

DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at Kincaig Village Hall

Chair: Gary Culpan **Vice Chair:** John Forbes-Leith **Treasurer:** Susan Libeks **Secretary:** David Kinnear

Present: Gary Culpan (GC), Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Ian Ash (IA), Russell Jones (RJ), Kenny Deans (KD), Johnny Freshwater (JF)

1. Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest: The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Apologies were received from Alan Cairns, John Forbes-Leith

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The Minutes from the meeting held on 13th May 2025. Proposed by Susan Libeks, Seconded by David Kinnear

3. Matters Arising:

DK mentioned that no response had been received from RSPB Planning application 25/01349/FUL regarding comments from key stakeholders and consultees i.e. SEPA, Nature Scot etc. as previously requested by the CC.

Action: RJ agreed to speak to CNPA Planning and follow up on K&VCC request. Agreed to keep the matter on the Agenda in the meantime.

4 Planning & Roads:

4.1 New Applications: 25/01774/PIP Erection of house (renewal of 20/02579/PIP) Decision: Neutral response

4.2 Short Term Let applications: None Received

5 Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Income £9.20, expenses £4.25, Net £4.95

Account balances: Cash account £239.05 Saving Account £13435.38

5.2 Repairs Update:

Macbean Road: IA provided an update on the repair of the fence and bridge currently owned by Macbean residents and confirmed he had been in contact with Macbean Residents Association on the matter. The Association reiterated it was originally agreed that Highland Council were to adopt the road, but to date this has not happened despite appropriate controls being put in place previously. It is hoped that once the road is adopted then the bridge repairs will become the responsibility of HC.

Action: RJ to check with HC that the road is still to be adopted by them. KD to approach CNPA Planning Dept on the matter also.

The issue with the fence will likely remain the responsibility of the Macbean Residents Association and not HC

Feshiebridge: RJ informed K&VCC that he had held a meeting with the Senior Roads Engineer from HC on the repairs of the bridge and was informed they were still waiting for a quote.

40MPH Speed Limit: RJ confirmed that having spoken with the Senior Roads Engineer from HC, the increase from 20mph to 40mph between Loch Insh Watersports and Insh Church is to be actioned.

Lighting on Kincaig Bridge: RJ reported that the Street Lighting Supervisor from HC concerning the removal of the old lights will be put on the HC agenda.

5.3 Police Community Liaison Report: No report received. Concerns were raised about pockets of vandalism occurring within the area.

Action: RJ to progress with the Police, SL to report to local police officer.

6. Kincaig Projects and Events:

6.1 Bus Stop: Discussion took place as to the best location for the new northbound bus stop opposite Baldow development if provision is to be made for a hard standing or tarmac base. The bus stop is a 'Hale & Ride' stop on either side of the road.

Action: IA and RJ to meet on site to discuss whether there is enough space for the possibility of positioning the bus stop on the verge on the south end of Ross's Garage.

6.2 Windfarm: Agreed to keep this item on the agenda.

6.3 Welcome Sign for Village x2: RJ mentioned that if the Community Council came up with the funding then HC will erect the signs.

6.4 Community Newsletter: Agreed to remove as no progress..

6.5 Community Clean Up 25th June, 6.30pm. May event deemed to be a great success. Given the success and popularity of this event, the next one is proposed for 25th June at 6.30pm. Suggestions made were to tidy up Knoll play area and the narrow side pavement leading towards railway bridge on The Brae to be cleared/finished from previous clean up in May

Action: IA to organise

6.6 Community Volunteer Group: see 7.4

6.7 Tree Planting by A9/Hedge: JFL to carry forward next meeting.

6.8 Fundraising Night 7th March 2026: No further action required at present

6.9 Badenoch & Styrthspey Community Council Forum 17th June – Chair: **Action: GC agreed to attend**

6.10 Spey Access meeting 16th June: **Action: GC agreed to attend**

6.11 Walk leaflets: SL has been informed that 10 x boxes arriving shortly

6.12 Phone Box: Proposal is to exchange the metal box next to Old Post Office Cafe Gallery for an old original red one. SL emailed Post Office but no reply as yet. The same has been proposed for the phone box at Feshiebridge. SL to ask to adopt this one too.

6.13 Sports Arena: IA spoke to Mark Lynch with regard to upgrading the arena. Mark Lynch to progress matters with possible funding options.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Community Briefing 30/5/25: No relevant comment

7.2 BEAR Scotland: Discussion took place amongst CC members over the unacceptable state of the A9 layby's within the K&VCC area, and in particular evidence of human faeces, along with general rubbish

Action: RJ to write to BEAR Scotland

7.3 CC review consultation: No relevant comment

7.4 Community Volunteering: IA informed the CC that Robert Gordons College (P4) are keen to assist with any community projects. It was agreed they could help clear the pathway of vegetation adjacent to Kinncraig shinty pitch

Action: IA to help organise and liaise with relevant parties.

Action: SL to email and connect Jonny Freshwater and Ian Ash with the group

7.5 B&S Forum: **Action: JF to attend next meeting**

7.6 A9 Dualling Programme: Meeting held on 4th June with updates.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 SL was asked by some members of the community to raise the issue of the Government Tourist Tax and whether there was any further update on the matter. RJ responded saying there is a still ongoing discussion on how this would work. Nothing imminent in current format.

8.2 RJ tabled Community Engagement Meeting poster for 12th June between 10.00am - 11.30am to be held at Iona Gallery, Kingussie

8.3 IA confirmed the Village Fun Day is to be held on 27th September 2025

Date of next K&VCC Meeting: Tuesday 8th July 2025

That being all business conducted, the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.