Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th October 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), Ian Ash (IA), Ashleigh Campbell (AC), Jonny Freshwater (JF), Geordie Weymms (GW), Kate Rennie (KR), Russell Jones (RJ), Kenny Deans (KD), Robert Hennesy (RH), Catriona Paterson (CP), Lesley Luke (LL), Fiona Weymms (FW)

1. Welcome, Apologies, and Declarations of Interest:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies were received from John Christie and Alan Cairns

No Declarations of interest were received

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes from the Meeting held on 8th September 2026 were accepted, Proposed by Susan Libeks and Seconded by John Forbes-Leith

3. Matters Arising:

None

4. Planning

New applications:
26/03907/FUL: Erection of car port, Glenfeshie House PH21 1NX. Neutral stance taken

Short Term Let Applications:
26/03463/CLE Croftcarnochb Farmhouse PH21 1LU. Neutral stance taken
26/04356/CLE The Cottage Drumguish Kingussie PH21 1NY. Neutral Stance taken

PRESENTATION: A9 Dualling Strategic Planning Team.
There was a presentation by James MacLeod, David Mackay and Mike Allan.
An overview was given of the A9 Dualling project between Inverness and Perth. This included a progress report on the two sections currently under construction and the timings of the remaining sections still to be completed. The section relevant to KVCC is Kincraig to Crubenmore. It will be a Design and Build Contract. Timescale as follows: Procurement 2029/2030, Contract Awarded 2030, Operational 2035
Questions were put to the Planning Team, including Kincraig village suffering the effects of being used as an alternative route for motorists wanting to avoid possible delays. Also, MME implications at various points along the route, particularly at Kingussie

Much of the information shown during the Presentation is from the 2026 Delivery Plan, which can be found on their website.
Action: SL to put the the slides onto the Kincraig Website

5. Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report:

Fund Raising Night on 5th September was very successful and the £1040 raised will show in next month's account. Thank you to everyone who donated / helped / purchased on the night .
Remembrance wreaths have been purchased and invoiced out to third parties.
Closing balance as at 15th September 2026 £10,800.93 which includes £5800 restricted funds.

5.2 Repairs Update (IA).

a) Two culverts on the Brae have sunk and are in need of repair.

b) The old lights on Kincraig bridge have been removed. There is a need for the bridge to be resurfaced and checked structurally.

Action: RJ to consult appropriate bodies.

6. Projects & Events

6.1 Drumguish Meeting Feedback – DK explained briefly what had been achieved since the last meeting, supported by Catriona Paterson and Robert Hennesy who were able to provide more details on the situation overall from the Drumguish Community Group perspective. Letters have been sent to Wildland Scotland, Forestry and Land Scotland, Forestry Scotland, with a draft letter ready to send to Highland Council; each addressing pertinent issues. Since the letters were sent, Wildland Scotland have agreed to meet DCG representatives on site.

At this point in the meeting, the Chair gave his apologies on having to leave the Meeting. SL took over as Chair for the rest of the meeting.

6.2 Baldow Meadows adoption update – RJ expressed frustration at the lack of action and explained there was still much to be done before the road is adopted. Scotia Homes is responsible for getting it to an adoptable standard. KR of the Baldow Residence Association has agreed to liaise with RJ and provide relevant information to help resolve the matter.
There is £10,000 available from developers gain which maybe available to use towards the bridge to link the two estates.

Action: RJ agreed to consult Highland Council on the issue. KR to provide relevant information for RJ

6.3 Playpark meeting feedback – IA reported that Lynne MacGilvray is supportive of the play park. She suggested moving the playpark onto the Village green. There is a meeting planned in November when the matter can be discussed further.

6.4 CAP List – IA reported that the defibrillator signage had been erected. IA suggested replacing the defibrillator at the Hall due to its age.

IA reported that the Bike Work Station on the Knoll was now almost operational. Mark Lynch has offered to help complete the work. The Spin Project will send an account for the bike tools

IA reported that he had raised the issue of Kincraig resurrecting the old station with Frank Roach, who is responsible for Rail Projects. FR said it was unlikely to happen due to Kincraig being on the main line and any further stoppages would affect the service.

IA reported that the Red Phone Box was in situ and did not require any further work. This item to come off the agenda.

6.5 Church Car Park Meeting. A meeting has been arranged between interested parties on 12th November 2026 at 10.30am to be held at Loch Insh Watersports.

6.6 Community Housing Trust AGM 18th September. JF-L reported before leaving the meeting that the CHT was winding up and will no longer be operational.

6.7 Fundraising Night – Auction Night 3rd October Suie Bar feedback – SL reported that the night had been a great success with the Auction raising £1076. £317 raised was from the BBQ, which is assigned to the Hall. It was agreed that owing to its success it should be held again next year in the Suie, which would also benefit from the successful evening.

6.8 Remembrance Sunday – 8th November. The service will start at 10.45am. Everyone who is involved in a task is asked to arrive for 10.30am. Alvie Primary School will also be invited. The loudspeakers are operational.

6.9 Seniors Festive Lunch Date. This year it will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2026 at Loch Insh Watersports. The cost will be £20 p/p. Posters to be distributed

Action: IA to ask Alvie Primary School to attend`

6.10 Emergency Resilience Plan – Agreed it needs further investigating. SL mentioned that Sandy McCook has offered to help set up Kincraig's Plan. It was discussed that each hamlet within the KVCC should have their own one. SL suggested a separate meeting involving a subgroup involving John Forbes-Leith, Jonny Freshwater, Ashleigh Campbell and Fiona Weymms. Action: SL to invite Sandy McCook to the meeting

7. Correspondence

7.1 Alvie School access issues. Problems have occurred after Highland Council closed the bottom gate previously used for access. HC have been in contact with the Hall with regard to car parking facilities i.e. drop off and pick up. The PTA are dealing with the issues effectively and taking the matter forward. They are working with the parents. It was suggested parking at the Hall is helping. Temporary Blue Badges are available where it is necessary to drive up to the school.

7.2 Christmas Lights Costs – A quote of £2700 was received for the Winter Lights. Kincraig agreed to put up their own lights themselves. Agreed to erect the lights in November. Lights need to be tested beforehand.

Action: SL to liaise picking up the lights from HC storage.

7.3 Fire Recovery Grant Funding – SL reported this was available to any applicant if appropriate.

Action: SL; to put it up on the Kincraig website

7.4 Cairngorms 2030 Small Grants Fund – KD reported that there was between £500 - £5000 available for community led projects. Consider local CAP initiatives, which maybe applicable.

7.5 CNPA Newsletter. – KD informed the meeting of drop-in events being held locally.

7.6 Andrew Baxter MSP, new contact in place for Community Councils. Info only

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 IA suggested the next clean up day should be held in November. Agreed it will be on Sunday 15th November between 1.00pm – 3.00pm

8.2 The Christmas lights to be installed on 29th October. IA agreed to organise

8.3 It was suggested and agreed that Kincraig should host their own Bonfire Night for 2027. JF is due to attend a Fireworks Display Course at end October.

Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7.00pm

That being all business concluded, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance before closing the meeting at 9.00pm.