

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, 7:30pm, Tuesday 17th January 2023

Community Councillors Present:

Fred Geddes, Cameron Kemp, Alison Mackintosh, Ally MacNeil, Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout, Karen Young.

In attendance:

Hugh Ashburner, Kay Horne for A.C.T., Councillor Emma Knox, Donna McHardy, Michael McHardy, Sheena Mackintosh, Kaerin Taylor.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre in the Williamson Room.

1. Apologies	<u>Actions</u>
<p>Apologies were received from Councillors Chris Balance, Helen Crawford and David Fraser.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Last Meeting; Minutes of Meeting of 15th November 2022</p> <p>The draft minute of the last meeting was circulated at the meeting. The minute was proposed to be accepted as correct by Judith Rumbold, seconded by Alison Mackintosh.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting of 15th November 2022</p> <p>Bus services to the area – Stagecoach and D&E 307 service</p> <p>Stagecoach No. 28 service</p> <p>Sheena Mackintosh and Kaerin Taylor attended the meeting following an appeal held on our Facebook page for community feedback about bus services post-Christmas, with changes to services in the Aird area following our public meeting in October coming into force.</p> <p>Their opinion was that the Number 28 service has improved, with more buses laid on and a quicker, direct service to Dingwall which does not divert via Hughton. Some buses stop at Tomnahurich Street in Inverness beside the Tesco Express, helpful for pensioners with heavy food shopping and some do not, and there is nothing on the timetable to say which buses stop at Tomnahurich Street, so pensioners do not know when to walk to Farraline Park bus station and when to wait at the Tomnahurich Street stop. Issues with lack of physical timetables were brought up at our October public meeting. Councillor Knox said that it is an</p>	

issue of Stagecoach getting the timetable accurate so that people know which bus stops at Tomnahurich Street.

D&E 307 service via Kiltarlity

Councillor Knox said that a contract is for set routes. Some are subsidised fully. When D&E took on the route the company replaced the Stagecoach service like for like. The add-ons following Christmas are an early bus and a late bus. Sunday services are not covered. Councillors Fraser and Knox found £50,000 from the Community Development Fund to pay D&E for the missing services in Kiltarlity, covering the early and late buses. This is temporary until extended in-house services (Council-run) are provided or more funding is allocated. Lovat Shinty Club have agreed to forego the £50,000 they were due in order to improve local bus services. Councillor Knox said that thanks are due to Lovat Shinty Club and the Council Officers, who have worked very hard on this issue.

Councillor Knox also said that any time a member of the community has noticed that the bus company has not provided a timetabled service, they should email Councillors Knox or Fraser, who are keeping a note of incidents.

Millennium Garden repairs to boardwalk

Kay Horne is to ask Erik Lundberg about this and find out when repairs will be carried out.

K.H.

Noticeboard

Lindsey Stout emailed photos of the noticeboard in Beauly on the back of a bus shelter – this was a sign. Lindsey said that she did not think this was suitable for a village noticeboard. She is to look into costs to erect a noticeboard in the village.

L.S.

Road Speeds in Kirkhill

Councillor Knox said that over time there will be 20mph limits in all villages in the area. The timescale of this policy is within this Council term; within the next two years. Councillor Knox said that Beauly is in the first phase; Kirkhill is earmarked for the next phase and, in time, Community Councils and other local community organisations will be contacted in each area.

Mr Hugh Ashburner commented that within Mansefield Park the Residents’ Association had conducted a survey of the residents of all the houses from Mansefield Park to Conan Bank Farm and Wester Lovat. . On the road to Dunballoch through the Long Wood (the back road to Beauly from Kirkhill) the cars don’t slow down for walkers. Sheena Mackintosh agreed from her own experience and said that there is no pavement here.

