

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

Members present: John Smith (Chair), Joyce Falconer, Joshua Lawton, Isobel Hynd, Mark Gow
Apologies David Cox, John Lyall, Russell Miller
Honorary Members Present: Cllr Colin Stewart, Cllr Hugh Anderson
Members of the Public Present 3

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** John Smith (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting at Kettins Community Hub.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - a. Approved by Joyce, seconded Mark
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a. **Fete 2025:** Event is going ahead. Meeting took place on 12th March. Was a good response to call for helpers. Still require CC to help out with what we will be doing. Magic 5 doing Food in the evening. Andy Barrie to do ice cream. Pipe back booked, Engin house booked. Tug of war, and bouncy castle booked. Working on vintage vehicles. Pony Rides and Pet therapy. Looking at whether a dog show will go ahead, in discussions with a dog agility trainer. Letham majorettes and young farmers were invited. PKC biodiversity and Primary school are looking to have a stall. Next steps to contact the press to confirm the event will be going ahead. Next meeting 9th April at 7:00pm in the Hub.
 - b. **Tayside Biodiversity Mapping:**
 - i. Bat Boxes - event planned for Saturday 11am Saturday 22nd March at the community garden to install boxes.
 - ii. Hedgehog event took place Saturday 8th March. Some hedgehog habitat boxes are available for use in people's gardens. To contact Josh if interested.
 - iii. Bid Strachan at PK countryside Trust arranged installation of outdoor learning posts for pollinators at the school garden.
 - c. **Resilience plan:** Awaiting printing out the big map - to put forward to the next meeting.
4. **REPORTS**
 - a. **Police** – No incidents in the area.
 - b. **Treasurer** – Balance unchanged at £1353.
 - c. **Planning** –
 - i. DC replied on behalf of CC about the Keithick Solar extension. Concerns raised about cumulative impact. SSEN planning for Coupar Angus 2 and Coupar Angus 3 Substations. Cllr Stewart has requested plans for the local area. Still awaiting a decision on Pleasance.
5. **Perth and Kinross Councillors**
 - a. Council tax confirmed an increase this year of 9.5%. followed by a 9.5% increase next year and 6% the year after. Community library closures reversed for next 2 years. But it will require work to make them more efficient. Reverse of prior cuts to musical teaching in schools. Extra verge cut will take place this year after feedback. Increased funding for In Bloom and Friends of Cemetery groups. Community Investment Fund to continue, but budget reduced from 300k to 200k.
 - b. Community council administration budget to increase from £700 to £1000 p.a.
 - c. Funding secured for Road closed barriers for Coultie Bridge A923 and Meigle-Alyth B954. Consultation on this to take place.
 - d. Health and social care partnership budget set. Approximately £250m. Care homes and care at home providers, there is no provision for additional employers NI contributions.
 - e. 1 complaint from NFUS on new speedbumps.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Roadworks:
 - i. Adaptation and Resilience Event from PKC Climate Change Team. 4th April 12:30-16:30. Free to attend in Civic Hall, Perth.
 - ii. Climate Connect Perth and Connect hoping to develop a hub for Climate Action across Perth and Kinross. Event on 5th April 10:30 at 2 High Street, Perth. www.climateconnect.scot
 - iii. Community Greenspace - Friday 28th March event aimed at in Bloom, Friends of Cemeteries groups.
 - iv. Scottish Water - Road Closure - C440 at Collace. 28th April for 1 week.
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a) Delivery vehicle to the building site at Newhall got stuck on the road. Residents stuck behind the vehicle were delayed getting to work. Also lack access to the core path. Driver said no banksmen were available. In the development site, space has been provided on the development site to enable vehicles to turn around to prevent this kind of situation happening again. Request for cllrs to ask planning about turning facilities. Cllr to chase planning enforcement for a response.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 17th April, 7.30pm, Kettins Church Hall