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|  | **Kenmore and District Community Council AGM**  **Kenmore Reading Rooms**  **29 June 2023 7pm**  **Minutes** |
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1. **Present**

Peter Ely, Carol May, Colin Morton, Alex Low, Shirley Shearer, John McGarry, Kerry Colvin, Olive Munro & 8 Members of the local community

1. **Apologies**

No apologies received

1. **Declarations of interest**

Peter Ely crannog Trustee

1. **Previous Minutes**

Minutes approved

1. **Matters arising.**

* Road Repairs – photos of roads in need of repair can still be sent into KDCC to pass on the PKC.
* Christmas in Kenmore expected to take place again in Dec 2023
* Coronation – bunting provided to decorate local villages. Commemorative coin provided to each of the children at Kenmore Primary school.
* Kenmore Kirk – Listed rating is currently B which means the building could be sold. Process currently underway to increase to A rating due to historical importance. It was understood that DLC is interested in buying the Kirk but discussions between DLC and the Community Council (KDCC) have given no indication that this is actually the case. DLC has said that they are keen to support the Kirk and have discussed the provision of additional burial ground (as Kenmore Kirk burial ground is now full to capacity). It is expected that DLC would also be happy to provide advice on maintenance issues e.g., dry rot. Shirley indicated that the KDCC wants to support the Kirk and would welcome greater communication between the Kirk and the KDCC and the wider local community to help protect its future.

**Olive** to give feedback to the Kirk regarding engaging with the local community and KDCC. Current direction appears to be determined by those involved with Fortingall Church and more involvement from Kenmore would be welcomed.

1. **Taymouth Estate & Kenmore Hotel. (Update from Colin)**

DLC engagement with KDCC has not been as effective since Ian Connolly stopped being the overall project manager a few months ago. Recent communications have been via an Edinburgh based PR company and this has not proved to be as useful or constructive as the previous arrangement. The KDCC complained forcefully about this and DLC has responded by agreeing to appoint a liaison person to communicate with the local community through the KDCC. A meeting has been scheduled for representatives of KDCC (Peter Ely, Colin Morton and Shirley Shearer) to meet with a senior executive of DLC, Tom Collopy on 5th July and a number of concerns raised by the community will be shared.

Colin asked for any queries from the community to be passed to the KDCC so they can be raised. The following items were discussed at the meeting and will be included in the discussion with Tom Collopy:

* Reason for surveyors from DLC being at West Styx, Bolfracks for a week apparently looking at the bridge where the burn runs into Taymouth Castle. No permission was sought for access to the property to undertake the survey and no notice was given. No details were available at the recent open house meeting re the Back of House development. Peter Ely agreed to also bring up with Mike Williamson at PKC.
* Toilets – DLC (through Ian Connolly) had previously supported providing public toilets in Kenmore. The original plan had been to renovate the existing toilet block. Unfortunately, no progress has been made with this and the discussion needs to be reinitiated with DLC. The lack of toilets in Kenmore is a serious problem with visitors resorting to using the toilets in local residents’ houses (due to the kindness of local residents). This is not sustainable and a solution needs to be found as there is potential for this to result in a health and safety issue. PKC has attempted to contact DLC re gaining access to place portaloos by the old toilet block. DLC has not responded and access is not possible due to a locked gate. This whole subject will be raised with Tom Collopy next week.
* The recent open house meeting regarding the Castle Back of House development proposal was discussed. It was felt that there was limited detailed plan information available and no one was really able to answer detailed questions apart from the architect. The KDCC has raised this with DLC and will discuss again with Tom Collopy. DLC needs the support of the local community for this new planning application so it should receive due attention.

The KDCC was asked for their view on the proposed Back of House development. Peter Ely indicated that the KDCC would be closely reviewing the planning application once it is submitted and the details are available. The KDCC has already raised general concerns regarding the sound and visual impact of the planned Biomass and Saw Mill installations. It was originally planned for DLC to submit the planning application in July 23, but it appears this may be delayed.

Peter Ely has also raised a query with PKC regarding the apparent extant planning permission for Taymouth Castle from the 2003 application. As the 2003 Master Plan was superseded by the 2011 Master Plan does this mean that the 2003 permission is still valid? Peter will follow up with PKC if no response forthcoming. The 2003 plan covers staff housing in the estate but it is unclear whether this permission is still valid.

