

# **Minutes of Kenmore Community Council AGM held at Old Comrades Hut, Acharn, at 7pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2021**

## **In Attendance**

Peter Ely, Carol May, John McGarry & PKC Councilor John Duff.

## **Apologies**

Mike Williamson, Shirley Shearer, Liz Stott, Richard Hidden, Alex Lowe & Olive Munro.

## **Previous Minutes**

Minutes of 2020 AGM confirmed and approved.

## **Chair/Secretary report**

The chair outlined issues covered over the year. Copy of report attached to end of minutes.

## **Treasurers Report**

The Chair reported that the treasurer had been unavoidable delayed and unable to attend. Chair confirmed accounts in draft and awaiting Audit. The treasurer will have completed accounts available for the January meeting.

## **Election of Officers**

**John Duff took the Chair.**

Proposals

Chair: Peter Ely

Vice Chair: Shirley Shearer.

Treasurer: Richard Hiden

Secretary: Alex Lowe: minutes/note taking role.

Unanimously agreed.

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## **AOCB**

### **General**

Chair was concerned that going back to face-to-face meetings was not working. The anticipated improvement in COVID has not materialized and it is likely to be a long time before face to face will be normal again.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to investigate cost implications of moving to a hybrid system. Mixing face to face and via Teams. Other Community Councils are going down this road. Chair to take forward.

### **Highland Action Partnership**

Agreed that Peter Ely would be our representative on the Partnership for the coming year. A reserve would be identified ready for next meeting, if possible.

### **Roads**

Concerns that had previously been raised but no action to date:

- Acharn to Kenmore Road. Signed as "Walker Friendly". Happy with this if walkers gave more thought to the rules of the road. Can signs be modified or changed to emphasis rules of the road still apply.
- Bridges on A827 between Kenmore & Aberfeldy. In particular, above Power House Cottage and just along from East Lodge. In the interest of road safety suggested priority signs are introduced.

John Duff agreed to follow take these two concerns up with PKC.

### **Taymouth Castle Footpaths.**

Chair update. PKC appear to be unaware of the extent of fencing resulting in a unilateral closure of part of footpath system. Current position is that PKC are in discussion with agent.

Meeting closed 9pm

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## **CHAIRS REPORT 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **Members**

#### **Acharn Area**

##### **Resignations**

Sarah Blackwood & Richard Hiden. Richard has moved to Aberfeldy. He has agreed to continue in the Treasurers role for the time being.

##### **New Members**

Olive Munro & Alex Low.

#### **Kenmore Area**

No changes. There is a vacancy for one member. Anybody interested contact the chair.

### **Communication**

Documents & information are widely circulated via

Web Page; <http://www.kenmore-and-district-cc.org.uk/home>

Facebook ; <https://www.facebook.com/kenmore1760/>

Twitter ; <https://twitter.com/councilkenmore>

Email Circulation: A list of approximately 60 email address receive the majority of relevant information received by the Community Council. Anybody wishing to be included on the list email the Chair.

### **Main issues during the year.**

Progress on several issues has been held up due difficulties in organising meetings. A key factor is still the effects of COVD. We need to consider how to facilitate joint face to face and via Teams meetings. Particularly for Community Council Meetings.

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## **Community Fund**

The Community Council receives £5k a year for distributing as micro grants. In addition, this year, £10k for COVID distribution.

The Community Fund Panel Distributed £509k in its last accounting period. £17k in the Kenmore area. We should be looking for and encouraging bigger projects for the Kenmore area.

## **Planning**

### **Drummond Hill consultation**

Major forestry work. Key issue larch disease. A detailed report on a planned approach had been presented. Open and approachable about problems. Will consult us further when issues of haulage via Kenmore and Comrie bridge come to the fore.

### **Camp site Car parking and toilet facilities.**

The site is the area of land behind the old toilets adjacent to the Loch front. Following local consultation and an open meeting and receipt of many written objections it was agreed that whilst the application includes some reference to local concerns, including wild camping, toilets & car parking our view was that the proposal was not appropriate for this small site. The application was withdrawn.

### **Taymouth Marina**

Removal/ Amendment to condition 8 of planning permission ref 19/00157/FLL. Following local consultation open meetings and receipt of emails expressing concerns we objected and reaffirmed our objection to the removal of or amendment too condition 8. Key observation. Local experience and observation are that Codes of Conduct do not work and cannot be enforced. This is acknowledged by PKC. Unless a solution is found, the current abuse of Codes will continue and worsen.

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### **Management Visitors**

The scheme introduced by PKC and with the more direct input by officer's lead to a big improvement over the previous year. Significant were the introduction of clearways and no parking bollards. Litter picking improved. Still significant concerns about anti-social behaviour re camping drunkenness and bonfires and inappropriate disposal of faeces. An important contribution was the provision of free overflow parking by Kenmore Hotel on the land adjacent to the sports field.

### **Loch Tay Footpath**

Disappointed that planning had repaid the £80k contribution made towards the proposed footpath. Clearly PKC are and probably were never able to take this proposal forward. However, we understood that we had an agreement that it would be spent on road safety improvements at the Crannog/Taymouth Marina end. Our PKC councillors have been asked to discuss the situation with PKC officers for a fuller explanation.

### **Loch Tay code**

This is a follow on from the Taymouth Marina Planning application. A Group was to be formed of interested parties around the Loch to come up with a Code for Loch Tay that will satisfy all and work. Leads to be Mike Williamson & Roddy Ross PKC.

Progress is slow. Agreed at last Community Council meeting we should focus on kenmore CC area until a group for the Loch emerges.

### **Highland Action partnership**

Progress has been slow in finalising a new Action Plan. Problems with support, finance, and concerns for the future. Key progress: Distribution of approx. £50k Community Interest Fund (CIF)

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Road Safety Group. Important input by Communities via Speed Campaign, Better Driving, and targeting/influencing road maintenance. Can input your concerns and get advice via the groups Facebook

[Highland Action Partnership Road Safety Group | Facebook](#)

### **Upper Tay Transport Group**

Important Group for our Area Promoting:

local bus service; Bike usage; Walking groups; car sharing Electric cars.

They are looking for supporters in the Kenmore area. LINKS

[Upper Tay Transport | Facebook](#)

[Upper Tay Transport Group – Better Transport for our community and our environment](#)

### **Gig on a Lorry**

Organised with Perth Theatre. Was well supported (70+) and enjoyed by those who attended. A consideration for the future i.e. one event a year!