

Kettins Parish Community Council
Minute of Meeting held Thursday 20th February 2025

Members present: John Smith (Chair), David Cox, Joyce Falconer, Joshua Lawton, Russell Miller, Isobel Hynd, Mark Gow
Apologies John Lyall, Alison Kennedy
Honorary Members Present: Cllr Colin Stewart, Cllr Hugh Anderson
Members of the Public Present 7

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** John Smith (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting at Kettins Community Hub.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - a. Amended minute to reflect the date of the next meeting. proposed by RM, seconded by JF.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a. **Fete:** Poor turnout on the 3rd of February. Appeal for volunteers to help organise. Wed 26th 7pm at Hub meeting to gauge whether enough volunteers to continue with the fete. All volunteers required to attend. Meeting about the organisation of the event.
 - b. **Tayside Biodiversity Mapping:**
 - i. Bat Boxes - 12x delivered. To be installed in woodland next to the community garden and other locations in the village if volunteers come forward.
 - ii. Hedgehog event to be scheduled for March - hedgehog houses available to be part of conservation project.
 - iii. Bid Strachan at PKCT installed wildlife educational posts at the community garden.
 - c. **Resilience plan:** No update.
4. **REPORTS**
 - a. **Police** – No incidents in the area. Issues of traffic speeding in the area remain.
 - b. **Treasurer** – Balance unchanged at £1353.
 - c. **Planning** –
 - i. Open meeting held at the end of January at the hub re: BESS at Hallyburton. Follow up to 2 x community meetings in 2024. 4 attendees. Feedback echoed similar sentiments to public meetings in 2024. Submission to Energy Consents Unit on behalf of CC summarised lack of overarching strategy from PKC and Scottish Govt on how to deal with piecemeal applications. Recommended a need to put a hold until clear guidance is in place. Additional concerns about danger of fire and contamination of water sources, and disruption of traffic during the period.
 - ii. Email form Orbit re: potential community benefit to include a battery storage for the Community Hub. RM suggested discussion should be led by CC. Concerns raised that accepting the benefit is tantamount to tacit consent. Suggestion was made to wait until confirmation about consents before discussing potential benefit. Concerns that any benefit wouldn't materialise until 2029 earliest anyway. Scottish Govt consultation open until early April 11th on community benefits from renewable developments. Accessed here: <https://consult.gov.scot/offshore-wind-directorate/community-benefits-net-zero-energy-developments/>
 - iii. Peattie Farm solar development 22 MW - submissions for public consultation due 7th March. DC to make a submission on behalf of CC to echo a similar voice. MRW noted most objections based on policy 33 - visual amenity. Risk of flooding. Policy 15. Issue of cumulative impact threshold. Concerns raised about use of agricultural land for renewables. REcognised a need for a wider communication process to alert members of the wider public about these developments. Forfar solar development was refused on appeal by DPEA. It was noted that the extra cost of additional cabling to less favourable agricultural land will be negligible compared with the long-term returns over the period of the development's life.
5. **Perth and Kinross Councillors**
 - a. Policy on Renewables at PKC due for coming for approval in May.
 - b. Next wednesday is the Budget. Before the budget meeting start, 2 petitions that the council has received:
 - i. PH20 - petition asking PKC to reconsider the decision.
 - ii. Rural library closures. If those closures go ahead, risk of de-prioritising areas like Coupar Angus.
 - c. Assumed council tax rises of 10%, 10%, 6% over the next three years. Difficulty in reducing this, due to changes in Employer National Insurance increases. Set against increases in the Health and Social Care budget.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Roadworks:
 - i. Traffic Order U346 - Junction Old Inn to 50m NW 1 day for BT pole installation work.
 - ii. National Speed Mgmt review - ongoing for national speed limits for all of Scoland, proposals to reduce them. Consultation is open online until 5th March.
 - iii. Locality Participatory Budgeting Fund - Open for public votes. Open meeting Sat 1st March Rattray. 22nd February 10-12 at Coupar Angus primary school.
 - iv. Nominate 2 people to attend the Royal Garden party from the Local Community. Until Wed 5th March to reply. Email Chair to suggest nominations on behalf of the CC.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) What can be done about the burnt out cars up at Tullybaccart? On Hallyburton land.
- b) Litter on the verge Northwards along A923. How often is the road cleansed?
- c) Cross Tay Link road open 31st March. Speed monitoring cables to be laid in advance and after road safety measures.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 20th March, 7.30pm, Kettins Church Hall