

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at KinCraig Community Hall

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

Secretary: David Kinnear

Present: John Forbes-Leith (J-FL), Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Allan Cairns (AC), John Christie (JC) Ian Ash (IA), Ashleigh Campbell (AC), Jonny Freshwater (JF), Geordie Weymms (GW), Alice Fogg (AF), Thaijs Claes (TC), Kate Rennie (KR), Robert Hennesy (RH), Catriona Paterson (CP), Dierdre Falconer (DF) Lesley Luke (LL)

1. Welcome, Apologies, and Declarations of Interest:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies were received from Kenny Deans and Russel Jones

A Declaration of Interest was received by John Forbes – Leith regarding Planning Application Ref: 25/01355/S36 Highland Windfarm.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes from the Meeting held 14th July 2026. Correction under 8.1. IA stated that Dez Jones had agreed to build the new bench once donors had been received for funding the cost of the wood.

Item 6(d). Goal Posts. Instead of Ian Ash contacting Lynn MacGilvary, it was agreed Susan Libeks would contact her. Also, the Minutes omitted to record that IA would be refunded £50 for the painting of the goal posts. Since then the cost has increased to £80 to which the CC agreed to pay.

Proposed by SL and seconded by JC

3. Matters Arising:

DK mentioned he had not received a reply or an acknowledgement of his letter addressed to SFRS dated 3rd August 2026 regarding potential wildfires within KVCC area.

4. Planning

New applications:

26/03097/FUL – Erection of House and Garage, Near Insh. Agreed No Comment

26/03377/PIP – Erection of House Land, Feshiebridge. Agreed No Comment

25/01355/S36 – Highland Wind Farm. Agreed to Support

26/03217/FUL – Erection of Steel Portal Shed, Killiehuntly (for RSPB) – Agreed No Comment

Short Term Let Applications: None

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that Highland Council's Annual Grant of £843.03 was received but with stipulations on spending. The closing balance as at 17th August 2026 was £10894.58

5.2 Repairs Update (IA). No further update

6. Projects & Events

6.1 CAP List:

6(a) Defibrillator Signage Update. Grant received and signs ordered.

6(b) Kinraig News and Events Forum. Following Lorna Bray's request for assistance, Kate Rennie will contact Lorna. Alice Fogg also agreed to help where she can.

6(c) Speed Warning Signs at Insh and The Brae. SL received data from Road Safety, Highland Council showing the average speed was 29.7 mph within the 30mph limit and 18.7mph within the 20mph limit in Kinraig. Concern was raised at the speed of traffic through the village of Insh. Action: SL to ask the Road Safety department to carry out speed measurements in Insh

6(d) Play Parks. Nothing further done. IA observed there was a lack of grass cutting and equipment in need of some attention i.e. painting. Action: SL to contact Lynne MacGilvary.

Attention was turned to the Bike Work Station on the Knoll which forms part of Kingussie Cycle Friendly. IA mentioned it needs basic maintenance carried out to ensure it is working properly i.e. the pump. If IA incurs any cost, then he should submit receipts to SL.

6(e) Dalraddy Bus Stop – No Further update

6(f) Red Phone Box for Kinraig. The phone box has been successfully installed. Options are being considered for its use. Needs painting. Thanks to Alan Cairns for sourcing it.

6(g) Train Station. Lorna Bray has provided links to IA for him to explore the options.

6(h) Bench on the Brae. Discussed under Matters Arising`

6.(i) Defibrillator for Rowantree Hotel, Lynwilg. The defibrillator has been applied for funding to the British Heart Foundation. A discussion followed about Ali Mackenzie's request to provide one at Speybank. It was suggested he contacts the British Heart Foundation to apply for funding.

6.2 Church Car Park meeting provisional date 15th October.

6.3 Village Clean Up plan for Wednesday 16th September. Decided to cancel this particular event due to the work load of the village fete on the 19th.

6.4 The Great Raft Race, Saturday 25th July. SL and DK reported how successful the event had been with all participants clearly enjoying it, despite there only being two teams. Agreed that this event should be held again next year but on Sunday 13th June 2027 which would reduce the chance of it clashing with other events, which was the likely reason in only two teams taking part this year.

6.5 Community Housing Trust AGM 18th September – JF-L agreed to attend

6.6 Fundraising Auction Night 3rd October. The BBQ will start between 5.30pm – 6.00pm with the Auction taking place at 7.30pm at the latest

6.7 Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2026. Wreaths to be ordered by 4th October. IA handed a list over to SL for ordering. Assemble at 10.40am

7. Correspondence

7.1 Drumguish Concern re Tromie Bridge usage with new forestry road. DF addressed the CC on behalf of Drumguish residents, some of whom had expressed concern about the lack of consultation by Forestry Commission with regard to their proposed plans for the extraction of timber in the area, given that it was estimated there would be about 20,000 lorry movements during the course of this

extraction. Concern was raised at the effect this might have on traffic and on Tromie Bridge. Previous efforts from the residents in obtaining more information has been unsuccessful. It was agreed that in the first instance, it should be established whether there was a survey carried out on Tromie bridge, and if so, this need to be shared with KVCC.

Action: DK and RH to compose a letter to Forestry Commission requesting information on whether a bridge survey has been carried out, and to include other matters raised, such as traffic management and other road matters.

7.2 BEAR Scotland nighttime works September 2026 – A9 Kingussie. Noted

7.3 Transport Scotland A9 dualling programme update will be present in person at the October meeting. Noted

7.4 Kingussie High School Volunteering Projects. Jonny Freshwater expressed an interest on behalf of Loch Insh Watersports. JF to contact Cayden Davies at KHS.

7.5 Fire and Rescue Service Feedback requested. Action: GW to complete survey before 15th October.

7.5 Cont'd. Concerns have been expressed locally at the risk of wildfires and the effect on local communities. Action: DK to resend his previous letter originally addressed to Forestry Land Scotland to FRSS

An event has been organised in Aviemore by Cairngorm Crofters and Farmers on Friday 18th September at 6.30pm to discuss wildfires. JC try to attend.

7.6 Feedback thank you for the work on the Community Arena. SL mentioned a thank you letter had been received from Vanessa Walker thanking the CC for the work carried out on the goal posts.

7.7 Cairngorms Connect Conference 17th September. JF to attend

7.8 Community networking Events 30th September at Glenmore. DK to attend

7.9 Planning related training & guidance. Noted

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 Kingussie Community Council have offered Firework Safety Training. JF agreed to attend and will contact Janet Kinnarid

8.2 Alice Fogg (VABS) informed the CC that under the 2030 Communities Fund, up to £5000 is being offered. Any project undertaken by Community Councils is eligible. KVCC to consider what options are available.

8.3 Alice Fogg (VABS) referred to the Resilience Plan. Training sessions to be organised during winter to include emergency services.

8.4 Alan Cairns announced there will be a Christmas Ceilidh to be held on Tuesday 29th December 2026 at the Village Hall.

Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7.00pm

That being all business concluded, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance before closing the meeting at 8.40pm.