

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, Tuesday 9th June 2026

Community Councillors present:

Cameron Kemp, Inglis Lyon, Jayne Macmillan, Judith Rumbold and Lindsey Stout.

In attendance:

Councillor Emma Knox and Hugh Ashburner, Chair of Aird Community Trust.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre.

1. Apologies	ACTIONS
Apologies were received from Community Councillor Éamon Doorley and Councillor David Fraser.	
2. Minutes of the Meeting of 26 th May 2026 (A.G.M.)	
The minutes of the last meeting were circulated online. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Judith Rumbold and seconded by Cameron Kemp pending corrections to road safety and finance. Inglis Lyon to correct the minutes and forward to Lindsey Stout before the holidays.	
3. Matters Arising:	
As minuted below in Items 7, 8 and 9.	
4. S.S.E.N./Community Interaction	
No new information has come forward.	
5. Finance	
Inglis Lyon said that the cost of the Kirkhill Community Shop leaflet drop had come to half of the expected costs, which had been met in full by Highland Council. He has made contact with Highland Council to refund £171. Grant Andrew, the Treasurer of ACT, has been contacted so that our accounts can be submitted for inspection. Inglis Lyon to follow up.	Treasurer
6. Police/Rural Watch Report	
Lindsey Stout mentioned that she had noticed evidence of fires in two locations in the village, under trees and near housing. With the increased wildfire risk, it is worrying. Jayne Macmillan said that the Fire Brigade could come into school to discuss fire safety. Lindsey Stout to contact Charleston Academy Parent Council and the Scout Association.	Secretary J.M.

7. Kirkhill Community Shop Lindsey Stout to add the Community Shop as an item of the regular agenda. Hugh Ashburner said that there had been a Community Shop group meeting on the 8th of June at 7pm. 27 people were expected and 8 turned up. 10 more expressed interest. There will be a further meeting during the school holidays. Hugh or Inglis to keep us informed of anything that is relevant to the Community Council.	L.S. H.A./ Treasurer
8. Road Safety Hugh Ashburner mentioned the trench digging beside the B9164 at Dunballoch. The road has been white lined since and the deep trench infilled with gravel. Hugh Ashburner said that the 20mph sign on the approach to Kirkhill from Wester Lovat has been out of action since January – for over six months. Survey counters were laid at the 20mph sign coming into the village from Inchmore but should also have been laid at the approach to Mansefield Park. Hugh Ashburner is to get in touch with the results of a community survey of the residents of Wester Lovat to Mansefield Park requesting a reduction in the speed limit. There was an email from a resident regarding road markings. Any query about road markings should be referred to Highland Council and the resident was requested to contact the Council. Hugh Ashburner also commented that the white lining at the Old Smiddy also needs to be renewed. Lindsey Stout to contact Highland Council. Cameron Kemp asked Councillor Knox if she could request the results of the latest speed monitoring in Kirkhill.	Secretary Cllr Knox
9. Planning Issues/SSEN Cameron Kemp said that a DPEA (Planning and Environmental Appeals Division) Community Hearing Session regarding the Beauly-Peterhead overhead line will take place on 20th August at Bught Park Stadium in Inverness. Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council is to submit a written statement by 30th of July. Cameron Kemp to share the link to share the crowdfunder to raise funds to cover the cost of expert planning representation. Jayne Macmillan said that the Scouts application that we applied on behalf of the Scout group was ongoing. Planning Reference 26/02223/FUL, siting of three storage containers and formation of outdoor activity area, Kirkhill Community Centre. We had submitted an invalid letter; several points needed to be clarified or expanded on by the Scout group. Have emailed and been assigned a Planning Officer. The application needs some corrections and to be resubmitted. She will work on this with Sandra Hogg.	Chair J.M.
9. Any Other Business Hugh Ashburner introduced himself as the new Chair of Aird Community Trust (ACT) and said that he	

would try to attend as many Community Council meetings as he could. .	
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