

DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th June 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), Jonny Freshwater (JF), Ian Ash (IA), Kate Rennie (KR), Ashleigh Campbell (AC), Geordie Wymss (GW), Kenny Deans (KD), Russell Jones (RJ), Jeff Pyrah (JP) 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 John Forbes-Leith and Hilary Brown

No Declarations of Interest were submitted

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes from the Meeting held 12th May 2026 were proposed by Jonny Freshwater and seconded by John Christie

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Presentation: Q&A on Draft Local Plan – Jeff Pyrah, Senior Planning Officer for Cairngorms National Park

Jeff provided an overview of the CNPA Draft Local Plan with an explanation of its purpose, role and administration, with the emphasis being on land use, housing, economic development and environmental protection. JP explained that the DLP is currently going through the consulting phase in which anyone including CC's can contribute evidence-based suggestions. This would apply to the Community Action Plan (CAP). The full draft will be available in April 2027, when if necessary, other comments can be submitted for consideration before the DLP is put forward to the Scottish Government for adoption as policy, following which it will be published in 2028. There followed a Q & A session with JP

5. Proposal to Co-opt new Community Councillor Geordie Wymss. Proposed by Susan Libeks and Seconded by Alan Cairns

6. Planning

6.1 New Applications: None Received

6.2 Short Term Let Application: 26/01926/FUL. Agreed to take a Neutral Stance

7. Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the Armistice Wreath had been paid for and SL has applied for the annual Grant. The Closing Balance as at 18th May 2026 is £10051.89 an increase of 38.09 on the previous month.

7.2 Repairs Update (IA):

(i) IA reported that given the nature of the repairs on the potholes throughout the village, it was only a temporary repair. IA added that the Brae was in need of resurfacing. Action: SL to write to Highland Council detailing all road repair work needing done.

(ii) IA reported that the Village Green required some attention. Holes have appeared from damage by rabbits. Alvie School Sports Day is due to be held within two weeks, so volunteers organised by IA have offered to fill in the holes for safety reasons. Rabbit damage is an ongoing problem which will require controlling. The suggestion is to attach rabbit netting to the existing green fence. Community Payback maybe able to do this; needs further investigating

(iii) IA reported that the Bins referred to previously were now in the correct place on Macrae Crescent

7.3 Police Community Liaison Report: A Police Report was received. The Police informed the CC that they will no longer attend Community Council meetings but instead the CC should report any incidents as they happen. Following this, IA expressed concern at the speed of some vehicles through the village, the likelihood is it's locals speeding. It was suggested that a request be made to the Police to have a speed van located at an appropriate place in the village.

8. Projects and Events

8.1 CAP Project List Update: IA reported that a request had been made for a tennis court. In view of the fact that there are very good courts at both Kingussie and Aviemore, it was suggested that people should be encouraged to use these courts. It might be helpful to provide posters locally informing everyone of these facilities. A comment was made about youth issues which was deferred to 8.4 by IA.

8.2 Church Car Park Loch Insh The logs placed previously to stop parking were illegally removed on the 29th May allowing access to vehicles. A discussion took place on how to help the Alvie Estate (landowner) manage the problems occurring at this car park, particularly where Campervans are concerned and the continual promotion to use it by the Website, 'Park for the Night', who appear to be aggravating the situation. Various suggestions were put forward including a sign with appropriate wording that cannot be

removed. In order to help find a solution, it's been agreed to hold a meeting with Alvie Estate and other relevant parties including CNPA on Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 2.00pm to be held at Loch Insh Watersports.

8.3 Dalraddy Bus Stop Update. Following Russel Jones's letter to Don Henderson of Highland Council requesting the Bus stop to be re sited with clear signage, DH has since replied favourably. RJ to keep the CC updated on the matter.

8.4 Community Arena. This recreation area is used regularly by the community. IA noted that the goalposts needed repainting with the posts being made more secure, together with new nets. CC agreed to fund the £50 for the new nets. IA already has the paint. It is hoped to access the funds that are in the bank which has been identified for this area.

The two playparks within the village need inspecting with appropriate recommendations if necessary. Action: SL to contact Lynne MaGillvary

8.5 Red Phone Box for Village. Alan Cairns informed the CC he had found one to put beside the Old Post Office Café. It's in good condition with the original phone still in place. The cost will be £1000, however AC informed the meeting there had been four private donors contributing to the cost and he made a request to the CC that they might consider paying a further £200 towards purchasing it. The CC agreed to paying the £200

8.6 Village Clean-Up Plan, Wednesday 17th June. Meet at the Village Hall, 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available. Need as many people as possible. IA to arrange the work programme.

8.7 The Great Raft Race, Saturday 25th July 2026. Committee includes SL, JF, KR, AC. A poster has been designed to promote the event. Looking for teams. Entry Forms and Disclaimer Forms to be produced.

8.8 Fund Raising Night Auction, 3rd October 2026. Confirmed. To be held in the Suie Pub.

9. Correspondence

1. BEAR Scotland re Kessock Bridge. For Info only
2. BASAP Meeting Minutes. For info only
3. Police Update. As previously discussed
4. Highland Rural Briefing. For info only
5. BEAR Scotland Newsletter. For info only
6. CNPA Core Path Plan For info only
7. VABS Newsletter. For info only

8. Highland council Briefing. For info only

10. Any Other Business:

10.1 JK informed the meeting that residents of Baldow Meadows wish to form a Residence Association. In the first instance they would like the roads to be adopted. It is thought that not all roads within the development have been adopted. Action: RJ offered to enquire on their behalf

10.2 IA is looking into the distribution of Defibrillator direction signs at various locations throughout the area. IA quoted £12.41 per sign of which six were needed. Suggested upgrading them to be reflector signs. Apply to the Ward Discretionary Fund for funding. Action: IA to investigate further.

10.3 Layby 116 & 117. DK informed the meeting that Highland Council had cleaned up both layby's as previously requested. The A9 verges were also looking cleaner and tidier. Action: DK to write and thank HC for carrying out the work.

10.4 IA was asked about the decision on what flags were flying in the village. He said it reflected various events but also to recognise local community members if the occasion was appropriate. IA asked to put on Facebook why each flag was flying. It was agreed not to as people enjoyed working it out. Basically, it is firstly a National Day, if not, it is a group visiting from that country. AC said she received an email from a Royal Marine who appreciated the gesture of flying the Royal Marine flag recently and wished to express his thanks.

10.5 AC raised the issue of the recent three car accident outside her house at Lower Milehead where the accident occurred. She said there was still debris strewn around her garden along with damage to her fence. Action: RJ offered to contact Craig Irvine of Highland Council to enquire about cleaning up the area.

Date of next meeting and AGM will be Tuesday 14th July 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.