

## DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Kincaig Village Hall

**Chair:** Vacant.      **Vice Chair:** John Forbes-Leith

**Treasurer:** Susan Libeks      **Secretary:** David Kinnear

Present: Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Jonny Freshwater (JF), Ian Ash (IA), Jordan McNeilage (JM), Russel Jones (RJ), Hilary Brown (HB), Kate Rennie (KR), Bruce Murray (BM), Helen Gray (HG), Geordie Weyms (GW), John Christie (JC)

**1. Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest:** Susan Libeks agreed to Chair the meeting in the absence of John Forbes-Leith. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Apologies were received from John Forbes-Leith, Kenny Deans, Alan Cairns.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025:** Proposed by Jonny Freshwater and Seconded by Susan Libeks.

### 3. Matters Arising

3.1 The meeting was not quorate. In order that the meeting could proceed, it was agreed to contact JF-L by phone and put him on loudspeaker for the next item on the agenda: the proposal to Co-opt Jordan McNeilage. The proposal was accepted unanimously, and accordingly JM was Proposed by Jonny Freshwater and Seconded by Susan Libeks. The meeting was now quorate. JF-L left the meeting.

John Christie, Helen Gray and Geordie Weyms all expressed an interest to be Co-opted onto the Community Council. This will be taken forward in the New Year.

### 4. Planning & Roads

4.1 New Applications:

25/03904/PIP Outline – New house on Dunachton Road. Neutral stance taken.

4.2 Short Term Let applications: None received

### 5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a monthly change of £154.10. Due to receiving payments for wreaths bought on behalf of others. One payment still outstanding. The closing balance was £13,289.25 as at 31/10/25.

Defibrillator for Drumguish: K&VCC agreed to donate £100. Ward Discretionary Trust donation must be paid into a formal account. Members agreed that the K&VCC Bank account could be used for this purpose subject to certain conditions. Action: SL to liaise with Drumguish representative, Fraser Clyde.

5.2 Repairs Update: IA reported that all potholes on Suie Brae had been filled. The Brae still requires potholes to be filled. Action: RJ to contact Highland Council.

Feshiebridge Red Phonebox: (Now under CC ownership), IA suggested a sign on the box to say the box is owned by the CC and it is not in operation.

Damage to Tromie Bridge: RJ reported that he brought the matter up with the Bridge Inspector to point out the specific areas of damage; RJ was assured the repairs would be carried out.

Broadband Cables: Red safety barriers have been abandoned on the verge on the Kingussie side following the installation of the cables. Need to be removed

5.3 Police Community Liaison Report: No report presented. Concern was raised at the speed of traffic through the village.

IA reported burning of flags at the War Memorial which has been reported to the Police.

The Railway Underpass is being used for drinking given the number of discarded bottles and cans together with the appearance of graffiti.

## **6. Projects & Events**

6.1 MacBean Road bridge adoption by HC; Fence condition and footbridge repair update. Confusion still remains over the ownership of MacBean Road and the footbridge. Efforts to try and clarify the matter with HC have been unsuccessful so far. HB on behalf of MacBean Residents Association (MRA) suggested the matter was between HC and the developer, Alan Munro who must be able to clarify the situation. JF-L to be contacted to see if the footbridge formed part of the sale of land identified for development. It was suggested that there ought to be documents to prove ownership, perhaps the Land Register? The bridge requires an anti-slip surface to be applied but this cannot be done until ownership is confirmed.

Fence adjacent to B9152. MRA happy for this fence to be removed. JF-L has kindly offered a tractor and trailer, and Nicol Sinclair (resident) has kindly agreed to remove it.

6.2 Bus Stop (opposite new development) Update. RJ has requested from HC a 10m strip of pavement to be installed to make it safer.

6.3 Windfarm Update. No updates

6.4 Welcome Signage for Village. SL tabled a first draft. It was well received but members agreed more work is required. Action: SL to continue to liaise with designer.

6.5 Defibrillator Training Date. A date was agreed for 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. RJ to help publicise the event. Booking through IA or email Community Council.

6.6 A9 Layby's. DK received a disappointing response from Transport Scotland to his letter concerning provision of toilets. TS state it is not their responsibility to provide toilet facilities; it is up to private developers. This is impractical and unlikely to happen. Action: RJ has kindly offered to raise the issue along with HC's responsibility to empty the bins at the next proposed Transport Scotland local meeting.

6.7 Missing Council Bins. Six bins removed and replaced with three. IA reported it's not yet resolved. Dog Poo bins required at bottom of Macrae Crescent.

6.8 Remembrance Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November. JF-L wrote to acknowledge the success of the event and thanked IA and his team for their efforts. IA acknowledged how helpful the Police were at the Service with Traffic management etc.

6.9 Community Leaf Clean up, 30<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. The Brae has been identified where much of the work is needed. SL to provide post event catering

6.10 Seniors Festive Lunch, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The CC has received some comments from local resident saying the event should be free to participants. In previous years the lunch was mainly funded by the Bonfire Night which no longer takes place. However, the CC are happy to continue to subsidise the lunch accordingly in a way that is appropriate in the changing circumstances.

6.11 Fundraising Night 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Plans to be carried forward to next meeting.

6.12 Cairngorm National Parks Surveys. No feedback received. Action: Kenny Deans agreed to report back but was unable to attend this meeting.

6.13 Alvie Car Park at Insh Church and future public toilets. A letter was received from Jamie Williamson from Alvie Estate chronicling continual problems in the past. He is proposing to shut the car park within the next few months. Whilst the CC were empathetic with his decision, concern was raised at possible repercussions and the possibility of car's parking on the side of the road or at private entrances including Alvie Church car park etc. CC need to help address the problem and find a possible solution. Action: KD is aware of the matter and maybe able to advise

## **7. Correspondence**

7.1 Bear Scotland News – Received and issued to members

7.2 Free Bus Consultation. To be put on CC Facebook page for responses.

7.3 B&S Ward Manager Forum. Community Resilience Plan being produced i.e. in the event of snowstorms, flooding, power cuts, use of Village Hall etc. HC and Scottish Govt to provide a template to respond to.

7.4 Tromie River Consultation. RJ reported a Decision on the Planning application to be made on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

7.5 Winter Resilience, HG suggested salt bins on the Drumguish brae. JM also mentioned the need for one at Insh beside the bridge. Action: RJ to contact HC

7.6 HC Community Briefing. Difficult to forward the lengthy email in acceptable format. Action: SL to contact HC to ask if this can be changed.

## **8. Any Other Business**

None received

9. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.