

## **DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Kincaig Community 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), Allan Cairns (AC), Jonny Freshwater (JF), John Christie (JC), Ian Ash (IA), Kate Rennie (KR), Jamie Williamson (JW), Ashleigh Campbell (AC), Bruce Murray (BM), Gerry Craig (GC), Emy MacLeod (EM), Fiona Quirie (FQ) Mark Lynch (ML)

### **1. Welcome, Apologies, and Declarations of Interest:**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. The Chair reported that Vice Chair Jordan McNeilage had resigned from the Community Council for personal reasons. A new Vice Chair will be appointed at the AGM in May.

Apologies received from Kenny Deans and Russell Jones

No Declarations of Interest submitted

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

KR proposed a change to 8.1 concerning Loch Insh Car Park, which was duly accepted and adopted. Minutes have been updated accordingly. Amended Minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were proposed by Susan Libeks and seconded by John Christie

### **3. Matters Arising:** None

### **4. Fiona Quirie VABS, Q&A**

Fiona introduced herself as the new representative and main contact for VABS (Voluntary Action Badenoch & Strathspey). Fiona explained to the meeting the role of VABS within the local community. This involves amongst other things, providing funding advice, training and development support, working with community groups where VABS can help setup (incl drafting Constitutions) and provide financial management if necessary. They work closely on developing Community Action Plans advising communities accordingly. They work closely with the CNPA and other third parties on matters such as Local Development Plans etc. A brief discussion took place on the proposed maps within the CAP to which IA was able to add that the KVCC CAP already had one, but agreed it needed updating. There being no further discussion, the Chair thanked Fiona for her presentation and her contribution.

### **5. Planning & Roads**

New Applications:

5.1 Premises Licence Dalraddy. JW explained to the meeting that this was an application from a tenant on Dalraddy Holiday Park who is selling food but wanted to include alcohol. As the Landlord, he wanted to hear the views of the CC. A lengthy discussion took place on the merits or otherwise of supporting the application for a licence and whether amongst things, it might affect DHP shop's offer to sell alcohol, but more importantly the affect it might have on the Park in the evenings when alcohol was available after the shop had closed. The view was taken not to hamper local businesses where

possible. It was agreed by the CC to support the application for a licence but with the condition of restricted hours.

5.2 26/00620/FUL Short Term Let: Neutral Stance by CC

5.3 26/01134/PNO Proposed Peatland Restoration Scheme: Neutral Stance by CC

## **6. Reports**

6.1 Treasurer's Report: SL presented this month's accounts. SL informed the CC that through necessity she has set up a new website at a cost of £240 as the existing one was no longer supportable. This will launch asap. Monthly finance and year end to be reported at AGM.

6.2 Repairs Update (IA): IA reported that the potholes on Kincaig bridge had been repaired.

IA noted that waste tarmac had been dumped at Insh Church Car Park by BT/Openreach Action: SL to write to Highland Council in Russell Jones's absence at the meeting.

6.3 Police Community Liaison Report: None Received

## **7. Projects and Events**

7.1 CAP Project List Update: IA reported that up to eight items on KVCC CAP have been addressed and the project completed. Beyond the eight, there were some that after consideration were not deemed to be practical. A bus stop at Dalraddy Holiday Park on the north side to be added to the CAP project. JW mentioned he had experienced issues with this site in the past when he was told the landowner was responsible for preparing the ground at their expense. It was agreed the CAP should be reviewed and other projects introduced. Action: SL to update the CAP and send a copy to FQ

FG raised the issue of windfarm funds in the event a successful windfarm application. Various ideas were briefly discussed including setting up a development company. The Chair suggested that this was something to address in the future once the application for the windfarm had been officially approved.

IA proposed that an electronic speed sign should be erected in Insh- add to CAP

7.2 Village Clean Up on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Feedback and next date: The Chair reported that it went very well with about 23 people attending. JF-L suggested the Cleanup is spread more widely throughout the area. SL suggested it's kept to the third Wednesday of each month between May to October but excluding August and this was accepted. The next date will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Suggested clearing the area / path from end of shinty pitch to Ardgael and if enough people split to include the path at the end of MacBean road.

7.3 Bus Stop Update. IA reported that tarmac had not yet been laid at the bus stop next to Ross's Garage.

7.4 MacBean Road Update: The MRA have not received any official notification about the adoption of the road given that it has been confirmed but it is yet to be formalised.

7.5 Public Parking in the village. KVCC to facilitate a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall. Only interest groups and relevant parties to be invited, The Chair pointed out this is not an open public meeting. Given the issues of parking, EM and GC representing Paddle Scotland acknowledged the problem in certain cases both with access, parking and litter and they want to

emphasise the importance of open communication with the CC and other businesses. but more importantly with local landowners. The Chair thanked them both for their positive approach and the importance of coming to the meeting. ML emphasised the potential problem when blocking off areas which can often lead to creating another problem elsewhere. SL emphasised the meeting on 21st April is to find solutions to a growing problem.

7.6 Welcome Signage for Village Update: SL has received notification that Highland Council will erect the signs where agreed previously between SL and HC.

7.7 Fundraising Auction Night date: SL suggested an Auction for the Lots donated for the cancelled Fundraising Night should be held in the Suie sometime in May. Action: SL and AC to agree a date

7.8 Red Phone Box for Village Update: IA reported that there were some options to available to and will continue to look into it.

7.9 Community Orchard/ Garden: Agreed to remove this item for the time being, add to CAP list

7.10 B&S CC Forum Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April: JF-L / SL to attend.

7.11 A9 Layby's clean up. Action: DK to write to HC on the matter providing photos

7.12 AGM to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in the Community Hall at 7.00pm

## **8. Correspondence**

8.1 Emergency Fuel Support: SL reported that appropriate advice will be put on the new CC Website.

8.2 BASAP Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April: For info only, no action required.

8.3 Community Partnership Minutes and next meeting: JF to attend meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

8.4 Community Councils Planning Information: For Info only, no action required

8.5 NHS Highland Food Survey: For info only, no action required

8.6 National Park Local Development Plan: The plan is to consider the next 10 years. Contributions from local landowners, CC and other businesses locally.

8.7 Kincaig Roads Correspondence: SL reported she had received an email informing her there is now an appointed Roads Inspectorate contact at Highland Council. SL has already been in contact with him on ? She will also raise the issue of dumped tarmac at Insh Church Car Park.

9. Any Other Business: No issues were raised

10. Date of next meeting and AGM will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May in the Community Hall at 7.00pm

That being all the business discussed, the Chair thanked everyone for coming before closing the meeting.