

KINROSS-SHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee held in Loch Leven Community Campus, Milnathort on Thursday 25 May 2023 at 5.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Cuthbert, N Freshwater and R Watters; T Duffy substituting for S Bruce-Jones (Fossoway Community Council); B Freeman substituting for H Phillips (Kinross Community council); D Morris (Portmoak Community Council); N Bingham (Milnathort and Orwell Community Council).

In Attendance: M Butterworth, G Bissett, W Greig, D McKeown, R Stuart and B Wilson (Communities) K Molley and A Brown (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: I Clark, Iconic Consulting

Apology: S Bruce-Jones (Fossoway Council) and H Phillips (Kinross Community Council)

Councillor D Cuthbert, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on items 1-5, 7 and 9 and Vice-Convener on items 6 and 8.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all present to the meeting and apologies were 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 16 February 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

D Morris, Portmoak Community Council, was in attendance.

D Morris, Portmoak Community Council, raised concerns about not being able to join previous committee meetings online and participate fully. The Committee Clerk advised that further training would be made available to all Community Council members, to ensure they are able to join future committee meetings properly.

The Convener advised that a development session would be arranged for members and the necessary officers to look at what is working well and what could be improved in the running of the Committee. The Convener confirmed that a suitable date would be arranged in due course.

The Convener asked the committee to agree that the former Blairingone Primary School should come back to the Kinross-shire Local Committee for consideration, prior to any decision on marketing or selling of the property. This was agreed unanimously.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

Resolved:

The contents of the Outstanding Business Statement, be noted.

5. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

There was a report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (Communities) (23/151) 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 23/151, be approved.
- (ii) It be requested that an update be brought to a future committee meeting.

6. CEMETERY EXPANSION STRATEGY AND UPDATE

W Grieg, Senior Bereavement Services Officer, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation on the Bereavement Services Strategy Update in Kinross-shire. Members questions were answered, and the Vice-Convener thanked W Grieg for his informative presentation.

7. AVAILABILITY AND POTENTIAL USE OF COMMUTED SUMS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

B Wilson, Planning and Housing Strategy Manager, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation on the availability and potential use of commuted sums for affordable housing in Kinross-shire. Members questions were answered, and the Convener thanked B Wilson for his informative presentation.

8. UPDATE ON MILNATHORT (SURFACE WATER) FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME AND SOUTH KINROSS FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

P Dickson and R Stuart, Flooding Engineers, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation on the Milnathort and South Kinross Flood Protection Schemes. Members questions were answered, and the Vice-Convener thanked P Dickson and R Stuart for their informative presentation.

9. KINROSS-SHIIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE – AVAILABLE FUNDING

There was submitted a report by Head of Environment and Consumer Services (23/152) informing members of the monies available to the committee in the financial year 2023/24.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 23/152, be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that a report be brought to a future meeting of the committee to agree how the funding of £50,000 should be utilised.