1. **Kenmore Shop & Post office. (Update from Colin)**

DLC has been in negotiation to purchase the Shop/Post Office in Kenmore. The process is currently stalled due to legal issues but it still hoped that it can be resolved. If DLC is successful in purchasing the shop they plan to re-open as a shop and if a post master/mistress can be found they may also consider re-opening the post office.

Currently DLC is renting the premises.

1. **Finance**

KDCC Accounts were circulated.

The current balance (1st June 2023) in the bank is £10,260.43 with a further £91.54 in cash.

Balance break down:

Available to spend.

* £992

Committed or allocated to specific projects.

* £1768 from Christmas at Kenmore (after 50% ie £1768 donated to SCCC)
* £1576 available for the office
* £3780 available from SSE Covid grant
* £2235 available from Micro Grants

1. **Crannog**

Peter Ely recently met with the manager of the Crannog. Meeting happy for him to provide update. The new site at Dalerb is progressing well although delays were experienced as the land planned to be the car park needed additional support. Crannog considering giving swimming group and others access at specific times in the morning to compensate for the delay.

1. **Planning**

* **Taymouth Marina replacement sewerage plant 23/00432/full**
  + Taymouth Marina provided details of the proposed capacity of the replacement sewerage plant. KDCC had requested access to this information prior to supporting application. The proposed capacity appears to be more than sufficient for the current development.
* **Taymouth Castle Back of House Proposal**
  + KDCC will review the planning application in detail when this is submitted.
* **Drummond Hill Car Park**
  + Forestry Scotland are encouraging overnight parking for camper vans in this car park. This was initially planned to be free but now signs suggest a parking fee will be charged. Peter Ely to discuss with PKC whether charging for parking would mean that planning permission should be applied for. The general lack of toilet facilities was raised again in this context. It was generally agreed that PKC should be providing more facilities for water provision and disposal of grey water in order to support tourist activities.

1. **AOCB**

* **Kenmore in Bloom (looking for records after 2016)**
  + Peter Ely to discuss 21-year lease of Kenmore Beach, that was granted to Kenmore Hotel for Kenmore in Bloom, with Tom Collopy from DLC next week. KDCC has already raised the lease with DLC and has asked for their review to confirm understanding of current situation. Lease is due to expire in 2040.
  + It has not yet been possible to locate any paperwork from 2016 onwards which could potentially contain details relating to meetings and accounts.
* **Reading Rooms (looking for volunteers to carry forward)**
  + A meeting re the Reading Rooms was held prior to the Kenmore Community Council meeting on 29 June. Minutes of this meeting will be shared separately.
* **Footpaths**  **(local group to update records of all paths)**
  + DLC is obliged to retain core paths on the Taymouth Castle Estate.
  + Paths are being temporarily closed for health and safety reasons while development is underway. It is possible that other historical paths that have become an established right of way through frequent use should also be retained. Peter Ely to review whether PKC have the process of walking paths to officially recognise them.
* **PKC Explore outdoor Map** [Explore Outdoors Map - Perth City and Towns](https://www.perthcityandtowns.co.uk/explore-outdoors-map)
  + KDCC provided feedback on the map which contained a number of inaccuracies eg. Kenmore Hotel and Paper Boat being open for business. The map is a good idea but needs to be updated to provide relevant details.
* **Pedestrian Crossing at Taymouth Marina**
  + The crossing from the car park to Taymouth Marina reception is dangerous as people seem unaware of the road. As development increases and the volume of traffic increases in line with this, it will become even more dangerous. KDCC continues to object to holiday related development plans without corresponding infrastructure support from PKC. It seems currently that the KDCC is largely ignored but we will persist with this approach as PKC needs to recognise the issue. Peter Ely agreed to contact PKC about this crossing.
* **Keep Kenmore Clean**
  + Support required from PKC to help keep Kenmore in a good condition. More bins are required for litter and dog mess too. Some caravaners at Mains of Taymouth have provided a bin on the river side walk but this really should be PKC responsibility.
* **Bird Protection**
  + Warning signs are required to warn people about feeding the gulls. Also to advise people that birds nesting on Spry Island should not be disturbed.
* **Kenmore Fishing Club (ELTAC)**
  + It is hoped to reinstate Kenmore Fishing Club. The ELTAC boat is currently at Coshieville Farm. KDCC will investigate whether it is possible to retrieve.
* **Perthshire Rangers**
  + Rota and contact numbers for Perthshire Rangers will be shared on KDCC website/Facebook page so that the local community is able to contact them should the need arise.
* **D-Day Event**
  + It is planned to hold a commemorative D-Day event in 2024 for the 80 year anniversary.