

Kincraig & Vicinity Community Council AGM **14th May 2026. Kincraig Community Hall 7pm**

In attendance: John Forbes-Leith(JF-L), Susan Libeks(SL), Jonny Freshwater(JF), John Christie(JC), Kenny Deans(KD), Ian Ash(IA), Hilary Brown(HB), Kate Rennie(KR), Geordie Weymss(GW), Russell Jones(RJ), Ashley Campbell(AC).

Apologies: David Kinnear, Alan Cairns, Helen Grey

Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM 2025:

Minutes were accepted and proposed by JF-L and Seconded by SL

Matters Arising - None

Chair Report – JF-L

Welcome to Kincraig and Vicinity Community Council AGM 2026

Thank you all for coming

What a year it has been for our small community, we have achieved a huge plethora of items on the to do list. We hold monthly meetings here in the hall which are always lively and productive. Discussing in amongst other things the monthly planning applications, getting the road repairs notified and completed, the state of our finances, well produced and policed by Susan our treasurer, than you to her, sadly this year our finances are somewhat depleted after the cancelation of our fundraising Ceilidh which had a poor uptake of tickets quite possibly due to clashing with sporting events outside our area, we hope to reinstate this fabulous event next year.

Our community clean-up day is becoming well supported with all sorts of people turning up to give an hour or so of their time to improve where we all live, our thanks to Ian for being the driving force in the is splendid initiative. I would encourage you all to come along on the third Wednesday of the month armed with whatever equipment you can muster or even only a pair of gloves.

Our community action plan is an ever-ongoing project, we have had bus stops installed at the Baldow development, the Hall is now more disabled friendly with improved access, we have or very soon will have new welcome signs for Kincraig,. There are now weatherproof surfaces on various walking bridges within the village and the path network has been improved and widened. Our defibrillator network is improving with a new one in Drumguish. I do believe we need better signage of the locations for our tourists and locals alike.

Speeding traffic will always be a problem but we have managed to get speed restriction signs installed on the brae and through to the kirk, Insh will soon have I hope electronic speed signs in the village, which will we hope to calm the traffic (normally local) within the locality. McBean road has been adopted by Highland council. The list is increasing by the month

Going forward we will continue to evaluate planning applications and support where necessary, encourage better public transport, improve the parking offer in the village, improve the path network including a safer route to school, increase the refuse bins availability and location and do whatever we can to make this a better place to live

My special thanks to Susan for all her hard work keeping us all on our toes and doing the accounts, being our social organiser, secretary. David Kinnear for minute taking of our meetings. Ian Ash for repairs, clean up and even the flagpole amongst other things. Russell Jones for facilitating all manner of things with Highland Council and CNPA you all deserve our thanks for going above and beyond.

I would like also to thank Garry Culpan for chairing the Community Council for the past 2 Years and Jordon McNeilage for his contribution as Vice Chair, they will both be missed over the coming years

Treasurer Report (SL)

I am pleased to present our audited accounts for the year 2025-2026.

I apologise for the small error in not noticing sooner that one of the wreaths had not been paid for. This has since been rectified but will show in next year's accounts.

Please also note that the bank invoices are always taken from our account a month in arrears.

We have had a spending spree this year thanks to previous years' fund-raising events and listening to requests from our community through the Community Action Plan(CAP):

- We donated £500 towards repairs at the Community Hall to improve disabled access
- £100 towards the new Drumguish Defibrillator. We also supported this project by acting as banker to allow for a Highland Council grant to be awarded.
- We have adopted the red telephone kiosk at Feshiebridge
- Purchased a new notice board for Drumguish
- Community clean-up events (CAP) – thank you to everyone who helped with the catering at the end of each of these.
- We have purchased two new welcome signs for the village, sadly -although these are ready to be installed, the Highland Council cannot put them in situ until the end of the summer and, as it is on their land, we must wait !

The Annual Seniors lunch at Loch Insh was a great success with increased numbers this year – thank you to Loch Insh for hosting the event and to John Forbes-Leith for his donation towards the drinks on the day. As we did not have a sponsor this year for the lunch drinks the event did end up costing us more than last year. We maybe need to look at finding a new sponsor.

Having scheduled a fund-raising Ceilidh and Auction in March to top up our funds we sadly had to cancel due to lack of interest. We do have the auction lots and plan to run the auction at the Suie Bar in October, provisionally Saturday 3rd. The more we can raise the more we can spend on our CAP.

At year end we have the following:

£121.14 in our current account and £10285.74 in our savings account.

£5001.31 of restricted funds

£5401.32 general funds

We ran at an operating loss of **£3347.92** of which CAP projects cost us £2730.23

Our annual grant from Highland Council is only £493.03 so thank you to everyone who generously donates to our fundraising everything we have accomplished this year has been possible.

Election of Office Bearers:

CHAIR: John Forbes Leith, nominated by SL seconded by JC

VICE CHAIR: John Christie, nominated by SL seconded by JF-L

SECRETARY: David Kinnear, (agreed in his absence via previous communication) nominated by JF-L, seconded by JF

TREASURER: Susan Libeks, nominated by JF-L, seconded by JF

AOCB

HB offered the grateful thanks of the MacBean residents to the KVCC & to Russell Jones for the successful council adoption of MacBean Road after many years of trying.

Date of next AGM 11th May 2027