

KINROSS-SHIRE COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee held in Loch Leven Community Campus, Milnathort on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 5.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Cuthbert, N Freshwater, W Robertson and R Watters; S Bruce-Jones (Fossway Community Council); F Principe-Gillespie (Cleish & Blairdam Community Council); B Freeman (Kinross Community council); K Donaldson (Portmoak Community Council); N Bingham (Milnathort and Orwell Community Council); and M Ponton (Glenfarg Community Council).

In Attendance: J Pepper, Chief Officer; Z Robertson S MacLean (all HSCP); M Butterworth, D McKeown, D Stokoe, S Kimmet, R Stuart and E Williamson (Economy, Place and Learning); K Molley and M Pasternak (Strategy, People and Resources).

Councillor D Cuthbert, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all present to the meeting.

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 Committee of 16 November 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

In response to a question from Councillor W Robertson regarding a list of potential 'No Mo' sites, M Butterworth confirmed that information would be shared following budget decisions.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Outstanding Business Statement, be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that completed actions would be removed from the Outstanding Business Statement.

5. PROVISION OF CARE IN KINROSS-SHIRE

There was a verbal update by J Pepper, Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership, Z Robertson, Service Manager - Policy, and Commissioning (HSCP) and S MacLean, Interim Service Manager (HSCP) on the provision of care in Kinross-shire.

J Pepper stressed the challenge of a growing and aging population and the shortage of Health and Care Professionals across Perth and Kinross, especially in rural areas to be able to deliver services. J Pepper added that a Workforce Development Officer had recently been appointed to be responsible for the Workforce Plan. S MacLean confirmed that social media had been heavily used to promote recruitment posts and advertisement through posters on local transport had been undertaken.

The Convener suggested that the Kinross-shire monies be used to highlight job shortages and advertise the recruitment of health and social care posts in the area through the Kinross-shire and other Community Council Newsletters. Officers welcomed the suggestion and confirmed their communications team would draft adverts to be circulated.

6. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

There was a report by Head of Environmental & Consumer Services (24/57) advising members of the Committee of progress on the delivery of road safety projects within the Kinross-shire area.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress being made on the delivery of road safety schemes in Kinross-shire, be agreed.
- (ii) It be noted that a further update will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

7. BLAIRINGONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was a verbal update by D Stokoe, Communities Service Manager and S Kimmitt, Community Empowerment Officer on Blairingone Primary School. D Stokoe advised that the Fossoway Community Development Trust plan to look at community engagement throughout March and April which the Service would support. D Stokoe added that the Group would also like to undertake a feasibility study on the building.

In response to a question from the Convener regarding support available to the Fossoway Community Development Trust to help fund the feasibility study, D Stokoe confirmed that budget motion money had been set aside to support the Trust to assess the liability of the building. S Kimmitt confirmed that contact regarding funding had been made with the Secretary of the Trust.

In response to a question from Councillor N Freshwater regarding timescales of the Community Asset Transfer, D Stokoe advised it had been agreed that the Trust would have sufficient time to work thoroughly through the feasibility study before it comes back to the Kinross-shire Committee for a decision.

D Stoke advised that information on the valuation of the building would be provided to members following the meeting and a further update would be brought back to the next Committee.

8. SOUTH KINROSS FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME UPDATE

R Stuart, Engineer (Flooding) delivered a slide-based presentation on the South Kinross Flood Protection Scheme. Members questions were answered. The Convener thanked R Stuart for his informative presentation.

There was submitted a report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (24/58) providing members of the Committee with the latest update on the proposed flood protection scheme.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 24/58, be noted.

9. KINROSS-SHIRE ACTIVE TRAVEL MASTERPLAN

There was submitted a report by Planning & Housing Strategy Manager (24/59) advising the Committee of the funding towards Active Travel Plan in Kinross-shire, following developed proposal from Tactran, PKC and Arup.

In response to question from the Convener, E Williamson confirmed that the local Community Councils would be key stakeholders in the Kinross-shire Active Travel Masterplan. Members suggested that Glenfarg Community Transport and Fossoway Community Development Trust should also be considered in the process. E Williamson confirmed that a draft of the Masterplan would be brought to the next Committee in May. The Convener asked members to contact the Clerk with any other key stakeholders.

The Vice-Convener suggested holding off on a decision to spend the £28,000 of the Kinross-shire monies until the next Committee in May to see if the money would be needed to help deliver the masterplan.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 24/59, be noted.

10. FOSSOWAY WINDFARM SURVEY

There was a presentation by S Bruce-Jones (Fossoway Community Council) highlighting the results of the Fossoway Windfarm Survey.

Members questions were answered. The Convener thanked S Bruce-Jones for her informative presentation.

11. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND PANEL DATE

The Committee agreed for the next meeting of the Community Investment Panel to be held on 21 February 2024.

12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The Vice-Convenor provided a very brief update on the Banking Hubs. He referred to the consultation undertaken by the Senior Financial Conduct Authority on access to cash and confirmed that he had responded to the consultation and raised his concerns. The Vice-Convenor confirmed that all local Community Councils had the opportunity to respond to the consultation. The Vice-Convenor advised that unfortunately the process had been delayed and a further update would be brought back to Committee later in the year.

The Convenor referred to M Butterworth, Head of Environmental and Consumer Services, last meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee. The Convenor thanked M Butterworth for all his work in the development of the Committee and members wished M Butterworth well for the future.

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