Mr Ashburner asked, how far will this new speed limit of 20mph in Kirkhill extend? Councillor

<p>Knox replied that the 20mph limit is likely to remain within the current 30mph limit. Mr Ashburner asked if the Council could take on the feedback from the residents in this area. Mr Ashburner is to send the Residents' Association survey to Councillor Knox.</p>	<p>H.A.</p>
<p>4. Planning Issues</p> <p>22/06225/PIP Land 60M SE Of Scurr A Mhuilinn, Lentrán, Inverness</p> <p>The McHardys attended the Community Council meeting to outline their planning application to build a house for a retirement home on a plot next to their current house in Lentrán. The Community Council members came to an agreement that if it agrees with planning policy, we have no objection, having not received any objections from neighbours at this time.</p> <p>CTCH-J3446-004 Blackpark</p> <p>The Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council was notified but is not a Statutory Consultee on this small storage shed with extensive facilities, featuring a large turning circle more suitable for a much larger build. This is the same piece of ground as previous applications, one withdrawn and one turned down. Karen Young said that the planning application will not be neighbour-notified if it is an agricultural shed. The planning application was submitted by Prestige Properties, a building company.</p> <p>Planning Application 22/02136/FUL Land 60m NE of Shiloh, Millifiach, Cabrich, Kirkhill</p> <p>September 2022's minutes apply. This planning application was granted under delegate powers by the Planning Officers, with no legal mechanism by which it could go to the Planning Committee to be discussed by the Councillors (Councillor Knox explained that the Councillors are only asked if the planners recommend refusal but the recommendation was to grant).</p> <p>Fred Geddes said that it should be minuted that the Community Council's views, formed after speaking to local residents, were disregarded.</p>	
<p>5. Police Matters/Other</p> <p>Dog fouling</p> <p>This issue was highlighted through our Facebook page. Areas mentioned were between Mansefield Park and Wardlaw Road, Newton Park and the Groam Farm/Fingask Farm circuit.</p>	

<p>Councillor Knox agreed that it is getting bad again. Lindsey Stout had noticed that not all the previously recommended locations had received a penalty notice and said that it might be easier to do it ourselves. Councillor Knox said that the Council will only attach penalty notice to streetlamps on adopted roads. Councillor Knox will pass on the contact information for penalty notices – up to 20. Notices can be put up on unadopted roads with agreement from the owner. Lindsey Stout to action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us</p>	L.S.
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Fireworks</p> <p>Karen Young mentioned the effect of fireworks on livestock and dogs. She asked why the Council cannot buy noiseless fireworks. Councillor Knox is in support.</p> <p>Dates of Meetings</p> <p>The proposed dates of the meetings for the year were agreed and the Williamson Room will be checked for availability. The new dates will be put up on Facebook and on Aird Community Trust’s website. Lindsey Stout is to action.</p> <p>Kessock Bridge closures and delays</p> <p>Karen Young brought up the frequent Kessock bridge closures and traffic delays and asked if the Council could take this forward. Councillor Knox said that there had been discussion in depth with the police and mental health charities and it was agreed that, in order to help vulnerable individuals, signs and phones should be provided at either end of the bridge, with the Samaritans’ number on them. A tunnel or cage, like the bridges in America, probably would not be feasible due to wind speeds and the resultant forces on the bridge.</p> <p>Dangerous Driving conditions at the Raigmore Interchange, Inverness</p> <p>Lindsey Stout said that the Raigmore Interchange had been dangerous to drive on before and after Christmas due to uncleared snow, particularly when entering the roundabout, and that she had never experienced traffic slaloming here before, despite driving to work on it for six years. Councillor Knox said that the weather conditions were unprecedented.</p>	L.S.



Office Bearers and Annual General Meeting

Community Councillors must be on the electoral roll for their Community Council area. If a Community Councillor moves out of the area, they de facto are no longer a Community Councillor for that area. Alison Mackintosh has moved out of the area, so we lose our Vice Chair. Alison has agreed to remain as an associate member, who can attend Community Council meetings but cannot hold a view or vote as a Community Councillor or remain for Community Council discussions held in private.

Our next Annual General Meeting is in August. The A.G.M. moved to June last year due to Covid restrictions delaying the meeting so the date of the A.G.M. has moved forward. The K.B.C.C. does not usually meet in July, so this year the A.G.M. will be held in August.

Dates of Meetings, 2023

The Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre, 7.30pm to 9pm

Tuesdays:

17th January

28th February

14th March

18th April

30th May

15th August (A.G.M.)

26th September

7th November

5th December

We are meeting more frequently this year, with additional dates in March and December.

Please contact us on kandbcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
if you would like to attend a meeting.