The deadline for applications to both categories is **5pm on Saturday 31st August 2024**, and applicants are asked to consider the criteria in the fund guidelines. The application documents can be downloaded on our website www.ssen.co.uk/pcnz. This gives full details of what can be supported by the fund as well as guidance on which projects will be prioritised.*



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Scottish Water

Scottish Water is trusted to care for the water on which Scotland depends and is proud of the service we provide.

The water and wastewater services we deliver are vital to the daily lives of 2.61 million households and more than 150,000 business premises and support a flourishing Scotland.

Our focus is on delivering an excellent service, providing great value for money, and reducing our effect on the environment, going beyond net zero emissions.

Continual innovation means we can evolve and adapt our work on Scotland's behalf, and as a key stakeholder and representative on behalf of your community, we would value your feedback. Please can you spare a few minutes to take part in our short online survey? It's confidential - unless you would like to hear from one of our team on a specific topic.

<https://survey.websurveycreator.com/s/swscem24>

6 Roads

Back Loan Parking and Access

A number of residents, attending the meeting, raised their concerns regarding lorries that are too large for the narrow thoroughfare are travelling down Back Loan, and ignoring the current road signs. This has caused damage to parked cars and poses a threat to residential buildings and residents themselves. It was also raised that some drivers are speeding down Back Loan in excess of the current 30mph speed limit, which residents consider to be too high. It was asked whether the road could it be re-classed as 20mph as it is not safe for locals and their kids.

PKCllr Robertson will arrange a site visit with Daryl McKeown from PKC to determine what options they have, he will invite MOCC and local residents to be part of the visit and subsequent discussion.

7. Milnathort Primary School

No update – a new Head Teacher will be starting as Laura Zamboni will be moving to Australia.

The MOCC wish to thank her for all her support and wish her and her husband the best of luck in their new venture.

8. Core Paths Update

Milnathort Core Paths Group have been busy over the past weeks, weekends and evenings. We've now flailed the Core Paths at:

Hattonburn,
Burleigh Castle,



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Paths through the woodlands at Burleigh,
 Paths from Crow Wood to Arlary,
 Arlary to the A911,
 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 track and the start of the Core Path leading to Burleigh Castle.

We've also cut back branches that were dangerously overhanging the Paths. We used our own flail, that was funded by the Community Investment Fund last year.

There will be two or three more cuts this year.

We finished infilling most of the depressions on the Core Path from Auld Mart up to The Stackyard.

For this work we used a total of 7.2 tonnes of infill. Type 1 stone (between 2 and 4 inches in size) was laid down first and then a layer of whin dust (looks like grit) was laid on top. This was then compressed using a whacker plate, a vibrating petrol-driven panel that compacted the aggregate. Rain and footfall will bed this in over time.

Huge thanks to Graham Paton for the use of his JCB, Milnathort Core Path Group volunteers and Alistair MacLeod and Chris Martin, (PKC Greenspace Rangers) for their help with this.

9. Planning Applications

24/01085/FLL	P8-Kinross-shire	Erection of a dwellinghouse at Land 20 Metres South East Of Mayburn Steading Path Of Condie Perth PH2 9DW for Mr Grant Millar	24-Aug-24
24/00934/FLL	P8-Kinross-shire	Installation of a ground mounted solar PV array and associated works at Lethangie Waste Water Treatment Works Milnathort for Scottish Water	10-Aug-24

Decisions

23/01341/FLM	P8-Kinross-shire	Mixed use development comprising golf driving range (class 11) with café (class 3), retail unit (class 1A), formation of vehicular access and parking, landscaping and associated works Land 240 Metres North East Of Lethangie Waste Water Treatment Works Kinross for Burleigh Golf Ltd	Approve the application
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24/00842/FLL	P8- Kinross- shire	S42 application to vary condition 4A (drainage infrastructure) of 22/01141/FLL Land 50 Metres East Of Upper Warroch Cottage Milnathort for The Church Commissioners Of England	Approve the application
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LARGE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Golf Range at Burleigh

Kevin expressed his disappointment at the approval of this development, challenging the democratic process and made a statement on some of the supporting information and on some of the objects that appear to have been ignored.

PKCllr Watters refuted a number of these as a member of the planning committee he was in attendance for the application review.

Windfarms

The Craighead windfarm development planning application has not yet been submitted, there was no further discussion, questions or concerns by anyone in attendance.

Brunthill Farm consultation

A member of the public challenged that this windfarm development had not been discussed or was not mentioned in previous meeting minutes and that MOCC should have held more discussion and a consultation meetings on the development.

Neill responded that the Community Council have a standing agenda item related to Large Planning Applications, with all open planning or proposed planning applications raised for discussion at each meeting, with PKC Cllrs able to update on the status of any developments where possible. The windfarms have been discussed at various MOCC meetings, making reference toto consultations, a public meeting, planned visits to Community Council meetings across Kinross-shire including MOCC. The previous minutes detailed the Energy Consent Unit (ECU) application for the Brunt Hill Windfarm.. NB confirmed that information is shared on the MOCC Facebook page and committed to ensure this is done in a more timely manner in future, he reiterated that the website issues need resolved.

PKCllr Robertson also added that it is not the responsibility of the Community Councils to hold consultations on planning applications, that is the responsibility of the developers and in this instance the developers presented to the MOCC on two separate occasions and held a day long consultation event in the Town Hall.

ECU submission not to PKC due to the size

CC on some of the emails

Acknowledged that some mitigations were required, and



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Sustainability group – Neil also clarified that the Sustainability Group, has been set up with participation from all Community Councils across Kinross-shire, and although triggered by the initial Windfarm consultations it is completely separate to the developers. The aim of the Sustainability Group is to manage any community benefit funds that become available from now and into the future. It has nothing to do with any of the planning applications. Noting a number of the Community Councils involved with the Sustainability Group have objected to the Brunt Hill application.

10. Speedwatch

Nothing to report

11. Comments and questions from the floor

Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3)

A member of the audience queried an article in the newsletter about local input into the LDP. PKC will soon publish a consultation for local residents to comment on LDP3, this is an opportunity for residents to input into the future use and needs for the local area. The LDP details what areas of land are to be designated as retail, farmland etc.

12. Councillors' reports

PKCllr Robertson

Complaints were received about the path that runs between White Place and the Primary School – PKC will cut back the hedges and have already cleared the rubbish.

No Southern M90 slip road and alternate routes. The current 4 way traffic lights in Kinross clearly shows the impact of not having alternate routes and our reliance on the existing road network and the delays to journey times when we have road works.

PKCllr Watters added that the weakness of the road network has become more stressed more due to the recent housing developments. The review of LDP3 is important to ensure we have all services and infrastructure to support these new developments.

PKCllr Watters

Grow Wild, the PKC initiative will mean less grass will be cut. This is partially related to budget availability but also related to environmental factors.

PKC also grow their own trees and plants, and wildflower seeds. These can be requested for planting in local areas that would benefit. Across the UK 97 % of meadows have been lost.



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Within the most recent boundary maps all of Auld Mart Wynd and part of Auld Mart Lane have incorrectly been included within the Kinross Community Council area rather than MOCC. Cllr Watters has raised this with PKC and steps will be taken to rectify this error.

Neill will raise with Kinross CC to get their agreement that this should be corrected.

13. Any other matters.

Christmas lights – The MOCC raised some funds last year to purchase several sets of battery operated lights and put them up across the village. This was a great start and we received a lot of fantastic positive feedback. We will be contacting local businesses and applying to various funding streams to the newsletter fund to help purchase more to cover more of the village this year.

Meeting ended at 8.55 pm

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

12th Sept 2024, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall



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