

DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at Kincaig Village Hall

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

Secretary: David Kinnear

Present: Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Alan Cairns (AC), Jordan McNeilage (JM), Russell Jones (RJ), Kenny Deans (KD), John Christie (JC), Hilary Brown (HB), Joan Knox (JK), Mark Lynch (ML), Ian Young (IY)

1 Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Susan Libeks Chaired the meeting in the absence of an elected Chair. She opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies received from: John Forbes-Leith, Johnny Freshwater, Ian Ash, Helen Gray, Geordie Weyms

No Declarations of Interest noted

2 Adoption of Minutes from Last Meeting held on 9th December 2025: Proposed by Alan Cairns and Seconded by Jordan McNeilage

3 Matters Arising

Joan Knox asked about the adoption of MacBean Road on behalf of the MacBean Residence Association. Russell Jones confirmed that the road has still not been adopted by Highland Council but work on going. JK further asked for an update on the proposed new footbridge between Baldow Park and MacBean Rd. RJ informed the meeting that he had arranged to meet a representative from Highland Council on 12/1/26 to discuss a price for the bridge, but unfortunately HC cancelled at the last minute. The meeting is to be rescheduled. RJ agreed with JK that once the bridge was built there needed to be a commitment from Highland Council that they would adopt the footbridge. Action: RJ to discuss the matter with HC

4 Planning & Roads

4.1 New Applications: 25/04781/FUL, Demolition of building and erection of house and garage 420m North East of Kincaig Farm: CC support Application as estate worker housing.

4.2 Short Term Let Applications: None received

5 Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Expenditure this month: Senior's Lunch cost £442.90 with a donation of £100 from John Forbes-Leith(thank you); Village Signs Design £300; Transfer of funds for Drumguish defibrillator £1900. SL reminded the CC that there is

£4000 available for village projects of which £2000 has been appointed for village signs.
The closing total balance as at 20/12/25 is £12473.85

5.2 Repairs Update: In the absence of Ian Ash, no report was provided

5.3 Police Community Liaison Report: No Report submitted

6 Projects & Events

6.1 EGM Meeting date to elect a new Chair and new Councillors: Two co-opted member's positions available. The following have expressed an interest and wish to be considered: John Christie & Geordie Weyms. Date of the EGM is Tuesday 10th February 2026

6.2 Bus Stop work in progress: RJ reported he is still waiting to hear back from Highland Council with a price for tarmacking, following his initial request.

6.3 Windfarm: No further update

6.4 Welcome Signage for Village Update: SL informed the meeting she is in contact with the designers and the matter is in hand and progressing. RJ added that it is still hoped HC will erect the signs. Expected delivery in March. Action: SL & RJ to meet to agree siting with the roads department

6.5 Seniors Festive Lunch: SL and DK reported that the event had been a huge success and greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended. K&VCC wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to Loch Insh Watersports staff for helping make it such an enjoyable occasion and also to Alvie Primary School choir who led a carol sing- a-long with great enthusiasm. Thanks also to JFL for his kind donation Action: DK to write formally to Loch Insh and Alvie Primary School to thank them.

6.6 Next Fundraising Night 7th March 2026 – Action Plan: SL is organising this event and provided the following update:

Band – organised- The Reel Stramash Ceilidh Band

Bar – Alan Cairns to provide bar, Organised

Auctioneer and Auction Lots – Still need Auction Lots, preferably members of the community lending their services. Mark Lynch confirmed as auctioneer.

Catering van – Pizza van booked, AC to reserve a space nearby.

Pricing – Agreed £15 p/p

Ticketing & Posters – SL to arrange distribution of posters with IA

Volunteers on the night – Volunteers needed for the door

7 Correspondence

None Received

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Mark Lynch, Chair of the Hall Committee, wished to raise two points.

i) ML mentioned that car parking is a problem when there's an event held at the Hall.

There is no public parking available for overspill. ML asked the CC to bear this in mind

and to consider how this should be dealt with going forward. Need to look at what options are available and consider selected areas to facilitate this problem.

ii) ML expressed concern with the potential conflicts of interest that may occur between the proposed community purchase of Insh Church and the Kincaig Village Hall. He felt there needed to be better communication and understanding between the various community groups within the area. In the discussion that followed ML suggested the need for community groups to get together to better utilise resources available where the community as a whole would benefit from a more cohesive approach to the problem, to which the CC gave its full support. It was further suggested that K&VCC facilitate a meeting with all interested groups within the community to enable this to happen. Action: SL to arrange this meeting w/c 20th April 2026.

8.2 Letter from 20/30 programme from CNPA has not yet been received. Action: KD to look into it

8.3 John Christie informed the meeting that Trees For Life are promoting the release of Lynx. He mentioned that there had been over 20 open meetings to date, yet there have been no consultations specifically in this area where there is lots of disagreement; Promotion appears to be selective. Action: JC to share the relevant link and SL to question why there is no consultation in this area.

No further business was raised under AOB.

Date of next Meeting is Tuesday 10th February 2026

That being all the business, the Chair closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.