

Kettins Parish Community Council
Minute of Meeting held Thursday 17th July 2025

<u>Members present:</u>	John Smith, Mark Gow, Isobel Hynd, Joyce Falconer, Joshua Lawton, Alison Kennedy
<u>Apologies</u>	David Cox, Russell Miller, John Lyall, Cllr Hugh Anderson
<u>Honorary Members Present:</u>	Cllr Colin Stewart
<u>Members of the Public Present</u>	3

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** John Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting at Kettins Church Hall.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - a. Minute of May meeting to be brought forward to next meeting.
 - b. Minute of June meeting amended to reflect presence of JM. Proposed by JM, seconded by MG
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a. **Resilience Plan:** JS to progress with RM.
 - b. **Community Greenspace:** More concerns raised from the community about village green.
 - i. General sentiment that the green looks untidy, is unusable by people and gives a sense of neglect. There appears to be an imbalance between biodiversity and amenity in a space historically used for recreation.
 - ii. An offer has been made from a member of the community to cut the green, and they will seek a mandate from the community to do so this week. Generally receptive to the idea but concerns raised that bringing management in hand may set precedent that would require resource and long-term strategy. How could support (financial or otherwise) be leveraged from PKC?
 - iii. PKC will not change management for this year. CC reminded that PKC Community Greenspace has offered to meet groups who wish to discuss future management of public greenspaces. **Action:** JL to make contact with PKC greenspace about concerns, and to discuss options for future years.
 - iv. In the meantime, public survey available online available here to feed back on the Grow Wild scheme <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/97a9478013b44b43964d7512c0dce99>
 - v. More information on PKC's Grow Wild initiative available here: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/15239/Encouraging-wildlife-and-biodiversity-in-parks-and-open-spaces>
4. **REPORTS**
 - a. **Police** – No update from community police.
 - b. **Treasurer** – No change. Current balance £1850.28.
 - c. **Planning** –
 - i. Peattie Farm Solar Application: Rejected by PKC. Appeal expected
 - ii. Hallyburton BESS will not be opposed by PKC. To go up to SG Energy Consents Unit. Should we start thinking about community benefit?
5. **Perth and Kinross Councillors:** Currently in recess
 - a. School Park walkabout: Regional walkabouts taking place, then come up with a list of priorities afterwards. To update.
 - b. Community Investment Fund: New process for Participatory Budgeting. Money allocated will be done by a public online voting system.
 - i. Observation made by that this may disadvantage smaller communities.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Roadworks:
 - i. PKC is looking at whether it should implement a visitor levy. Public consultation is open until 30th September. Available here: <https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/perth-and-kinross-visitor-levy/>
 - ii. Independent review of electoral boundaries approval process - consultation open until 7th August: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-process-determining-electoral-boundaries-scotland/>
 - iii. Email in about request to trim core path along kettins burn. **Action:** JS to get in touch with Hallyburton Estate about maintenance.
 - iv. Reminder: Third attempt of Ducting work in Kettins rescheduled for 21st July for four days.
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. When will there be a proper Core Path sign at the top of Highfield Road? Cllr Stewart went back to the Planning enforcement to request revisiting looking at the signage.
 - b. Continued damage caused by HGVs to a drystone wall. Concern that this has not been adequately resolved. Planning enforcement to visit. Request for CC members to be in attendance.
 - c. Community payback is approachable about bollard painting if needed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 18th September, 7.30pm, Kettins Church Hall