

DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at Kincraig Community Hall

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

Secretary: David Kinnear

Present: John Christie (JC), Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Allan Cairns (AC), Ian Ash (IA), Ashleigh Campbell (AC), Russell Jones (RJ), Joan Knox (JK)

1. Welcome, Apologies, and Declarations of Interest:

The Meeting was Chaired by the Vice Chair, John Christie, in John Forbes-Leith's absence. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies were received from Kenny Deans

No Declarations of Interest were submitted

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes from the Meeting held 9th June 2026. Joan Knox mentioned that under item 10.1, the proposed setting up of Baldow Meadows Residence Group was raised by Kate Rennie and not Joan Knox. The Minutes were proposed by Susan Libeks and seconded by John Christie

3. Matters Arising: Under Item 10.3, DK mentioned that following his letter of thanks to Craig Dunn (Waste Management Officer for Badenoch & Strathspey), for the prompt and efficient clearance of litter on the A9, DK had received a reply acknowledging the letter of thanks, whilst offering to help the CC in any other areas that may require attention.

4. Planning

New applications:

26/02417/FUL Erection of workshop and home office, Blackmill House, Feshiebridge. Neutral Stance
26/02739/SCOP Farr Wind Farm Extension. No Comment.

Short Term Lets: None

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: There was an income of £3.25 and expenditure of £4.50. The Treasurer reported that the annual grant awarded from Highland Council this month was double that of last year. SL questioned whether this was correct and why it had doubled with no prior notification on the matter. Action: Russell Jones offered to look into the situation to establish whether this was correct and report back.

5.2 Repairs Update (IA). IA reported that the Bus Stop Sign at the War Memorial had been damaged.

6. Projects & Events

CAP List:

6(a) Defibrillator Signage. IA reported that the cost of signage as discussed at the last meeting was £137.94. IA suggested this cost would be eligible for Discretionary Funding. Action: SL offered to complete the required application form.

6(b) Kincaig News and Events Forum. Lorna Bray has been very involved with this project and in getting information out to the community. She has expressed a need for a third person to help her.

6(c) Speed Warning Signs at Insh and the Brae. There is a requirement for more electronic speed signs within the village. Action: SL offered to contact VABS to request two more signs. SL also offered to contact Highland Council to get permission to move the existing electronic sign at the south of the village by one lamp post to the south.

6(d) Play Parks. Action: IA has offered to contact Lynn MacGilvary to request a site visit. SL has also offered to contact Lynn to enquire about available funding.

6(e) Speed Trap. A discussion took place about the speed of some cars through Kincaig. Action: SL offered to contact the Police to ask about setting up occasional speed traps within the village.

6(f) Community Arena. IA reported that some of the equipment was in need of replacement and repair. IA had spoken to Mark Lynch (Chair of the Hall Committee), who agreed to investigate any funding that might be available. In the meantime, general maintenance had been carried out by Ian Ash, Joseph Mitchell and Bruce Murray.

6(g) Dalraddy Bus Stop. RJ reported that he had not heard back from Don Henderson of Highland Council regarding its re siting, with a request for clearer signage. Action: RJ to contact Don Hendrson for an update.

6(h) Red Phone Box for Kincaig. Alan Cairns reported that the instalment of the new red post box was in hand and he hoped to have it positioned within the next two weeks. `

6.2 Church Car Park, Loch Insh meeting feedback from 7th July 2026. SL attended the meeting and reported that a positive discussion in conjunction with the Cairngorms National Park had taken place with Jamie Williamson (JW) of Alvie Estate, where options to resolve the matter were put forward. In the meantime, AC reported on behalf of JW, that the car park will remain closed to give JW more time to consider the options available. A trial opening of the car park in the autumn has been put forward for consideration.

6.3 Village Clean Up plan for Wednesday 22nd July. IA to put a plan of action together including clearing weeds on the Knoll path and around the new benches on the newly created path opposite Insh Church. Meet at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

6.4 The Great Raft Race, Saturday 25th July. The event is taking place at Loch Insh Watersports. Loch Insh have entered three teams so far, currently awaiting confirmation from other teams. Action: SL to finalise plans with Jonny Freshwater next week

6.5 Fundraising Auction Night 3rd October. SL has asked to change the date to 5th September in the Suie. Action: AC to confirm the Suie has no other event on that night. This has been confirmed post meeting.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Highland Council Community Briefing – For Info Only

7.2 Planning information from Jeff Pyrah following last meeting – For Info Only

7.3 BASAP Meeting 14th July – For Info Only

7.4 Off Street Parking Regulations Highland Council – For Info Only

7.5 Play Scotland Play Parks. IA offered to progress with possible funding opportunities. Action: IA offered to complete the appropriate survey online

7.6 Badenoch & Strathspey Community Council Forum 28th July. DK agreed to attend on behalf of KVCC Date has been changed to August post meeting

7.7 Highland Council Launch of on-line engagement. Action: RJ has offered to find out more

7.8 Dalnavert Trees not cleared. John Christie has been in contact the Area Manager for Forest & Land Scotland on the matter, emphasising the risk wildfires pose to the cottages at Dalnavert in light of the recent hot weather and the amount of brash on the ground which could contribute to fuel loading in the event of a fire. DK pointed out that there was an increasing risk of wildfires due to the presumption against controlled burning and firebreaks under current Govt policy. Action: DK to write to Forestry and Land Scotland with the concerns expressed by the CC as to the amount of brash left over from recent felling activities and the risk of fire towards Dalnavert Cottages.

7.9 Alvie Primary School road access loop. AC reported that JW has been in discussion with the school on the matter

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 The bench on the Brae has been removed due to its unsafe condition. Dez Jones has offered to replace it at his own cost if CC were prepared to pay for the materials, to which this was agreed by the CC.

8.2 RJ informed the CC that he had been in contact with Adam Lapinski to have the old lights on Kincaig bridge removed.

8.3 KVCC received a letter from Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council asking KVCC to support their proposal for an amendment to the Planning Enforcement Charter. KVCC agreed not to do so based on the lack of information and facts available that has clearly led to a disagreement between Highland Council Planning Department and Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge & Achnacarry CC, as outlined in their letter.

Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 8th September 2026 in the Community Hall at 7.00pm

That being all the business discussed, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance before closing the meeting at 8.20pm.