

DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th December 2025 at Kincraig Village Hall

Chair: Vacant **Vice Chair:** John Forbes-Leith **Treasurer:** Susan Libeks

Secretary: David Kinnear

Present: John Forbes-Leith (JF-L), Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Ian Ash (IA) Alan Cairns (AC), Jordan McNeilage (JM), John Christie (JC), Geordie Wemys (GW) Russel Jones (RJ)

Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest: The Vice Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Apologies were received from Kenny Deans and Kate Rennie

Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting held on 11th November 2025: Proposed by Susan Libeks and Seconded by Jordan McNeilage

Matters Arising: Ian Ash thanked Russel Jones for helping to organise the Defibrillator Training session which included 15 participants. It was felt directional Defibrillator signs were needed at the School and Dalnavert. Overall 4-5 signs required at an approximate cost of £10 each. Action: RJ to look into appropriate signage.

4 Planning & Roads:

4.1 New Applications: None received

4.2 Short Term Let Applications: None received

5 Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Armistice payment received for Wreath by Forces Manor plus interest. KHS cheque still to clear. It was agreed amongst Members that SL can take funds to cover for refreshments for clean up catering and teas/coffees and mince pies at the meeting. The closing balance was £13013.37 as at 18/11/25

5.2 Repairs Update: Local residents concerned at the height of the broadband cable across the Feshie Bridge; they see it as a potential hazard. It was discussed that if the cable be connected to the telegraph poles at either end of the bridge on one side. This ought to be acceptable.

5.3 Police Community Liaison report: None received

6 Projects & Events

6.1 MacBean Road adoption by Highland Council. Russell Jones emailed the CC on 21/11/25 to confirm that HC accepted the bridge had been adopted by them, still need update on MacBean Road itself. HC have instructed the Roads team to install non-slip grip strips on the bridge whilst at the same time that they do the same for the pavement

bridge on the B9152. The outer fence and strainers in the development are still to be removed, but in the meantime, the area is looking better.

6.2 Bus Stop Update: The northbound bus stop requires tarmac to be laid. Until this is done appropriate signage cannot be erected. Action: RJ has asked HC for price to carry out the work.

6.3 Windfarm Update: To remain on the agenda for the time being

6.4 Welcome Signs for Village: SL has ordered two signs at a cost of approximately £2000, to include the design. Exact location of both signs is yet to be decided. Action: RJ agreed to organise a site meeting with the HC Roads Engineer to help establish their locations and to enquire as to whether HC pay for their installation. RJ will also establish from his meeting whether planning permission maybe required. SL to attend.

6.5 Missing Council Bins & Salt Bins: The missing council bins have been reduced from six to three. Need one more bin at least. The Roads Engineer has informed RJ that a bin will be placed at the Drumguish brae, but not at Insh which was also requested, as Insh is a priority route. There is a request for more dog poo bins at the bottom of Macrae Crescent.

6.6 Community Leaf Clean Up on 30th November: CC received positive feedback from this event. It was suggested that Graig Irvine from the Roads Dept in Aviemore be contacted to provide a road sweeper to work in collaboration with the next leaf cleaning event. Agreed to repeat Community Clear Up's next year on the same Wednesdays of each month. The Chair thanked Ian Ash for his considerable efforts in making this event such a success.

6.7 Seniors Festive Lunch – Wednesday 14th December. Everything arranged. J-FL, SL & DK to attend as hosts on behalf of the CC

6.8 Next Fundraising Night 7th March 2026: SL asked for volunteers for Auction Lots. SL confirmed the Band and Hall were booked.

6.9 Alvie Car Park Insh Church & future public toilets: No further update

6.10 Cairngorm National Park Survey: Kenny Deans informed the CC results will be published. SL to forward email once received.

7 Correspondence

7.1 VABS AGM 8th December 2025 - for info

7.2 Disabled Access Guide to B&S – for info

7.3 BASAP AGM 9th December 2025 – for info

7.4 Russell Jones Feedback: This is in reference to RJ's email of 21/11/25 to which the Chair wished to express his thanks and appreciation on behalf of the CC for the considerable effort R J has made to the following:

- a) The successful allocation of £10,000 to the K&VCC from the Developer Contribution payment in the recent phase of house building
- b) The possibility of HC installing a pedestrian bridge between Scotia site and MacBean Road with a possible contribution from Active Travel

- c) Seeking confirmation that HC adopted the bridge between Macrae Crescent and MacBean Rd with further confirmation that HC will apply non-slip grips, as well as on the pavement bridge on the B9152
- d) A new salt bin at Drumguish

7.5 Training places for CC

8 Any Other Business

8.1 IA informed the meeting that having reported the vandalism of a village flag, he had subsequently received a visit from the Police

8.2 RJ informed the Meeting that Rebecca Ferguson had been appointed Headteacher at Alvie Primary School. This appointment is particularly significant given that Rebecca is an ex-pupil and is from a local family. The Members offered their congratulations to Rebecca.

8.3 RJ mentioned that transport within B&S is an important issue and as a result a 'Public transport for local people' meeting will be held every three months. The next one is to be held in Grantown in February with a date to be confirmed. The Transport Forum require a Badenoch representative to liaise with CC's in order to gather feedback on local transport links and the needs of the public with any ideas forthcoming, together the problems being encountered.

8.4 Alan Cairns advised that the village Christmas tree and lights had been arranged.

At the conclusion of the meeting, The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and their hardwork throughout the year, and closed the meeting by wishing everyone a happy Christmas