

KINROSS-SHIRE COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee held in Loch Leven Community Campus, Milnathort on Thursday 24 August 2023 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 substituting for H Phillips (Kinross Community council); D Morris (Portmoak Community Council); and N Bingham (Milnathort and Orwell Community Council).

In Attendance: M Butterworth, A Brown, B Cargill, L Haxton and F Robertson (Communities) L Simpson, K Molley, A Brown, and M Pasternak (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apology: Glenfarg Community Council

Councillor D Cuthbert, Convener, Presiding.

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 24 August 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

D Morris, Portmoak Community Council, raised concerns about not being able to join previous committee meetings online and participate fully due to technical issues in Perth and Kinross Council.

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.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

The Convener advised that additional sessions would be arranged at the Loch Leven Campus to focus on areas such as Planning and Enforcement, Governance and the Powers of the Committee. Suitable dates would be arranged in due course.

The Convener added that members had put forward potential agenda items for the Kinross-shire Committee which included items on the Transport Forum in

Kinross-shire and Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO). The Convener advised that a Community Transport Forum meeting would be set up, once more was known about the 202 bus route and CPO's would be covered in the Planning and Enforcement session. Both would be open to all Community Council Members.

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.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THIS POINT.

6. WINTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

A Brown, Senior Engineer, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation on the Winter Maintenance Programme in Kinross-shire.

Members raised concerns over certain areas in Kinross-shire not being properly gritted throughout winter. A Brown agreed to share the contact details with members for any winter enquiries including applications for push along footway gritters following the meeting.

The Vice-Convener thanked A Brown for his informative presentation.

5. ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

There was a report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (Communities) (23/227) 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 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 in the new calendar year.

7. BLAIRINGONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was a verbal update by L Haxton, Community Planning and Policy Team Leader on Blairingone Primary School. L Haxton advised that once they had received the independent valuation of assets, it would be shared with Fossoway Community Development Trust (FCDT) to see if they wish to continue with a Community Asset Transfer Request. L Haxton added that if they do decide to proceed, FCDT would submit their Community Asset Transfer Request within the next 4-6 weeks and following this, there would be legal timescales that the Council

and FCDT must commit to. However, L Haxton added that if FCDT decide not to progress with a Community Asset Transfer Request, they could still seek to negotiate on a price for ownership/lease and there would be no legal timescales involved. The Convener asked that any decision to put the Former Primary School on the open market be brought to the Kinross-shire Committee. This was confirmed by officers.

8. KINROSS-SHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE: INDEPENDENT EVALUATION FINDINGS

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Communities Services (23/229) (1) summarising key findings from an independent evaluation of the Local Area Committee (LAC) model piloted in Kinross-shire from 2021-2023; and (2) setting out next steps for the Kinross-shire Lac following a development session on 2 August 2023.

Resolved:

- (i) The key findings of the evaluation report summarised in section 5 of Report 23/229, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed responses to each recommendation, summarised in Appendix 3 of Report 23/229 and following a Development Day on 2 August 2023, be approved subject to the following changes:
 - Resolution item 8 – ‘Community Councils are contacted by PKC and the Convener to put forward potential agenda items before every Local Committee meeting’.
- (iii) The wider issues for Perth and Kinross Council, now being considered within the current Transformation Review of community engagement, with final recommendations due to come to Council in February 2024, be noted.
- (iv) It be noted that following additional funding to the Kinross-shire Local Committee approved by Council in February 2023 it will continue operating until 31 March 2024 and future operating arrangements will be considered by Council in February 2024 as part of the wider Transformation Review.
- (v) The SWOT Analysis which had been discussed at the Development Day (Appendix 4) to be shared with all Community Councils for their thoughts and an item on this would be brought back to a future meeting.

9. CHANGES TO THE KINROSS-SHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION

Resolved:

The proposed changes to the Scheme of Administration as set out on the agenda, be agreed with the following amendment:

- A Meeting of the Committee shall be quorate if 50% of ward councillors and 50% of community council members are present.

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