

**Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council**

**Minute of Meeting, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Community Councillors present:**

Cameron Kemp, Inglis Lyon, Judith Rumbold, Éamon Doorley and Lindsey Stout.

**In attendance:**

Councillor Emma Knox.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre.

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| <p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Community Councillor Jayne Macmillan and George Hogg of Aird Community Trust.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p>   |
| <p><b>2. Minutes of the Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were circulated online. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Inglis Lyon and seconded by Judith Rumbold.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                         |
| <p><b>3. Matters Arising:</b></p> <p><b>Noticeboard</b></p> <p>No answer has been received yet regarding our funding application to Belladrum Community Trust for part funding of £1000 for the new community noticeboard. The decision was to be made by 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Secretary Lindsey Stout to contact Belladrum Community Trust.</p> <p><b>Community Shop</b></p> <p>Inglis Lyon is awaiting a response from George Hogg of A.C.T. regarding a draft flyer and Inglis and George will finalise the design, with input from Lindsey Stout and other members of Aird Community Trust. A Royal Mail mailshot to 8,700 addresses would cost £500.</p> | <p><b>Secretary</b></p> |
| <p><b>4. S.S.E.N./Community Interaction</b></p> <p>Cameron Kemp spoke to Ross McKillop, Community Support Officer for Renewable Energy with the Highland Council. He is awaiting an emailed response about his role and remit and once it is received he will circulate it to the other Community Councillors.</p> <p>Ross McKillop was asking about the Community Liaison Group, which is still in abeyance. Cameron Kemp to get Ross McKillop up to speed on the history behind it going into abeyance. There are no other Community Liaison Groups in existence at the moment.</p>                                                                                 | <p><b>Chair</b></p>     |
| <p><b>5. Finance</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                         |

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| <p>Inglis Lyon reported a balance of £3,391 with £125 received from Communities B4 Power Companies and £1029 from crowd funding. £1400 was paid to planning consultant Ian Kelly. The response to the Fanellan planning application 25/00826/FUL therefore cost Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Council £245.96. Moray Council also objected.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| <p><b>6. Police/Rural Watch Report</b></p> <p>No information on local issues was received.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |
| <p><b>7. Road Safety</b></p> <p><b>Speed Monitoring</b></p> <p>Councillor Knox reported that the Highland Council staff had said that the weather was not good enough for speed monitoring at the moment. Speed monitoring will be carried out towards the end of January and the beginning of February. Inglis Lyon asked if we could get traffic calming as an effect of the results of the speed monitoring. Councillor Knox replied that Council staff assess the need for monitoring and speed assessment and also the requirement for further traffic calming based on the evidence. There are already speed bumps and road narrowing in place at Kirkhill Primary School. She will ask for the results. Safer Routes to School could hold a public event. Inglis Lyon asked if Councillor Knox could consult with Kirkhill &amp; Bunchrew Community Council if there are any measures to be discussed to be put in place.</p> <p><b>School Bus Route - collision</b></p> <p>Éamon Doorley reported that the Kirkhill school bus had a collision with a parcel delivery van at Lentrán on the single track road. The bus driver was hospitalised. The children were checked over. Éamon said that the signage on the passing places has gone. There is nothing to indicate that it is a school bus route. Councillor Knox said that she, as a Councillor, should have been informed and that new and better signs and the whole route should be looked at, including the location of passing places. Éamon Doorley said that the volume of parcel delivery has increased since Lockdown and until recently there have not been any issues. Councillor Knox to investigate signage options.</p> <p><b>Grit Bin Provision</b></p> <p>The resident who was enquiring about a grit bin at Reelig has not proceeded with the application because it is beside a priority gritting route and the application is unlikely to be granted. Councillor Knox said that grit bins come under the Winter Resilience programme. If there are named volunteers, the Community Council can support a grit bin application made by the residents.</p> <p>Éamon Doorley said that up the braes, where there are no grit bins, piles of road salt are left at intervals and are washed away. He said that regular salt bins would prevent this problem.</p> <p>Councillor Knox explained, following a query from Lindsey Stout, that anyone can collect road salt from the grit bins. It doesn't just have to be used at the location of the grit bin. The provision is for pavement and path use but could also be scattered on roads where it is not a priority gritting route.</p> <p>Inglis Lyon noticed that Kirkhill bus stop was not gritted this year. He said that we could identify the</p> | <p>Cllr Knox</p> <p>Cllr Knox</p> |

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| <p>hotspots and ask if there was anything we could do to improve volunteering, such as advertising on Facebook. Lindsey Stout said that there is a Winter Gritting Group under the umbrella of Aird Community Trust. This is, however, reliant on volunteers and there have been several pleas on Facebook recently. Lindsey Stout to contact George Hogg of Aird Community Trust to ask for further details about the issue.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>Secretary</b></p> |
| <p><b>8. Planning Issues/SSEN</b></p> <p>The Fanellan site visit on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 was postponed because of the weather until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. After the site visit, the Planning Committee reconvenes on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026. (The deadline for Highland Council's decision was 12<sup>th</sup> January.)</p> <p>On 18<sup>th</sup> December Highland Council objected to the Beauly to Peterhead transmission line. Planning Officials gave a strong objection. Cameron Kemp asked Councillor Knox if it is debated at a full Council meeting at a later date. Councillor Knox said that Councillors will recommend that the decision go to a full Planning Committee meeting.</p> <p>The Ballach Wind Farm planning application is coming up soon. Councillor Knox said that this is a different planning process. Additional information would go to Councillors when the planning application is discussed at committee. Cameron Kemp said that four Community Councils have prepared a presentation.</p> <p>Cameron Kemp added that there will be a Community Council Convention towards the end of February 2026 in Holyrood, organised by Councillor Helen Crawford, providing more publicity for the proposed changes to the infrastructure. Inglis Lyon asked if we could prepare a summary to send to the candidates for MSP, a unified community statement from all the community councils involved. The structural deficit in the planning process is another issue and requires legislative reform.</p> |                         |
| <p><b>9. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>N/A</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                         |
| <p><b>Future Meetings in 2026:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesdays at 7.30pm to 9pm, The Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre:</b></p> <p>10th March<br/>12th May<br/>9th June<br/>18th August<br/>8th September<br/>10th November<br/>8th December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you would like to attend a meeting,<br/>please contact us on <a href="mailto:kandbcommunitycouncil@gmail.com">kandbcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kirkhill &amp; Bunchrew Community Council's Minutes, Data Protection Policy Statement<br/>and Privacy Policy may be found here:<br/><a href="#">About Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Council   Aird Community</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                         |