

**Kettins Parish Community Council**  
**Minute of Meeting held Thursday 18th September 2025**

<u>Members present:</u>	John Smith, David Cox, Russell Miller, Mark Gow, Isobel Hynd, Joyce Falconer, Joshua Lawton, Alison Kennedy
<u>Apologies</u>	John Lyall
<u>Honorary Members Present:</u>	Cllr Colin Stewart, Cllr Hugh Anderson
<u>Members of the Public Present</u>	5

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** John Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting at Kettins Church Hall.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- a. Minute of May meeting proposed by DC, seconded RM.
- b. Minute of July meeting amended to correct amendment to June minute. Proposed by RM, Seconded MG

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

a. **Resilience Plan:**

- i. Power route map plans received from SSEN to show how electricity gets into the village. A suggestion to have a meeting with members of the community to gather contact details and bring together involvement for a resilience group. Could we use CC grant to finance consultation with the community about Resilience Plan? Open meeting proposed for **Thursday 23rd October (drop-in 4-8pm)** at Church Hall. Could this be publicised on Kettins Facebook?

b. **Community Greenspace:**

- i. The Hub - queries over some of the areas marked up for PKC maintenance around the hub and carpark areas. RM to forward specifics to JL to put to PKC.
- ii. Questions over how much of what was discussed on the walkaround went into the mapping. Particularly areas adjacent to burn, green edges, and School Road bridge. A resident expressed a preference for the entire area to be cut short. Areas on the green where there are daffodils/trees will not have amenity maintenance due to the presence of the bulbs/trees.
- iii. Small triangle under the pylon in front of Church doesn't appear to be cut. Suggested that the area is too small for PKC machinery.
- iv. The war memorial area appears not to be included in new plans. To confirm with DR about what was discussed for this section.
- v. Can we confirm that the operators on the ground have the same plans as what has been presented. JL to reiterate when amendments have been sent back to PKC greenspace.
- vi. Concern about creeping inward of long grass into the amenity space, as has happened in the section behind the bench.
- vii. A big thank you and recognition for those on the ground who shifted the arisings over two weekends last month.
- viii. Questions about maintenance of small garden space at council houses which has fenced-off access.
- ix. Cllr Stewart - raised a query about trees overgrowing the slab stone and Wych Elm in kirkyard. PKC is aware.

c. **Elections:**

i. **One week to get nominations to be on the CC.**

1. Information and nomination form available here:  
<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/14908/Community-Council-elections-and-by-elections>
2. Contact [secretary.kpcc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kpcc@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need help accessing application forms.

4. **REPORTS**

- a. **Police** – New Community Police Officer in place. PC Mark Peebles.
- b. **Treasurer** – No change. Current balance £1850.28.
- c. **Planning** –

- i. Peattie Farm Solar Application: Appeal against PKC rejection submitted to SG Energy Consents unit.
- ii. PKC - draft renewables and battery storage planning permission guidance up for consultation. Covers things like site selection, cumulative impact, balance between the need to generate electricity and retaining prime agricultural land. Does not cover community benefits. Consultation is on PKC website:  
<https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/renewablesandlowcarbon/>. Open until 17th October. Call out to advertise as widely as possible, to get feedback.

5. **Perth and Kinross Councillors:**

- a. Speed monitoring for A94 to be repeated this month. Visits to communities to interpret the data - Coupar Angus School Park walkabout: Regional walkabouts taking place, then come up with a list of priorities afterwards. To update.
- b. Couttie Bridge flood gates installed.
- c. Community Investment Fund: rebranded as Fairer Communities for all. £58,000 available across Strathmore. The deadline for applications is **5.00 pm on Friday 3 October**. More details here: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24705/Fairer-Communities-for-All>
- d. Put to Cllr Stewart: Car abandoned up Tullybaccart at car park.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Community Fund - defibrillator sign funding. DC to chase.

- b. Openreach - Temporary closure of road for cable ducting works. **13th October for 1 week**. Access will be maintained. Fourth time lucky?
- c. Transport Transformation Project roadshow: Drop-in events over three weeks starting **w.c. 22nd September**. Information here: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24743/Public-Transport-Transformation-Project>. To give residents the opportunity to share thoughts on public transport in Perth and Kinross.
- d. A request has come in to give a talk on Coupar Angus Democracy. Decision that this is not within the remit of the CC.
- e. Preliminary results back from Kettins Survey. Full results to follow. Toplines: a desire to see more exercise and walking groups as well as improved facilities at the play park. People were interested in helping with litter picking and himalayan balsam removal.

#### 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Building Control visit to Newhall development. Indicated that if the drystone dyke were to come down, the owner of the wall is responsible for its repair.
- b. Request for CC to put in a letter expressing concerns about potential lack of permanent turning space available for vehicles gaining access to the new development. With the presumption of gated access, there is no clear turning point from the corner to the site entrance, which could mean any exiting vehicle would need to reverse along the core path, putting users of the core path at risk. Cllr Stewart to liaise with JL about the letter.
- c. Bollards - A resident got a £1B0 quote for materials to replace the decaying bollards at the green. Apologies to RS from JL for forgetting to share with CC. Suggested that the fruit trees would allow for managed decline of the bollards, in time replacing the need for them. Bollards will be kept until they are no longer fit for purpose, removing each as it rots.
- d. Point raised that the forthcoming elections would be an opportunity for 'new blood' to join the Community Council. Discussion about how best to motivate involvement.
- e. BT removed the telephone kiosk at Hillview. Is there interest to investigate possible options for replacement? Cost of a restored vintage red kiosk is approximately £3k.
- f. Point raised about Alyth and Meigle Community Development Trust accessing funding opportunities, and whether the CC should be seeking alternative funding streams. Response that funding is sought when projects arise and that the CC is open to suggestion for new projects.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 16th October, 7.30pm, Kettins Church Hall