

# MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 , 7pm Kincaig Community Hall.

**Chair:** John Forbes-Leith, **Vice Chair:** Jordan McNeilage, **Treasurer:** Susan Libeks,

**Secretary:** David Kinnear

**Councillors:** Johnny Freshwater, Alan Cairns, John Christie

Present: John Forbes-Leith (JF-L), Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), John Christie (JC), Ian Ash (IA), Hilary Brown (HB), Kate Rennie (KR), Geordie Weymss (GW), Joan Knox (JK), Russell Jones (RJ), Ashleigh Campbell (AC)

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

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies received from Kenny Deans, Jordan MacNeilage, Alan Cairns, Jonny Freshwater.

No Declarations of Interest received

## 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were approved. Proposed by Susan Libeks and Seconded by John Christie

## 3. Matters Arising: None raised

## 4. Planning and Roads

### 4.1 New Applications

26/00355/FUL – Erection of Croft House, Feshieside Croft. Neutral Stance

### 4.2 Short Term Let Applications: None Received

## 5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported Village signs cost £1700. Insurance has been approved. £2001.31 remains in reserves for other village projects.

### 5.2 Repairs Update:

IA reported that potholes on the Kincaig bridge had not been repaired. Some potholes before the bridge had been prepared prior to repairing.

IA mentioned that the work carried out by Openreach on the Brae Cul de Sac was of a poor finish with no sealant around the repairs,

Action: SL to send pictures to Philip Mason Highland Council Roads Inspector adding the CC's concern at the poor condition of the works carried out.

Some potholes around the village still need repairing.

IA has not yet received a reply from HC concerning the suggestion of a dog poo bin at Macrae Crescent.

IA suggested the need for a traditional red phone box outside the Post Office Café to replace the one which was removed.

5.3 Police Community Liaison Report. None received

## 6. Projects and Events

6.1 CAP Project (Community Action Plan) list update and agree list to do in 2026

Other items raised:

- a) IA confirmed that some of the projects on the original list have been completed.
- b) Reopening the train station at Kincaig was the most popular request. Action: RJ to mention this matter at the forthcoming Highland Council Transport meeting
- c) A discussion took place about a proposed Community Orchard which also featured on the CAP list. It was mentioned that there used to be one at Dalraddy Holiday Park. Action: Ashleigh Campbell to investigate.
- d) A shop in the Village also featured on the CAP list
- e) IA suggested the list is reviewed and updated with other items to be added.

6.2 Village Clean Up Day, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 1.00pm

Focusing on litter and debris around specific areas within the village before the grass begins to grow. The state of the A9 layby's was raised. Action: DK to send photos and write to Highland Council who are responsible for keeping layby's litter free.

6.3 Bus Stop Update.

Highland Council have agreed to lay tarmac at the bus stop beside Ross's Garage before end of March

6.4 MacBean Road Update

RJ had been in contact with Shona Maclay of HC and she confirmed the paperwork had been completed for the adoption of the road. RJ is awaiting for matters to be concluded.

6.5 Public Parking in the Kincaig

KVCC to host and facilitate a meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm at the Community Hall. All interest groups and parties who organise events or general businesses who have an interest to be invited

6.6 Welcome Signage for Village Update.

SL reported that she and RJ met the previous week to agree exact locations for the signs. HC have agreed to erect the signs.

IA offered a vote of thanks to SL for all her efforts on organising the design and erection of the signs

6.7 Fundraising Night 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Feedback

A difficult decision was taken by the CC to cancel the event due to a lack of ticket sales. A number of reasons were put forward for this and discussed. A suitable date for next year needs to be identified where it doesn't clash with other events. SL proposed an auction be held for the auction prizes that were donated to the Ceilidh night. SL suggested the event take place in the Suie at the end of May.

## 7. Correspondence

7.1 Community Council Forum 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026. JF-L to attend on behalf of KVCC

7.2 Renewable and Green Energy Development Contracts. For CC info.

7.3 A9 Lane Closures Bankfoot – Luncarty 8<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March. For CC info.

7.4 AGM Reminder

7.5 CNP Community Letter. For CC info

7.6 BASAP Meeting Minutes. For CC info

7.7 Highland Council community Briefing. For CC info

7.8 CC Scheme of Establishment for Highland. J-FL to take part

7.9 B&S CC Forum 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026. SL may be able to attend.

7.10 Invereshie & Inshriach National Nature Reserve – Montane Willow Scrub Planting Project

7.11 Wildfire Strategic Action Plan. AC presented paperwork on behalf of Alvie Estate on the subject. AE are taking a proactive stance and addressing the issues surrounding the risk of further wildfires including banning gas BBQ's and outside fires within DHP. A lengthy discussion took place to consider this plan. There was general criticism of its content. The meeting was informed that there was no representation from individual landowners at the SMARTEU Debrief held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025. CC will engage and monitor the Action Plan going forward.

## **8. Any Other Business**

8.1 The issue of human excrement adjacent to the Insh Church car park was discussed. SL stated that input has historically been requested from outdoor businesses who launch canoes/paddle boards etc from the parking spot and none replied. As requested by SL at the previous meeting (February), KR followed up with a web provider promoting overnight parking (park4the night), requesting that the parking spot at Insh church was removed. The provider refused.

A representative from Alvie estates attended the meeting. She reported that Alvie estate have also had extensive dialogue with this web provider to no avail. It is likely that Alvie estate will now block access to this parking spot.

8.2 RJ reported that the speed limit of 30mph is to be extended from Insh Church to junction above Loch Insh Watersports

8.3 IA asked RJ to pass on the CC thanks to Neil Fraser for the winter lights.

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting will be 14th April 2026.

That being all the matters discussed, the Chair thanked everyone before closing the meeting.