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|  | **Kenmore and District Community Council Meeting**  **Kenmore Reading Rooms**  **12th December 2024**  **Minutes** |
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1. **Present**

KCC Members - Peter Ely, Carol May, Lou Oppenheim Alex Low, Jon Iddon.

David O’Donoghue (DLC)

Members of the local community – Bill Oppenheim

1. **Apologies**

Colin Morton, Shirley Shearer, Olive Munro, John Duff

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes approved unanimously.

1. **Matter Arising**

**Planning**

* 1. House at Inchadney **24/00695/FLL Paul Strachan** – ‘Rejected’ @ appeal hearing.
  2. Caravan site near Marina – PKC confirmed as ‘Application Withdrawn’
  3. House boats at the Marina – enforcement team at PKC planning dept now reviewing.
  4. **24/01293/FLL** Erection of 5 holiday accommodation units, installation of 5 air source heat pumps and associated works at land 30 Metres Northeast of The Byre Bistro – pending decision.
  5. Planning permission granted for 9 houses at Taymouth Marina.
  6. Unpermitted dock behind paper boat – situation unclear.

Micro Grants

1. The Crannog has submitted a new micro grant application to cover joint projects with Kenmore primary school.
2. North Logiealmond Wind Farm has not made further contact since the initial introduction. It may be that further grant money will be available in the future.
3. **Finance**

Balance in account as of end Oct is approx. £22,632. This includes £7.5k for micro grants and £8k resilience payment.

Micro grants were discussed as £7.5k is still available for this year. The following applications are due/in progress:

* Reading Rooms – one application for signs and another for Winter Warmers have been raised.
* Acharn Notice Board – awaiting George Mitchell to be available to complete work
* LTA – will be applying. Details to follow.
* Crannog – projects with Kenmore Primary School – approved at meeting

Acharn Falls car parking project is too large for the micro grants (£700 max). See AOCB

1. **Planning**

Development at Moreish/Highland Lodges was discussed. Concerns re sewage have been raised. Peter Ely agreed to investigate this.

Taymouth Marina – sewage works have been approved by PKC with conditions.

1. **Taymouth Estate Liaison Group**

The latest Taymouth Castle Liaison meeting was held on 3rd Dec. Peter Ely gave a summary update, but full details can be found on the K&DCC Website. The latest minutes are attached here:



The following points were discussed further at the meeting.

Lou Oppenheim asked if a new site has been considered for the sand martins that nested in the sand this year. David O’Donoghue confirmed that Taymouth Castle are currently in discussion with an ornithologist regarding a suitable site.

Taymouth Castle is in the planning stage for the operations village (storage/admin/offices) at the eastern side of the estate (planned on land under electrical wires that cannot be used for other purposes). Last date for public comment is 19 Dec.

Taymouth Castle will be supporting Burns Night at Kenmore Primary school.

1. **Road Safety subgroup**

Jon Iddon provided the following update on those items that have progressed since the last meeting.

Since the last meeting of the RSG with a representative of PKC on 18/6/24, we have noted work has been completed to repair the bridge at Ard na Bhalaich on the A827 east of Balnaskeag.

Work has been completed to repair damaged parapets to the bridge over Acharn Burn on the C451.

We have recently requested an update on other matters we raised at our last meeting but as yet, this is not forthcoming. We will request a further meeting with PKC in the early New year.

1. **Resilience Subgroup**

Jon Iddon provided the following update:

* Kenmore Emergency Plan. Has been sent to PKC for review.
* Kenmore Emergency Advice Leaflet. General approval by CRG. Once the photo is agreed upon, will go to printers, with an initial run of 350. We will look to distribute on CC’s website, social media sites and local businesses and at community events. This leaflet will become a template for other community resilience groups.
* Storage container - we are looking for assistance from Scott-Hobbs, who will take our application to PKC planning department.
* Purchase of equipment. We have 6 x 1000W power packs and a larger cupboard for the disabled toilet.
* We will design a framework for regular checking of equipment, such as ensuring all battery powered equipment is maintained fully charged.
* Further equipment will be purchased very shortly as the deadline for grant is 31/3/25.
* Storm alerts from PKC will be shared as widely as possible with the community - folk advised to download Met. Office and SEPA Apps.

1. **Reading Room Update**

Jon Iddon gave the attached update:



1. **Christmas in Kenmore**

It was agreed that the event had been successful and is so far showing a surplus of £1,250 approx. This was better than expected. Costs and Income were both higher than expected.

A debrief meeting is planned for Tues 17th Dec to review what can be improved for next year. Carol May indicated that Tony May had been abused by a motorist who was unhappy about being diverted down Pier Road. He asked to see copies of licence/paperwork required to close a road. Richard Pearson has also been involved in providing the required documentation which was all in place.

The lights provided by Taymouth Castle were very popular.

1. **Kenmore Brand**

Under the leadership of Shirley Shearer, it is hoped that this project will commence in the new year. Bill Oppenheim has offered to assist in this project.

1. **Community Action Plan**

The closing date for the survey is 15 December. Over 320 responses have been received as of 15 December. Last hard copy responses are being gathered in. Unfortunately, sickness prevented Kate Sarti (Community Enterprise) from being able to attend Christmas in Kenmore as planned. 2 of the local connectors were able to attend but it is unclear how successful that engagement was.

John Duff has offered to join the CAP working group. His assistance will be sought to see if it is possible to get an extension on the date for creating a Local Place Plan (based on the CAP). The current deadline is 31st Jan 2025.

1. **AOCB**

Capercaillie Trail – Jon Iddon/Mairi McAdam and Kenmore Primary school are keen to create a train around Kenmore village with QR codes giving info about local places of interest. Mairi is in discussion with a designer re creating a logo and plans to discuss further with the school in the new year.

Acharn Falls Parking – LTA are happy to be involved in this project and will investigate further. It is too big a project for a micro grant. Will apply for an SSE grant. Sheila Mitchell is on the board that reviews these applications. Lou, Carol, Alex and Keith Mitchell met in Sept to review what would be required. It became clear that a micro grant would not suffice. Keith has a follow up meeting with Andrew Duncan Millar. Review whether Scots Pine should be taken down or not.

Engaging young people – Lou raised the importance of engaging young people in the local community council process. Sheona (Kenmore Primary head teacher) is keen to getting reps from the school involved with KCC. School children will also be invited to the Winter Warmer sessions next year. Consider holding a KCC meeting at the school so that the children can see what happens.

1. **Date of next meeting**

The next KCC meeting will be held 30 Jan 2025