

## **DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Kincaig Village Hall**

**Chair:** John Forbes-Leith **Vice Chair:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Susan Libeks **Secretary:** David Kinnear

**Present:** Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Alan Cairns (AC), Ian Ash (IA), Kenny Deans (KD), Jonny Freshwater (JF), Jordan McNeillage (JM), Kate Rennie (KR), Hilary Brown (HB), Joan Knox (JK).

**1. Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest:** Susan Libeks agreed to Chair the meeting in the absence of John Forbes-Leith. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Apologies received from John Forbes-Leith and Russell Jones

**2. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025:** Proposed by Johnny Freshwater and Seconded by Susan Libeks

**3. Matters Arising:** None

### **4. Planning & Roads**

4.1 New Applications:

25/03584/FUL Erection of house and garage, Land 60m NW of Mon A'Chouille, Insh, Kingussie per Alvie Estate. Response: No objections raised

4.2 Short Term Let Applications: None Received

### **5. Reports**

5.1 Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported a Net Loss of £884.71 this month made up of website webwork, Armistice Day Wreaths and donation to Community Hall repairs. The closing balance is £13,135.15 as of 29/9/25

5.2 Repairs Update. IA reported that the bridge at Feshiebridge was going to take longer than expected due to its condition and may involve scaffolding. No further update on Tromie Bridge.

5.3 Police Community Liaison Report. No report issued. Reference was made to the speed of some vehicles passing through the village. JM reported the same at Insh. Police need to reassess this issue.

### **6. Projects & Events**

6.1 MacBean Road Bridge Adoption by Highland Council. Having believed the road had been adopted by HC, Joan Knox representing the MacBean Residents Association believed this not to be the case. The state of the adjoining fence is in need of repair but there was doubt over who owned it. In the circumstances, it maybe better to remove it. DK suggested a meeting take place on site between Highland Council, MacBean Residents Association and K&VCC members to establish and formalise ownership of the road, fence and footbridge. Action: JK to organise

IA has not heard back regarding pothole repairs

IA noted HC have not erected 20mph signs at Insh Church as originally agreed

6.2 Bus Stop. No update

6.3 Windfarm. No update

6.4 Welcome sign for village. SL tabled a draft drawing of a sign. There is a maximum budget of £2000 for designing and producing a sign. Action: SL to consider suggested design options.

6.5 Defibrillators training. No further update

- 6.6 A9 Laybys. A reference number has been issued in response to our letter but no formal reply has been received by Transport Scotland within the 20 day period in accordance with their terms as stated on their website. Action: DK to write requesting an update
- 6.7 Missing Council Bins. No further update
- 6.8 Remembrance Sunday on 9<sup>th</sup> November. IA suggested contacting Police to manage traffic. An improved sound system is in place. Wreaths have been purchased.
- 6.9 Seniors Festive Lunch, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Arrangements in hand. Sponsor for drinks to be found
- 6.10 Community Clean Up. Cancel dates during winter due to lack of daylight. JF suggested Clean Up during the day to involve local children in October 2026
- 6.11 Next Fundraising Night, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. SL suggested people put themselves forward or up for auction to carry out a task for members of the community
- 6.12 BT phonebox, Feshiebridge. K&VCC now officially own the phone box. Contract received. Action: IA to look over the state of the phone box and put forward recommendations for its maintenance going forward
- 6.13 Cairngorm National Park Surveys. The surveys form part of a detailed analysis. SL to send Flood Risk survey to JF for completion. KD to ask about the completion of the surveys at the next Cairngorm Partnership Event on 4<sup>th</sup> November

## **7. Correspondence**

- 7.1 Community Support & Engagement
- 7.2 Community Briefing
- 7.3 Site Visit re Tromie River held on 10<sup>th</sup> October
- 7.4 Community Partnership Event on 4<sup>th</sup> November JF agreed to attend, DK to confirm
- 7.5 Oxygen Conservation purchasing Kinrara Event. SL to keep members posted
- 7.6 Highland Housing Needs Assessment

## **8. Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Jordan McNeilage has confirmed his interest in being co-opted onto the K&VCC at the next meeting in November.  
John Christie has also expressed an interest in joining the CC but was not in attendance.
- 8.2 KR asked about hiring the small marquee for private events. The Community Hall own one and Mike Welding the smaller one. Not the CC.
- 8.3 HB asked about training for a defibrillator and CPS. Russell Jones has offered to organise a training session providing there are the numbers to support RJ's offer
- 8.4 Alvie Estate Car Park beside Insh Church. IA raised the issue of campervans and vehicles staying overnight and the consequence of no available toilets. A lengthy discussion took place with regard to offering alternative solutions to parking in general with accessible toilets. Much of which would involve local landowners and other interest groups as well as the planning department. It was agreed nothing could be resolved at this meeting given the complexity of the matter and was therefore deferred to a later date.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

That being all the business, the Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.