

KINROSS-SHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee held in Loch Leven Community Campus, Milnathort on Thursday 16 February 2023 at 5.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Cuthbert, N Freshwater and R Watters; S Bruce-Jones (Fossway Community Council); G Christie (substituting for D Fraser) (Glenfarg Community Council); F Principe-Gillespie (Cleish & Blairdam Community Council); N Bingham (Milnathort and Orwell Community Council) and D Morris (Portmoak Community Council).

In Attendance: M Butterworth, L Haxton, D McKeown, F Robertson, K Smith and D Stokoe (Communities) K Molley, A Brown and M Pasternak (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: A Williams, Chair, King George V Playing Fields Management Committee and I Clark, Iconic Consulting

Apology: Councillor W Robertson and D Fraser

Councillor D Cuthbert, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on items 1-5, and 8 and Vice-Convener on items 6 and 7.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all present to the meeting and apologies was noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee of 24 November 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. BRUNT HILL WINDFARM

K Smith, Development Management and Building Standards Service Manager provided a verbal update on the process of Brunt Hill Windfarm development. He advised that if an application would be received, the Developer (Energy Consents Unit) would issue a consultation to Perth and Kinross Council to the proposals of the application and the Council as the Planning Authority would be a consultee. The initial stages of scoping and pre-consultation with the Scottish Government and Energy Consents Unit are underway and he confirmed that Perth and Kinross Council are not formally involved at this stage. K Smith advised that a briefing note had been issued to all ward members providing background information on the process.

The Convener suggested that Kinross-shire Community Councils contact the Developer for further community engagement and consultation. Members requested that an update be brought back to a future Committee meeting.

5. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

There was a report by Executive Director (Communities) (23/55) advising members of progress on the various road safety concerns raised about the public road network in Ward 8 raised with officers prior to the meeting.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals set out at action 6 of Report 23/55, be approved with the refusal of point (vi). Officers be requested to look at further traffic measures on Burns Begg Street at High Street Junction.
- (ii) It be requested that an update be brought to a future committee meeting.

6. FORMER BLAIRINGONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Communities Services (23/56) providing an update to Committee on the proposed transfer of the former School building and Schoolhouse to the Fossoway Community Development Trust (FCDT).

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made by the Trust to date, be noted
- (ii) It be agreed that that a period up to 30 June is granted for the Trust to prepare and submit a full CAT Request and business case in line with disposal requirements
- (iii) It be noted that following an assessment of any CAT Request, a report with recommendations will be brought to a future meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee and Property Sub-Committee.

7. KING GEORGE V MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Communities Services (23/57) asking Committee to approve funding of £30,000 as a contribution towards an extension of the pavilion, changing facilities and car parking at the King George V playing field in Kinross.

A Williams, Chair of King George V Playing Field Management Committee, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation on the plans to extend the pavilion at the King George V playing fields in Kinross. Members questions were answered, and the Convener thanked A Williams for his informative presentation.

Resolved:

- (i) The request for funding for improvements to the King George V Playing Fields and the views of the Local Action Partnership members, be noted.
- (ii) The conditional awarding of £30,000 to the King George V Playing Field Management Committee out of the Committee's discretionary budget, conditional upon the outstanding bids in Table 2 being secured, be approved.
- (iii) It be agreed that the award is made on the same basis as Community Investment Fund funding.

8. INTERIM EVALUATION REPORT OF KINROSS-SHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Communities Services (23/58) summarising the interim findings of an independent evaluation report on the Kinross-shire Local Committee pilot and setting out next steps.

I Clark, Iconic Consulting, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation highlighting the findings of the evaluation report on the Kinross-shire Local Committee. Members questions were answered, and the Convener thanked I Clark for his informative presentation.

Resolved:

- (i) The recommendations of the Interim Report, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that a report on the full findings will be brought to Committee on 25 May 2023 and thereafter will form part of the considerations for the ongoing Transformation Review of community engagement.