

Meeting of the Kirkhill & Bunchrew Community Council

Minute of Meeting, Tuesday 19th August 2025

Community Councillors present:

Cameron Kemp, Inglis Lyon, Jayne MacMillan, Judith Rumbold, Lindsey Stout.

In attendance:

Councillor Emma Knox.

The meeting was held in person at Kirkhill Community Centre.

1. Apologies	ACTIONS
Apologies were received from Community Councillor Éamon Doorley.	
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17 th June 2025	
The minutes of the meeting were circulated online. There were several corrections. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Jayne Macmillan and seconded by Judith Rumbold.	
3. Matters Arising from the last meeting:	
Multi-use bin, Kirkhill Community Park Lindsey Stout to contact Highland Council again to ask about moving the bin and the plinth it is on 180 degrees, so that the lid can be lifted by dog walkers from beyond the fence and they do not need to enter the playpark with their dog to access the bin.	Secretary
Community Noticeboard Lindsey Stout to discuss points on a joint Community Council/A.C.T. noticeboard with Erik Lundberg. Design, size, key holders, location, Ward Discretionary Fund grant, planning permission, previous quote contacts.	Secretary
Community Shop Lindsey Stout to organise a survey for the Community Council Gala Day stall. Inglis Lyon said that the Kiltarlity shop is very well used. The shop provides services such as selling baking and a café. It's a hub of the community and a place where people like to congregate. The Lovat Bothy on the B9164 at the Long Wood proves that it is feasible to operate a business from a mobile unit part-time. A mobile unit would be feasible for a business owner to explore viability. A mobile unit would be supported by the Community Council.	Secretary

4. S.S.E.N./Community Interaction Cameron Kemp said that the Social Charter meeting of 19th July went ahead. There were some actions from that. The date for another meeting has not yet been set. David Garvie is working on corresponding with S.S.E.N. and Councillor Knox on finding a local contact for S.S.E.N. or the contractor to resolve issues as they arise. The date for a Community Liaison Group meeting has not yet been set. Councillor Knox reported that Planning Officers have indicated that they will not recommend granting the Fanellan planning application until the work on the Black Bridge has been finished, which will take at least two years. A second Community Council Convention was held on the 12th of August 2025 at the Kingsmills Hotel, with many able to join online. Councillor Knox said that it was very well organised, with MPs and MSPs present. It was agreed to seek debates in Holyrood and Westminster to talk through the Unified Statement of the First Highland Convention and to push for a Planning Inquiry Commission. The event was even bigger than the Beaulieu Convention. There was a lot of support from Dumfries & Galloway and Perthshire. Almost sixty Community Councils were present, representing 80,000 Highland residents. Other individual members of the public were also able to attend. Lindsey Stout expressed her thanks to Cameron Kemp and others in our community council and other community councils for working hard all summer. There were several large meetings to organise or attend. Special thanks also to Councillor Helen Crawford for chairing the event.	
5. Finance Inglis Lyon said that the bank balance stands at approx. £3200. There are a couple of small bills to pay and £300 to transfer to Kilmorack Community Council.	
6. Police/Rural Watch Report Councillor Knox said that the police have been sending more visible patrols to this area.	
7. Road Safety Councillor Knox said that the success of the Lovat Bothy on the B9164 provides a better argument to reduce the speed limit on this road to 40mph. She said that members of the community have been asking for this speed reduction on the B9164 since before she was a Councillor. It would now be feasible to support both a reduction to 40mph on the B9164 through the Long Wood and the extension of the 40mph speed limit at Inchmore which we have discussed previously. Councillor Knox to action. Road safety at Kirkhill Primary School Jayne Macmillan reported that the school children's parents have been emailed with a map of where is suitable to park and have been asked not to park in Newton Park. This will reduce congestion in Newton Park and prevent the blocking of residents' driveways. Kirkhill Primary School is to take part in a trial along with two other Highland schools, supported by the police. Non-essential traffic will not be permitted to drive past the school between the times of 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and 2.45 to 3.45 p.m. Essential traffic includes tractors and agricultural trailers. The	CLlr Knox

hour of restrictions in the afternoon tallies with Nursery and School collection times. The school is awaiting signage before the trial begins. Councillor Knox commented that John-Joe Gibb, the Community Liaison Police Officer, is very good. Inglis Lyon said that the Speed Indication Device (S.I.D.) entering Kirkhill from the West is not working. Councillor Knox to investigate. Councillor Knox said that she will try and facilitate the location of a S.I.D. at Inchmore, as discussed at the last meeting.	Cllr Knox Cllr Knox
8. Planning Issues Ballach Windfarm planning application ECU Reference 00005219 Cameron Kemp mentioned the Ballach Windfarm planning application. Kilmorack Community Council has asked us for a contribution of £300 towards the £1800 cost of commissioning a planning consultant to prepare an objection to the proposed Ballach Windfarm near Beaully. The proposed development will consist of twenty wind turbines, each 230m high. The turbines will be the same height as the Canary Wharf tower in London. This planning application will be in the Kilmorack Community Council area. Cameron asked, would we wish to object to it too? The consensus was yes. Cameron asked if we would be willing to contribute financially to support Kilmorack Community Council. The consensus was yes, as long as it was not on a regular basis. For the Beaully to Peterhead pylon line planning application for this area expected in November, Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Council plan firstly to start a crowdfund to design and produce a leaflet to inform residents of the proposals.	
9. Any Other Business Belladrum Music Festival Jayne Macmillan reported that there were no delays or traffic issues on the roads during the festival this year. Judith Rumbold said that she had heard negative reports of the speed of the security team's cars returning to the village late at night. The security team camp on a field near the shinty pitch in the centre of Kiltarlity. There were complaints from residents about the speed of traffic, noise from their campsite and the security team knocking stones off the walls by climbing over, instead of using the gate. As our representative, Jayne had never heard back about the promised meeting of Belladrum Community Trust to spread benefits to the local community. Lindsey Stout had checked that the Belladrum contact had the correct email address. Vacancies for Community Councillors An enquiry was made from a resident of Bunchrew expressing an interest in joining Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Council. The advert in the Crannog newsletter has reached many people but	

we still have two vacancies to fill.	
Future 2025 meetings Tuesdays at 7.30pm to 9pm, The Williamson Room, Kirkhill Community Centre: 16th September 11th November 9th December If you would like to attend a meeting by telephone if you cannot attend in person, please contact us on <u>kandbcommunitycouncil@gmail.com</u>	