

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

MINUTES of 7 Feb 2017 meeting

Present

Cllr Jean Davis, Cllr Margaret Davidson, Cllr Helen Carmichael, Karen Young, Alistair MacNeil, Fred Geddes, Emma Knox, Ian Weir, Cameron Kemp, Judith Rumbold and Chris Heaton-Armstrong.

In attendance

Fergus Weir, Calum Weir

Apologies

None

	Actions
1. Minutes of the meeting of 20 December 2016	
Approved.	
2. Matters arising	
None.	
3. Police Report	
No police report was received for this CC meeting.	
An incident was brought to the attention of the CC where a stick was brandished at a resident. Margaret Davidson indicated that she was aware of this and that she would ask the police to contact the resident.	MD
The CC is aware of a number of incidents involving theft from & theft of cars in the area. The police have issued warnings via local press and social media, urging to residents to be vigilant. We are advised the perpetrator(s) have been charged and the stolen car(s) returned.	
4. SSE Beaully to Kintore upgrade	
The proposed work by SSE to upgrade the Beaully to Kintore power lines has been postponed meantime. The CC welcomes this news but is aware that this is subject to annual review and will keep an eye on developments.	CK
5. Wardlaw Drainage	
The work to improve drainage from Wardlaw Road is underway. Concern was expressed by members of the CC and by local residents that what is being put in place might only move the flooding problems from one place to another. In particular, the CC received a message from Bob Pettitt about potential flooding near the Cattery.	
Margaret Davidson will ask the Flood Team to contact Bob Pettitt direct and she will liaise with Ian Weir to progress emerging issues with the Flood Team.	MD & IW
6. CC Website, Newsletter and Feedback	
Members' attention was drawn to the general website and newsletter for all Community Councils provided by Highland Council. As users of this service, our feedback is sought. Links have been circulated by email and the CC will provide feedback direct or via the CC Secretary, Emma.	All & EK



7. Abriachan Broadband Project

Erik Lundberg's update on the Abriachan Broadband Project has been circulated to the CC by email. Information has been posted on the K&BCC FB Page. Margaret Davidson provided a brief update at the meeting.

The community broadband scheme for ward 13 is currently with the Scottish Government pending consideration of procurement and other matters.

Fergus Weir attended to advise the CC about the availability of superfast broadband via an aerial which he has installed near Tore as a private venture.

It has the capacity to serve thousands of homes in the Kirkhill & Bunchrew area (in line of sight of the aerial) and achieves 30-50mb/sec upload and download speeds. Anyone who wants further information about this can contact Fergus direct.

8. Planning Issues

a. Nothing arising from the weekly planning updates circulated to the CC by email.

b. Calum Young attended to ask the CC to support his planning application for a 1½ storey dwelling near his parents' house. He and Karen provided information about the site, including copies of the SAC report, and the reasons why it is important for Calum to live near his parents and livestock. Having considered the arguments presented, the CC agreed to support the planning application.

As Chair, Cameron will submit a supporting letter on behalf of the CC.

CK

9. Inverness City Development Brief Consultation

Information about the ongoing consultation on the Inverness City Development has been circulated to the CC by email and posted on the K&BCC FB page. CCs and residents are encouraged to contribute to the consultation.

10. Minutes Secretary – Lindsey Stout

Expressions of interest in the position of Minutes Secretary were invited via social media and notices at Kirkhill Community Centre and around Kirkhill and Bunchrew. Lindsey Stout got in touch, detailing relevant skills and experience. The CC agreed to accept her application and offer her the role at £20 per meeting plus printing-related expenses (paper and printer ink).

Emma will advise Lindsey and provide her with the necessary templates and contact info etc.

EK

11. Facebook page

Emma has set up a K&BCC Facebook page. It has already attracted 160 members and has a post reach of 450. This provides another way to keep the community advised about our activity and seek views/feedback etc.

Emma reassured the CC members that nothing will go on the Facebook page that has not already been circulated to the CC by email.



<p>12. Dropbox Emma has set up a Dropbox folder for CC documentation. This means that CC members (who are able to access Dropbox) can access any CC document direct without having to request it from the Secretary. Again, this is an add-on facility for convenience and is not intended to replace traditional methods of information sharing. Nothing will go on Dropbox before it has been circulated to all by email.</p> <p>13. Dates of Future Meetings The meetings have been provisionally scheduled for the rest of the year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Feb • 21 March • 2 May • 13 June • 25 July • 5 Sept • 17 Oct • 28 Nov • 9 Jan 18 <p>These dates have been notified to the Old North Inn and to Lindsey Stout.</p>	
<p>14. A.O.B.</p> <p>a. Ian raised the issue of the lack of drop off points in Inverness City centre, citing the detrimental effect on business. Margaret Davidson indicated that there will be 15 minutes' leeway for Council-run short term parking.</p> <p>b. Karen expressed concern about the lack of available parking at Raigmore. There are reports of people parking there and then taking a bus into town (in effect using it as a park and ride). It was acknowledged that parking should remain free for patients, visitors and staff. It was suggested that parking tokens could be provided in Raigmore for those using the hospital.</p> <p>Emma will write to the Chairman of the Board on behalf of the CC.</p> <p>c. Chris expressed concern about the smell coming from the water in the ditch by the roadside near the entrance to MacMillan's yard.</p> <p>Emma will write to the Council and make enquiries. (The contact is John.Taylor@Highland.gov.uk)</p> <p>d. Cameron has received a complaint from Mary Andrews about shooting in fields near her house. The CC has brought this to the attention of the land owner.</p>	<p>EK</p> <p>EK</p>

The next meeting is on Tuesday 21 March at 7:30pm in the Old North Inn

