

DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at Kincaig Village Hall

Chair: John Forbes-Leith **Vice Chair:** Vacant **Treasurer:** Susan Libeks

Secretary: David Kinnear

Present: John Forbes-Leith (JF-L), Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Alan Cairns (AC), Ian Ash (IA), Kenny Deans (KD), Russell Jones(RJ), Jonny Freshwater (JF), Geordie Wemys (GW), Jordan Mcneilege (JM) Emily Innes (EI), Deirdre Falconer (DF), Patrick Bell (PB)

1. Welcome, Apologies, and Declarations of Interest: The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Apologies received from Jonny Willets.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: The Minutes from the meeting held on 8th July 2025. Proposed by John Forbes-Leith and Seconded by Jonny Freshwater

3. Matters Arising: No matters were raised

4. Planning & Roads:

4.1 25/02637/FUL Installation of septic tank and soakaway Killiehuntly (24/04189/FUL)

No Comment

25/02935/FUL Erection of extension Dalnavert Farmhouse, Dalnavert, Feshiebridge

No Comment

25/02963/LBC Erection of extension Dalnavert Farmhouse, Dalnavert, Feshiebridge

No Comment

Short term let applications: None received

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Highland Council Grant received £493.03; Net Income for the year £268.87; As at 30/8/25 closing balance £14019.92

5.2 Repairs Update (IA): No repairs carried out on potholes in village. No update on Feshie and Tromie bridges. Spey Bridge: IA has reported issues regarding raised timbers. Bridge on B9152 opposite Macrae Crescent requires non slip surface. Action: RJ to follow up with HC.

5.3 Police community liaison report. No report submitted

6 Projects & Events

6.1 MacBean Road Bridge adoption by HC re fencing and bridge. Non slip surface required.

6.2 Bus Stop Update. Buses still not stopping for school children. IA has spoken to Kingussie HS Headteacher. Action: RJ to follow up.

RJ has asked HC to tarmac around the base of the new bus shelter in Kincaig on the north side

6.3 Windfarm update in due course. Reported that CNPA have objected to application

6.4 Welcome signage for village. Quotes received to date are very expensive and prohibitive. Agreed to look at alternative design and costs of wooden signs. Action: SL

6.5 Defibrillator for Drumguish. Agreed that Drumguish should have one. Drumguish community agreed to fundraise and K&VCC have offered to contribute towards it. RJ has offered to run a course on CPR on the use of defibrillators. Need numbers of participants. IA offered to arrange booking the Hall when date confirmed

6.6 A9 Laybys. DK has submitted a letter to Transport Scotland and copied to Bear Scotland raising two issues concerning the layby's within the K&VCC area: 1) the rubbish being left in the layby's; 2) the amount of human excrement as a result of no accessible toilets for motorists.

6.7 Missing Council Bins. Action: RJ to follow up with HC

6.8 Remembrance Sunday. Sunday 9th November. Amplification required at the event. Wreaths to be ordered. Action: IA to organise appropriate people to lay wreaths

6.9 Seniors Festive Lunch. Proposed date 10/12/25. JF agreed to host the event again; Request for menu; Arrangements/Bookings to be organised

6.10 Community Clean Up 20th Aug. Agreed not to hold one in September due to the Kincaig Fair, next one to be held on Wednesday 22nd October at 6.00pm. Action: IA to organise

6.11 Next Fundraising Night 7th March. Leave planning the event till start of December 2025.

6.12 BT Phone box updates. Paid £1.00 as requested for Feshiebridge phone box, Kincaig phone box not currently an option. Need to wait for it to be removed and we can then replace with a red one (hopefully)

6.13 Sports Arena. This is the playing field opposite the Christian Centre. New goalposts and nets (and painting) required. Action: IA to approach Mark Lynch, Chair of Village Hall Committee

7 Correspondence

7.1 Hand Made Places equipment. Leave for the moment

7.2 Halkirk & District request to support issues concerning windfarm developments. Councillors agreed that it would not be appropriate for K&VCC to support this group

7.3 Spey River Bridge work schedule. Tabled

7.4 BEAR Scotland Layby schedule tabled. Rubbish and excrement in layby; addressed in letter to Transport Scotland

7.5 BEAR Scotland Newsletter. Tabled

7.6 Cairngorms National Park Surveys. Action: JF to respond to Flood Risk Survey; DF to respond to Housing Survey

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Rubbish and excrement in Alvie Parking Area opposite Insh church and how best to manage this ongoing problem. The ground is owned by Alvie Estate. Action: KD to take this forward through the CNPA Visitor Infrastructure Fund.

8.2 B970 (Back road to Insh) road closure. For clarification purposes local access and emergency access will be permitted

That being all business concluded, the meeting was closed by the Chair.